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OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



"For nothing will be impossible for God." (Lk 1:37)



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon David Gray is retiring effective January 1, 2019. Deacon David was ordained on June 11, 2005. He was appointed the Director of the Permanent Diaconate on June 1, 2008 and appointed Secretary for Leadership & Parish Life effective December 1, 2015. Deacon Dave intends to continue supporting the office as a volunteer.

APPOINTMENTS

Deacon Joe Gassman has been appointed as Secretary for Leadership & Parish Life effective January 2, 2019.

Deacon David Camous has been appointed the Director of the Permanent Diaconate effective January 2, 2019.

TRANSFERS

Deacon Jorge Garcia transferred from Good Shepherd, Orlando to Most Precious Blood, Oviedo effective November 26, 2018.

DIACONATE CONVOCATION FEEDBACK

Thank You to all who provided feedback. We are received many recommendations that we are analyzing and categorizing to assist the planning committee for next year's event. We will publish the findings in January.

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

2018 Diaconate Survey Report

The report has been finalized and turned into the Bishop for review. Currently we are having the document translated into Spanish and expect to publish to the diaconate community in January 2019.

Deacon Safe Environment & Background Clearances

A couple of reminders when you are notified to renew your background check (fingerprints):

1. You must pass the online Safe Environment training & get fingerprinted.
2. You must be fingerprinted as a “Deacon”. It is a different search than a parish “Volunteer”. Be sure to use the correct parish code.
3. The system is parish specific for clearance responses. This is why the Diaconate office requests that you forward the clearance email. We do not receive these unless you send them.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Deacon Annual Documents

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: **73%**
- Funeral Arrangements: **71%**
- Policy Manual Acknowledgement: **97%**

RECOMMENDATION: On a monthly basis update your continuing formation form in preparation for the next fiscal year which is due **June 1, 2019**. All required 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.*

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

[Diocesan Liturgical Calendar](#) Coming Soon

[Special Collection Schedule](#) Coming Soon

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

[Liturgy Advisory](#) [Advent & Christmas \(2018-19\)](#)

[Announcing the Readings](#) by Paul Turner

Question: I am curious about why the New Testament 2nd readings in the lectionary are attributed to St. Paul, St. John, St. James, etc. while the Gospel readings are attributed to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John without St. in front of their names. Thank you.

Answer: The short answer is “That’s what it says in Latin.”

When a reader announces the second reading, we hear something like “A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.” But when a deacon or priest begins the gospel, he says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.”

In Latin the word for “holy” in front of “gospel” is the same word that would be used before the name of the evangelist. It would sound redundant. So Latin puts the adjective in there just once, and the English translation was required to copy exactly what it says in Latin.

In Spanish, however, even in the revised translation of the missal, the deacon or priest says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.”

So the results are not consistent across the language groups.

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

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.



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FORMATION

Liturgy of the Hours (4 volume set)

Thank you to those who have responded to the request thus far. We are in need of **14 sets** more sets of the 4 volume Liturgy of the Hours for the incoming formation cohort 2024. If you would like to donate or know of a benefactor interested in investing in future deacons it would be greatly appreciated. Donations of a set or cash 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	The Married Deacon & the Vow of Celibacy <i>by Dcn Herbie Toledo</i>
2022	Philosophical Foundations for Theology	Listening <i>by Mark Metoyer</i>
2024		Discernment Session 3 (Lector) <i>by Dcn Joe Gassman & Bill Gent</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, Pastor St. Mary, Rockledge

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. October 5, 2019** @ Annunciation in Altamonte Springs.
Mass @ 8:00 a.m. with the Rite of Acolyte (Cohort 2020)
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)