



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL RETREATS

If you want to attend February 14-16, 2020 Deacon Retreat, led by Fr. Fred Ruse, [please sign up here](#). We have 10 rooms left.

If you are unable to make this retreat, but would like to sign up for another retreat, [click here to view our calendar](#). March and May retreats will be led by Fr. Anthony Aarons.

RETREAT SOCIALS AND ADULT BEVERAGES

And while we are on the subject of retreats, I need to inform you of a diocesan policy change that will affect the Friday night socials. It has been our custom that after evening prayer and opening comments about the retreat on Friday evening, we provide an opportunity for attendees to gather for an evening social. Our office provides an assortment of hors d'oeuvres (not intended to be a full dinner), and have traditionally provided water, wine, and beer. The diocese will no longer reimburse departments for the purchase of alcoholic beverages for official functions, so effectively immediately, we will continue to provide the food along with non-alcoholic beverages. If interested, attendees may choose to bring beer or wine **to share** with the community, as is done by our formation classes for their monthly socials. However, no hard spirits are allowed. We are confident, however, the Holy Spirit will be present!

PARISH ASSIGNMENTS

As we are aware, each of us is ordained to serve the Bishop and the Diocese, not confined to an individual parish. While we have customarily kept men in their parish of ordination, the demand for deacons throughout the Diocese is increasing. We have a serious imbalance between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' among parishes. This June we will look more closely at the need to move some of our active deacons to new parish assignments. We don't expect there to be major changes in the first year, but the possibility will increase over time. If you would like a reassignment, please let me know. This process will not impact our inactive or senior active deacons.



ADMINISTRATIVE

We are Accepting your Annual Forms!

As we complete the full implementation of the new Diaconate Personnel Manual, promulgated last year, **please note that there are new annual forms that will replace all previous versions.** For copies of these forms, [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

The annual Statement of Mutual Expectations is being **replaced by separate Pastor's Assessment for Deacons and a Deacon Self-Assessment.** The Continuing Formation Activities form will still be required. **Note that previous forms will not be accepted, so please prevent rework for yourself by using these new forms.** Forms must be turned in no later than June 1st but are welcome earlier. Thank you!

In addition, the beginning of a new year is a great time to make sure your funeral instructions are updated and turned into our office.

Deacon Polo Shirts

Do you want a Deacon Polo Shirt? The cost is \$20.00 plus shipping. If so, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

Schedule of Events for February-

Mass for Marriage- St. James Cathedral, Saturday, February 8, 2020, 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Music at the Basilica- Sunday, February 16, 2020, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. UCF's Symphony Orchestra will perform a Free Concert as a part of the Basilica's 2019-2020 Concert Series.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

- Ellen, wife of Dcn. Walter Thomas

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

LITURGICAL QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH

Two great questions came in from Deacons this month, whose answers bear sharing.

The first regarded when there are optional mass readings listed in the ordo to commemorate a saint's memorial, if it was acceptable to pick one reading from 'the day' and the other from the memorial. They had been told during formation that this was never allowed, but they had seen it done in their parish. The short answer is that there is **no prohibition** to doing this. In general, though, the readings for the optional memorial are only done when there is pastoral reason to do so (e.g. patron saint of the church, city, religious order, etc.). Of course, there is a lot of latitude when we hear the term 'pastoral reasons.' Ultimately, this will be the presider's choice. For a full understanding of the Church's teaching on this issue, please read the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, paragraphs 357 through 361.

The second was asked by a deacon that noticed some of our deacon brothers beginning the Liturgy of the Hours with the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." While that is the way Catholics begin many prayers, it is **not** appropriate to begin the Liturgy of the Hours in that way. As the rite prescribes in instruction 266, "all make the sign of the cross . . . at the beginning of the hours, when God come to my assistance is said." This, of course, is how our men in formation are being trained. Thank you to our observant deacon brother for reminding us of the proper form which will keep us consistent when we pray in community.

ORDER OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN, 2ND EDITION

The day is at hand. This Sunday, February 2nd is the first day to use the new Order of Baptism for Children.

Publication date for this new edition is in January. The revised rite *may be used as of February 2, 2020*, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and *must be used by April 12, 2020*, Easter Sunday.



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CONTINUING FORMATION

MEN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOP INVITATION FROM LAITY, FAMILY, AND LIFE SECRETARY

On March 28, 2020 Secretary for Laity, Family and Life will host the annual men's conference, *Rise Up: Put on the Armor of God*, which takes place at Holy Family Catholic Church. *Hundreds of men from our diocese will attend, and we want to capture their enthusiasm and plug them in to parish ministries.*

To this end, we are holding two men's ministry workshops on February 15, 2020. We have two types of men in mind with these workshops:

1. Current ministry leaders who already know the ropes but can always **learn some new tricks.**
2. Men who want to start a men's ministry but don't know where to start.

