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## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

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#### **BISHOP SHAWN MCKNIGHT TO SPEAK AT ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE**

Bishop Shawn McKnight, Bishop of Jefferson City, MO, will be a keynote speaker at the Orlando Liturgical Conference, August 22-24, 2019. He is a renowned authority on the Permanent Diaconate, and will be offering talks on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, specifically directed at our important role in the Church, today.

**The Deacon's Ministry of Charity as a Service of Communion.** The twin crises of clergy sexual abuse and the abuse of power have strained the bond of communion between the clergy and their people. In this talk, Bishop McKnight will highlight the unique position of the permanent deacon to facilitate and repair a broken relationship between the shepherd and his flock.

**The Deacon's Liturgical Ministry as an Epiphany of Service.** Have you ever wondered why a deacon has some roles and not others in the liturgy? This talk will highlight some of the theological, social and ritual sources for the deacon's ministry in the liturgy, which serves to underscore the nature of the deacon's ministry beyond the liturgy.

**The one-day cost for the conference on Thursday is \$90, and you may apply for reimbursement for your conference expense as part of your \$100 annual continuing education fund from the Office of Permanent Deacons. Full conference fee is \$155 for all three days.**

#### **HAVING TROUBLE SUBMITTING YOUR ANNUAL FORMS?**

Each year we are required to submit annual forms to ensure that we continue to grow in our ministry and exercise it in a way that supports our pastor and our bishop. We are also required to ensure our Background Checks (Fingerprints) and Safe Environment training is kept current. These expectations are not unique to the Diocese of Orlando but are consistent with requirements established by the National Directory for Permanent Deacons. These forms are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> each year. **If you are having problems getting these submitted for any reason, please let us know so we can help you resolve any open issues.** Unfortunately, failure to do so can place you as not in Good Standing. Thank you for working with us so we can ensure that this doesn't happen.



## DEACONS NEEDED

As a deacon we are ordained to serve our Diocese, not just our ‘home’ parish. In our Diocese, some parishes are blessed with an abundance of deacons, and others are in need of a deacon’s assistance. To meet that need, God may call any of us to step out of our comfort zone. ***Pastors at the following parishes have communicated their need for a deacon. If you are in these areas, I ask that you please take to prayer whether God may be calling you to serve a new community. If so, please contact me if you would like more information.***

1. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lakeland
2. St. Faustina Catholic Church, Clermont
3. St. Ann Catholic Church, Haines City
4. Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Ocala

## HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY:

*Happy a wonderful and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.*

“God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.” R/. Amen Prayer courtesy of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007

## ADMINISTRATIVE

## ASSESSMENT INVOICES

We will start sending your assessment invoices to each parish beginning July 8, 2019. These assessments for each active deacon consist of \$300 to cover the annual retreat offered by the Diocese, \$100 to fund continuing formation, and \$100 toward the cost of the annual Deacon Convocation.

## MONTHLY PRAYER LIST

To ensure we include all your intentions, we are sending out an email around the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, asking for your prayer request. Remember that in addition to petitions for those in need, we have a section for “praise intentions,” as well. Keep us posted on the joys in your life: improved health, milestones achieved, or birth of grandkids, are just some examples of praise intentions. Please send all these requests to Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org) .

### MINISTRY TO WIDOWS OF DEACONS

We are excited to note that our Deacon Widow surveys have been sent out and we are starting to get responses. Respondents are letting us know of their desire to be more involved with the diaconate community and communicating the barriers they are facing to do so. We will be sharing more details soon and asking for your partnership in addressing these issues. In the meantime, don't forget to reach out to these valued members of our community at both the parish and deanery level.

### POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

Our new policy manual will be available this week. Once the link is set up we will email you a notification. The Spanish language version of the manual is currently in process.

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS WHO HAVE DIED

Deacon Ed Mazuchowski, St. Jude, Ocala, who entered eternal life on May 10, 2019.

Deacon Richard Radford, St. Vincent de Paul, Wildwood, who entered eternal life on May 19, 2019.

