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OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! Mark your calendar now for an exciting formation opportunity for all deacons and priests. Bishop Shawn McKnight from the Diocese of Jefferson City will be a featured speaker at the Orlando Liturgical Conference on Thursday, August 22, 2019. Bishop McKnight’s topic will be “Deacons: Servants of Charity” and will include a focus on the complementary vocation of priest and deacon. Bishop McKnight was the plenary speaker at the 2018 National Diaconate Conference in New Orleans. ALL deacons and priests are encouraged to attend.

Social Media and You There are many blessings to this age of Social Media in which we can stay connected with friends and family around the world. For Deacons, we must remember that by nature of our ordination we are at all times representing not only ourselves but also our Church. Any time we post on a social media site we should speak from a place of the love, mercy, and joy of the Gospel. We must refrain from personal attacks or inflammatory remarks against any person or group. Our statements must be consistent with Catholic teaching and must be offered with courtesy and love. When we do this, Social Media becomes an effective tool of evangelization.

Welcome to our two new Extern Deacons who have just been assigned within our Diocese.

1. Deacon Pat Mongan returns to us after a stint in South Carolina and will serve at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Viera
2. Deacon Joe Catanello comes to us from Brooklyn, NY and will serve at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview

New Assignment: Deacon Paul Gaucher has been assigned to St. Mary of the Lakes, Eustis, FL.

We would like to thank the Sisters from the Servants of the Pierced Heart, who were the Retreat Masters for our February Deacon Retreat. The Deacons who attended this retreat loved the Sisters and their spirit. It was no surprise to us of the positive feedback from the attendees.



ADMINISTRATIVE

2019 DEACON RETREATS

The remaining diocesan sponsored retreats will be held at San Pedro Center on the following weekends:

- 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

ROOMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR APRIL! 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. If you have already completed your 2018-2019 retreat requirement, please send Jennifer information on such. She will be updating the database.

DEACON REQUIRED ANNUAL FORMS

A reminder to all active and retired Deacons, you are required to complete and turn in your Statement of Mutual Expectations and your Continuing Education forms by June 1, 2019. Make an appointment with your Pastor to discuss and complete your next year's plan. Should you need the forms, please [CLICK HERE](#).

LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

To help you with requesting a Letter of Good Standing from our office, please [CLICK HERE](#). If you meet the requirements of Good Standing, complete the form. Jennifer will get the request and prepare your letter. Please remember to give at least 2 weeks' notice as it takes that long sometimes for Father John Giel to sign the letters.

ANNIVERSARY DATES

As we continue to touch base with you more regularly, we would like to acknowledge important life events such as wedding anniversaries. If you would, please email Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org with your anniversary dates so we may update our records.

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

Liturgical Notes

Thank you to all deacons who have recently served with the Bishop during Confirmation liturgies. He has been impressed with the quality of reverent service you have provided. Thank you for representing our Order of Deacons so well! We encourage all deacons to work closely with their pastors and Jon Trout, Manager of Bishop Matters, in preparation for these events to ensure we meet all expectations.

If you ever encounter questions regarding liturgy, do not hesitate to raise it to our office and we will be happy to assist you in resolving the matter.

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CONTINUING FORMATION

[ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE](#)

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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.

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

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[MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GATHERING](#) helping Teens have Rock Solid faith and Building Intercultural Competencies for Ministry

Register Now by [Clicking Here](#)

[2019 Rise Up Men's Conference](#) Sat Mar 23 8:00 AM-2:30 PM - at Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando featuring *Justin Fatica* of [Hard as Nails](#). All men are invited to the 4th Annual Orlando Diocese Catholic Men's Conference, a conference for Catholic men

in the Diocese of Orlando featuring dynamic talks, music, Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All men over 16 years old are welcome! Lunch is also included for just \$20. [Register Here!](#)

LENTEN MISSION with Dr. Edward Sri, Theologian, Catholic Speaker, *and author is coming to Most Precious Blood March 29 & 30, 2019*. For more information visit the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church website: <http://www.oviedocatholic.org/dr-sri-lent-mission-2019/>

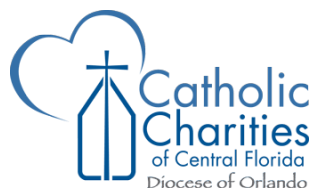
OUTSIDE THE WALLS

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.

CHAPLAINS TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA The Secretariat for Laity and Family Life is in need of chaplains for the Boy Scouts of America in the Diocese of Orlando. The goal is to have one chaplain per Deanery. This is a fitting ministry for deacons, especially if you have a long-term association with the Boy Scouts. Please contact Deacon Dave Camous at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org if interested.

TOURISM MINISTRY The Tourism Ministry seeks to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to travelers who visit Central Florida for work or vacation. We are currently seeking two deacons to assist with the chaplaincy at Orlando International Airport. Future opportunities for deacons include the Apostleship of the Sea at Port Canaveral and potentially at the Basilica, Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine. If interested, please contact Deacon Dave at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org.



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FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND: March 9-10, 2019 @ San Pedro Center.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2020	Ecclesiology	Collaboration & Balance <i>by Dcn. Joe Gassman</i>
2022	Hebrew Scriptures	Outside the Walls <i>by Mark Metoyer</i>
2024		

DEACON MENTORS:

We NEED deacon mentors. We would like to keep them 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: dcamous@orlandodiocese.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

DIOCESAN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Rite of Election - March 10th at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe. Attending deacons may sit with their parishes as only those serving will vest for this rite.

CHRISM MASS- Chrism Mass will take place on April 17, 2019 at St. James Cathedral. If you wish to vest and participate in the mass, please email Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org or [register online](#).

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 dcamous@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

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