Whether you have an active men's ministry, your men's ministry needs a jolt of energy, or you want to get one started, this workshop will help. We will lay out a plan for **enrolling newly inspired men**, forming and leading small groups, building trust and friendship, and what to do **when a small group gets too big.**

What can you do?

- Identify men already involved and those who *should be* and invite them to attend (they can RSVP to SLFL@orlandodiocese.org)
- If you have their permission, consider sending me their contact information so that I can invite them.

Where are the trainings?

We have two locations available on **February 15, 2020**, and both are open to anyone who wants to attend:

- Brevard - 9:30-11:30 AM, **Holy Name of Jesus**, Indialantic, Life Center, Room 101
- Orlando - 8:30-10:30 AM (following 8:00 AM Mass), **Annunciation**, Altamonte Springs, Padre Pio's Place

How can I learn more and register?

- You can go to our diocesan page, <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/riseup/>, to learn more and register. Please share this too!

MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GATHERING: ENGAGING THE ENTIRE BODY OF CHRIST

Do you work in a diverse parish and want a fresh approach to engaging everyone in your community? If so, this one day workshop is for you!

Rita Ann Martinez has 35 years of experience in the field of children's catechetical ministry as a DRE and Catholic school teacher in the Archdioceses of San Antonio and Galveston-Houston. She is a founding member of the Federation for Catechesis with Hispanics and a veteran presenter in both English and Spanish, specializing in the formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders. She currently serves as a sales support representative for Sadlier Publishing in the Houston area.

Rita will share with us a vision for engaging all members of our parish and geographical community in our ministers, ensuring that underrepresented language and cultural groups feel just as much a part of the body of Christ as we do. Please join us on Thursday, February 13, 9:30am at Blessed Trinity Parish, 4545 E. Anderson Rd., Orlando, FL 32812.

You can [register here](#), and please feel free to invite other ministry leaders from your parish.

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER [Click Here](#)

Check out the link above to see the details on all upcoming Days of Reflection or Retreat Weekends offered at San Pedro. Events include:

Franciscan Hermitage Retreat

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 5:00pm to Sunday, February 16, 2020, 11:00am
A silent retreat guided by Franciscan Fr. Vianney Cunningham, TOR and Jeanne & Tony Walter, Members of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Art and Soul - February

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Each month a local artist will guide you in making a one of a kind creation, all while focusing on a particular aspect of the Catholic Faith.

Lenten Taize Prayer Service

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00PM- 8:00PM

Lenten Retreat Weekend

Friday, March 20, 2020, 4 PM- Sunday, March 22, 2020, 11:00 Am



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Mercy & Mary Retreat
Feb. 21-22, 2020

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community
3050 N Highway A1A
Indialantic, FL 32903

Join the **Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy** for an inspiring retreat featuring best-selling author and acclaimed speaker **Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC**. This retreat includes:

- Five dynamic conferences from Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
- Coffee and doughnuts
- Lunch with the Marian Missionaries
- Retreat Mass and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Personal testimonies
- Book signing with Fr. Gaitley and so much more!

Register now! This popular retreat will sell out fast!

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

EL SALVADOR IMMERSION MISSION TRIP

For Deacons and Wives, and other parish ministers

March 21 - 27, 2020

Join Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers for a mission immersion trip to learn more about the people and church in El Salvador and explore how we are linked to the people of Central America in the bonds of global solidarity.

Immersion Includes

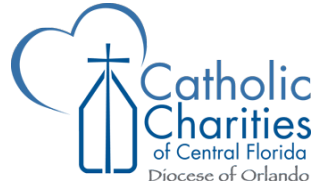
- Pre-trip orientation
- On-site introduction to the cultural, economic, and political realities of El Salvador
- Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Oscar Romero and visit many of the sites associated with his life
- Walk in the footsteps of the martyrs of Central America, including Blessed Archbishop Romero, the U.S. Church Women, and Jesuits at UCA
- Visit Maryknoll missionaries, hear their stories of working with the people of Central America and discover how their work in mission connects with yours
- Pastoral work with the Missionaries of Charity
- Meet the people of El Salvador and listen to stories of hope and challenge
- Daily communal prayer, liturgies and theological reflection
- Visits to historic and cultural sites
- Post-trip debriefing and reflection
- Credits for Continuing Formation

Estimated Costs

- Room, meals, and in-country transportation: \$920/single; \$850/double (per person)
- Participants are responsible for air travel to and from San Salvador (est. \$650)
- Passport Required (no Visa required)

If Interested, Contact

Deacon Kevin McCarthy (413) 374-3861 kmccarthy@maryknoll.org



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FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND: Classes for the 2019-2020 Semester.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2020		Practicum: Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop
2022	Homiletics	Chant & Liturgical Music
2024	Christian History	Catholic Social Justice

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

**2020 Deacon's Convocation
Annunciation Catholic Church,
October 3, 2020.
Mark your calendars Now!**

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)