

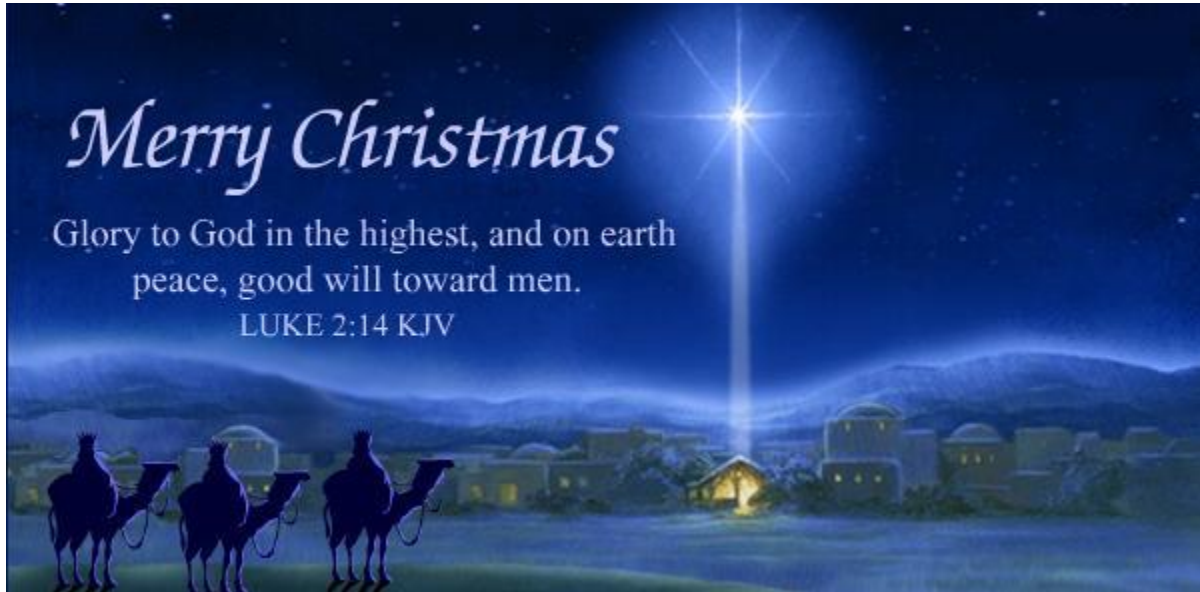


From the:

## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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



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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### NEW DEACON EXTERNS

Please welcome the newest Deacons to join our Diocese:

1. Deacon Michael & Nyann Dordan - Deacon Mike was ordained in 2002 for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a Seasonal Deacon assigned to St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg effective December 05, 2018.
2. Deacon Pedro & Carmen Nieves - Deacon Pedro was ordained in 2003 for the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. He is assigned to St. Clare Catholic Church, Deltona effective December 15, 2018.
3. Deacon Manuel & Iris Rodriguez - Deacon Manuel was ordained in 2003 for the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. He is assigned Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kissimmee effective December 15, 2018.

### TRANSFERS

Deacon Antonio Torres transferred from Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Ocala to St. Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview effective October 28, 2018.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### 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.

You can register [online](#) or by emailing: [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

## 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.

## DEANERY MEETINGS FOR 2019

Many of the written comments from the 2018 Convocation expressed the desire to plan time to do a Deanery Breakout session. This is very difficult with the limited time we were unable to incorporate this into the program.

We encourage you to attend at least 1 of the quarterly Deanery gatherings. Your Deanery Lead Deacon have sent email notifications of with the scheduled meetings for the year. If you are unaware or lost the email, please contact your Deanery Lead Deacon listed below.

Central North	Deacon German Romero	<a href="mailto:7886knight@gmail.com">7886knight@gmail.com</a>
Central South	Deacon Rick Chabot	<a href="mailto:rhabot@holymfamilyorlando.com">rhabot@holymfamilyorlando.com</a>
Eastern	Deacon Nick Amicone	<a href="mailto:nickamicone@yahoo.com">nickamicone@yahoo.com</a>
Northern	Deacon Chuck Lee	<a href="mailto:mrchuckolee@gmail.com">mrchuckolee@gmail.com</a>
Southern	Deacon Tom Flavell	<a href="mailto:tflavell55@gmail.com">tflavell55@gmail.com</a>
Western	Deacon Eddie Cruz	<a href="mailto:famcruz300@msn.com">famcruz300@msn.com</a>

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

If you are participating at World Youth Day in Panama, January 21-28, 2019, and need a Letter of Good Standing, please email Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org) or submit the request [online](#).