Deacon Jerry Smith, St. Peter, Deland, who entered eternal life on June 25, 2019.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

### Liturgical Notes

Participating in the liturgy can become for many the mere repetition of well-practiced actions. A study of the theology of liturgy is important for us to have opportunities to understand the 'whys' behind the 'whats' in what we know is the source and summit of our faith. ***At the Orlando Liturgical Conference, this August 22-24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Liturgical 'track' on Thursday and Friday*** at which noted national expert on liturgy, Chris Ferraro, will offer a three-part Liturgy Institute. The sessions are titled: "An Introduction to Liturgical Theology," "The Incarnation Cycle," and "Ordinary Time." *Yet another great reason to register today for this wonderful local conference.* [Click Here](#)

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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

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[STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE- Rest and Renewal Retreat, July 17-21, 2019.](#)  
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### [RECONCILING VETERANS RETREAT](#)

We are excited to announce a new ministry opportunity for those willing to be a Spiritual Battle Buddy for a veteran longing to return to the sacramental life of the Church but who feels unworthy due to the spiritual wound of their military service.

There are many veterans who carry the physical and psychological wounds of their military service. For these wounds there are ample programs to assist them in managing their effects in their everyday lives. Yet there are other wounds many of us, as veterans, experience, the spiritual wounds. The deep regret we feel for orders carried out, liberties taken, and often the succumbing to the temptations of the seemingly encouraged military lifestyle.

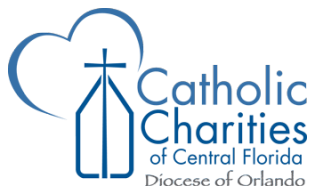
The “Reconciling Veterans Retreat” encourages these spiritually wounded veterans that they are only one good confession away from experiencing God’s unfathomable love for them, and that they can return to the sacramental life of the Church. The Spiritual Battle Buddy is a person who is willing to walk with these spiritually wounded veterans, by identifying a veteran who is seeking relief from their spiritual wounds, attending the retreat with them to encourage the veteran to deposit all the guilt into the loving hands of God through the sacrament of reconciliation, and celebrating with them the great community prayer of the Mass. We then continue to walk with the veteran to encourage remaining connected to their Catholic communities.

The first Reconciling Veterans Retreat will be held Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 0900 to 1530 at the San Pedro Spiritual Development Center, with the keynote speaker Bishop John Noonan.

For more information or to volunteer to assist contact:

Deacon Joe Gassman, [jgassman@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jgassman@orlandodiocese.org); or

Steve Smith, [3sigmawellness@gmail.com](mailto:3sigmawellness@gmail.com).



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As you know Hurricane Season begins June 1, 2019. As part of Disaster Services, 18 parishes have committed to serving as emergency food and water distribution sites. If you would like more information or to inquiry about volunteering, please contact Alice Nolan at 407-658-1818 ext. 1818 or [anolan@cflcc.org](mailto:anolan@cflcc.org).

## FORMATION

**FORMATION WEEKEND:** Classes for the Summer.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2020	Ethics 1: Foundations- July 13 <sup>th</sup> , July 27 <sup>th</sup> , August 24 <sup>th</sup>	
2022	Christian Scriptures- July 13 <sup>th</sup> , July 27 <sup>th</sup> , August 24 <sup>th</sup>	
2024	(summer break)	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark Your Calendars*

### **CONVOCATION 2019: CELEBRATING THE DEACONS OF ORLANDO DIOCESE!**

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

**October 4-5, 2019 @ Annunciation Parish in Altamonte Springs**

Friday optional events include afternoon social activities, dinner buffet, presentation, community, prayer, and social hour

Saturday Convocation will include Continental Breakfast, Mass @ 9am with Bishop John Noonan including annual renewal of promises, Institution of Acolyte for Cohort 2020, Recognition of Service Milestones, Honoring of Deacons Who Have Entered Eternal Life, Panel Presentation on the Contributions of Deacons in our Diocese.

**(More Details Coming Soon!)**



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](mailto:dcamous@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)