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OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



"Urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." (Eph 4:1)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

DIACONATE CONVOCATION FEEDBACK

292 deacons (155 of 201), wives, widows, and family members were in attendance for the 2018 Diaconate Convocation. A special **Thank You** to all who assisted in the setup, registration and teardown of the event.

Please give us feedback on your experience of the convocation by completing a short 13 question survey by [CLICKING HERE](#).

We are assembling a planning team for the 2019 Convocation and Diaconate Retreats. If you are interested in being part of the team contact Jennifer Kuhn @ jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Deacon Annual Documents **IMPORTANT**

Thank you to those of you who have complied with the Diocesan policy to submit the annually required documents. Return rate for the Annual documents are as follows:

- Safe Environment / Background Clearances: **100%**
- SME & Pastor Assessment w/Continuing Formation Report: **68%**
- Funeral Arrangements: **59%**
- Policy Manual Acknowledgement: **72%**

This means approximately one third (35%) of the deacons serving in the diocese are NOT in good standing, making them ineligible for transfers, appointments, or diaconal service outside of the Diocese of Orlando and could result in the loss of faculties. Notices will be sent out this week to individual deacon via email.

RECOMMENDATION: On a monthly basis update your continuing formation form in preparation for the next **due date of June 1, 2019**. All the forms are on the [Deacon Webpage](#) in English & Spanish.



NOTE: *Those completing the forms in Spanish must have them translated to English prior to submitting to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.*

Information Coming Out Soon

Diaconate Curriculum Review
Diaconate 2018 Survey Results

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

[Diocesan Liturgical Calendar](#) [Click here](#)

[Special Collection Schedule](#) [Click here](#)

[Confirmation Schedule](#) [Click here](#)

Serving With The Bishop

Confirmations. Tis the season! Bishop Noonan, along with Jon Trout, is making the rounds to confirm our young people. As Bishop mentioned in his comments at the Diaconate Convocation deacons are often torn between the roles they are asked to play during the confirmation ceremony (i.e. serving the Bishop as the deacon and confirmation sponsor).

We are called to serve in one role. How do you choose between serving at altar or as a confirmation sponsor? A wise priest once told me, you must serve the highest need.

- If there is no deacon present but need you to serve there, or
- If you made the commitment to be a confirmation sponsor and walked with a young person through their formation this is the higher need (*even if there is not a deacon on the altar*). The Bishop will understand.

If you are serving as the deacon we ask that you follow all the instructions given by Jon Trout who is familiar with the expectations of the Bishop.

CONTINUING FORMATION

1. **2018 MARRIAGE PREPARATION CALENDAR** [Click here](#).
2. **ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE.** Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold
SAVE THE DATE! August 22nd - 24th, 2019

Location: Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway. Orlando

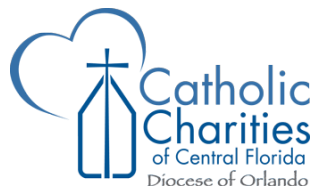
The Orlando Liturgical Conference is committed to evangelize, inspire, form, and educate diverse liturgical ministers. *"Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold"* will explore how encountering Christ through the progression of the Mass leads to thresholds of transformation, inspiring us to become missionary disciples. More information will be forthcoming at www.orlandoliturgicalconference.org

OUTSIDE THE Walls

Ministry of Charity & Justice

LEGION OF MARY, Orlando Comitium is looking for a Spiritual Director. If you are interested in being assigned to this role please contact Deacon Joe Gassman, jgassman@orlandodiocese.org.

MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has recently updated its ministry service lists for mentoring and sacramental services to the incarcerated. We are in particular need of priests willing to celebrate Mass and Deacons to provide Eucharistic services in select prison and jail facilities throughout the Diocese. For information or inquiries please contact Deacon Richard Dodd at volunteermti@orlandodiocese.org.



[Click here for New & Events](#)

Volunteers Urgently Needed to Assist, Victims of Hurricane Michael

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in collaboration with Catholic Charities of NW Florida is seeking volunteers. As you may know, two-thirds of the diocese was majorly impacted by Hurricane Michael. They are in need of 50 volunteers, seven days a week, for several months! Catholic Charities is staging food and water distribution at Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Panama City and assistance is needed in distributing water, basic supplies and unloading trucks. The water and supplies are going directly to the Panama City Community and our other churches in the area.



Father Luke Farabaugh explains, “We are hurting for volunteers...We would love for groups to come from out of town to bring that fresh energy and enthusiasm. We need your help.”

Anyone who is able to assist is welcome to sign up.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

FORMATION

[Liturgy of the Hours \(4 volume set\)](#) We are in need of **14 sets** of the Liturgy of the Hours for the incoming formation cohort. Should you have an unused set you could donate or know of a benefactor interested in investing in future deacons it would be greatly appreciated. Donation can be made by contacting the diaconate office, jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

[Formation Weekend](#): December 8th & 9th @ San Pedro Center.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2020	Philosophical Foundations for Theology	
2022	Philosophical Foundations for Theology	
2024		Discernment Session 3 (Lector) <i>by Dcn Joe Gassman</i>

[Deacon Mentors](#). We are in need of deacon mentors. We would like to keep the one-on-one, Mentor: Mentee ratio as we find it most beneficial for both the mentor and mentee.

We are willing to travel to the deaneries to do the Mentorship Workshop. If you are interested in hosting a mentor workshop for your deanery please contact me to schedule a date. Interested in becoming a deacon mentor contact: jgassman@orlandodiocese.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

1. **DIOCESAN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))
2. **2019 DEACON RETREATS**. This year’s retreats will be focused on the Eucharist and be held at San Pedro Center on the following weekends:

- February 1 - 3, 2019 Retreat Master: Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- March 1 - 3, 2019 Retreat Master: Rev. Ivan Olmo, Pastor St. Mary, Rockledge
- April 5 - 7, 2019 Retreat Master: Rev. Ivan Olmo,

San Pedro Center has 48 rooms. Rooms are booked on a first come first serve basis. If you need first floor accommodations please note this in your room request.

Reservations can be made by emailing: jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

3. **2019 CONVOCATION.** Will be on **October 5, 2019** @ TBD. Mass with the Rite of Acolyte (Cohort 2020) @ 8:00 a.m.

Bishop John Noonan presiding
Keynote Speaker: TBD

For a complete list of calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

QUESTIONS? If you have particular questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email your question(s) to jgassman@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” (Jn 16:12)