



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to you and your families.

As we begin a new decade of service to the People of God in the Diocese of Orlando, the Office of Permanent Deacons is excited to continue to support your ministry. Here are some of the goals we are planning to accomplish:

- Continue to enhance our offerings for retreats for our deacons and wives, including offering, again, a Spanish language retreat
- Work with our Deaneries to keep the widows of deacons better connected with the Deacon Community
- Establish a multi-cultural advisory committee of deacons to better serve our diverse community
- Work with San Pedro Center to implement a Spiritual Director training program in our diocese
- Build the Permanent Deacon Endowment Fund to provide partial scholarships to deacons and wives for continuing education and certifications to address key needs in our diocese

Thank you all for your partnership as we work together in fraternal service.



ADMINISTRATIVE

Reminder: FORMS ARE CHANGING AS OF JANUARY 1ST!

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. As of January 6, 2020, they will be available for download from the Diaconate web-site.**

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. Please access the new forms directly from the web-site. **Note that previous forms will not be accepted, so please prevent rework for yourself by using these new forms.** 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.

ANNUAL RETREATS

Three options for annual retreats for deacons and wives have been scheduled:

February 14-16, 2020- "The Practice and Ministry of Redemption" led by Father Fred Ruse. [To Register, please click here.](#)

March 6-8, 2020- Led by Father Anthony Aarons. [To Register, please click here.](#)

May 1-3, 2020- Led by Father Anthony Aarons. [To Register, please click here.](#)

Spanish Language Retreat will return in August, 2020. This will meet the requirement for next year, fiscal year 2020-2021. However, a different retreat will be necessary to meet this year's canonical requirement.

Deacon Directory

Do you need an updated Deacon Directory? If so, please [CLICK HERE.](#)

Schedule of Events for January-

If you haven't taken the Adult Mental Health First Aid courses, this class is being offered in a 2-part series at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Winter Park, on January 15 and January 17, 2020. It would benefit you to take this class.

Catholic Days at the Capitol- January 28 through January 30, 2020.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

- Maria, wife of Deacon Rafael Hernandez
- Jonathan, son of Edgar Jecino, Cohort 2024
- Mary Ann, wife of Deacon Byron Otradovec
- Deacon Fred Grant

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE PRE-PLANNING MEETING

Share your ideas and suggestions regarding content, speakers, and formation offered at the 2021 Orlando Liturgical Conference. We want to hear from you!

WHEN: Tuesday, January 21, 2020; 7:00pm - 9:00pm (refreshments at 6:15pm)

WHERE: Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 5300 Old Howell Branch Rd, Winter Park, Ministry Center Conference Rooms (building closest to Old Howell Branch Rd.)

WHO: Priests, Deacons, Liturgy Directors, Music Directors, Coordinators of multi-cultural liturgies, and coordinators of all liturgical areas.

QUESTIONS: Office of Liturgy, Diocese of Orlando, 407-246-4860
cshields@orlandodiocese.org



[ORDER OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN, 2ND EDITION](#)

Check with your pastor or parish liturgist to find out if your parish has already placed an order!

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

[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:

Life in the Eucharist Retreat

Friday, January 17, 2020, 4:00 p.m. to Sunday, January 19, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Art and Soul - January

Saturday, January 25, 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.

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.



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See me in Indialantic, Florida

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

CONCERT FOR HOPE AND PRISON MINISTRY IN OUR DIOCESE

The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated is pleased to announce a Concert for Hope at Holy Family Catholic Community on Friday, January 24th. This is a free concert which is part of world-renowned composer Eric Genuis ministry of music to the poor in spirit, the incarcerated, and others who are not traditionally exposed to the inspiration of classically themed music. The Ministry to the Incarcerated has scheduled 7 concerts for those in jails and prison in the diocese over the next few months. *A love offering will be taken to support the work of this ministry.*



ERIC GENUIS
presents

CONCERT FOR HOPE

accompanied by world-class musicians
on violin, cello and voice



FRIDAY, JAN. 24
7PM


St. Patrick Social Hall
5125 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd.
Orlando, Florida 32819

Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken at the door.

Please join us for an evening of inspirational music with world-renowned composer and pianist Eric Genuis. This concert brings a musical mission providing faith, hope and charity to the poor in spirit, the incarcerated and schools in Central Florida.

Info: Deacon Richard Dodd deopaxemmaus@gmail.com



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FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND: Classes for the 2019-2020 Semester.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2020	Worship, Sacraments and Liturgy	Practicum: Baptismal Rite
2022	Homiletics	Dealing with Conflict in the Ministry
2024	Christian History	Marriage & Sexuality

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)