**NOTE:** To be considered a Deacon in Good Standing you must have submitted your SME, Continuing Education, Funeral Arrangements and Policy Acknowledgement documents.

## E-SCROLLS AND FAITHFIT

If you aren't signed up for the Diocese of Orlando E-SCROLLS, we suggest you sign up. [Click here to sign up for the E-Scroll.](#) Tune into faith-filled podcasts by local Catholics plus special presentations featuring Catholic speakers, singers, musicians & more! Listen via our FREE Faith Fit App available on the App Store and Google Play. The newly redesigned Faith Fit app puts prayers, spiritual reflections, videos, podcasts and the latest news from the Diocese of Orlando right at your fingertips. Search "Faith Fit App" and download it today! If you previously had the older Faith Fit app, please delete it and download our newest version.

## LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

[DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR](#)

Coming Soon

[SPECIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE](#)

Coming Soon

[CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE](#)

[Click here](#)

[LITURGY ADVISORY](#)

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

## CONTINUING FORMATION

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

[Click Here](#)

[MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GATHERING](#) featuring Dr. Joe Paprocki and the Effective Catechetical Leader series.

- Promotional Flyer [Click Here](#)
- Register Now [Click Here](#)

[FULLY ENGAGED](#) Training opportunities for Fully Engaged Mentor Couples!

Saturday, January 12 @ Blessed Trinity, Orlando, FL

[Click here for flyer](#)

[Register Here](#)

8:30 AM Check-in

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Presentation

\$65 per couple, includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch

Please contact me at 407.246.4882 or [lmonckton@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:lmonckton@orlandodiocese.org) if you would like to set up a training at your parish.

[ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE](#)

[Click Here](#)

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](http://www.orlandoliturgicalconference.org).

[UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON](#) offers 5-week online classes and 3-week seminars. [Click Here](#) to see the 2019 Cycle Calendar. Another option is the face-to-face format. If you would like to implement face-to-face format in your parish you need to have 15 participants. Face-to-face format uses the same online material so there is no difference in the content. If you have any questions about this please contact our office.

[UNIVERSITY OF LOYOLA](#) offers a certificate in Theology and Ministry and several master degrees. The Loyola Institute for Ministry also offers this opportunity in Spanish. The certificate can be attained after completing 6 courses of 10 weeks each. We are now having several information nights, where we will answer all your questions, please check our events calendar below for event and registration details

**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](mailto:volunteermti@orlandodiocese.org).



[Click here for New & Events](#)



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** Catholic Charities of Central Florida Employment Opportunities

**Behavioral Health**

- Mental Health Services Coordinator/Counselor - Three Positions. Three locations Polk County, St. Augustine & St. Petersburg [Apply Here](#)

**Family Stability**

- Rapid Rehousing Case Manager, Orlando - Two positions available [Apply Here](#)
- Front Desk Receptionist, Orlando - Two positions available (20 hours a week) [Apply Here](#)

**Pathways to Care**

- Assistant Chef, PTC - Casselberry [Apply Here](#)
- Resident Assistant, PTC - Casselberry - Two Positions [Apply Here](#)

**FORMATION**

**DONATIONS MADE AT UGLY SWEATER PARTY:**

The men in formation and their wives had their annual Christmas party and their theme was “Ugly Sweater”. They did a great job and raised \$890 for Fr. Fred Ruse’s Mission in the Dominican Republic. Specifically to assist the two newly ordained deacons with vestments, baptism candles and baptismal bibs.

**FORMATION WEEKEND:** January 12-13 @ San Pedro Center.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2020	Ecclesiology	Parish Life <i>by Dcn Jack Manhire</i>
2022	Hebrew Scriptures	Cross- Cultural Communications <i>by Scott Lanum</i>

**DEACON MENTORS:**

We are STILL 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](mailto:jgassman@orlandodiocese.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark Your Calendars*

### DIOCESAN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

**MASS FOR MARRIAGE** Whether you have been married for one year or 81 years, Bishop Noonan invites you to join him at The Cathedral of St. James to celebrate marriage!

Saturday, February 9, 2019. 10:00 a.m. with reception to follow in Parish Center

We will be requesting deacon assistance to serve as Ministers of the Cup.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2019

[Click Here](#)

**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](mailto:jgassman@orlandodiocese.org) or [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

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