



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the State's 'Safer at Home' order is scheduled to elapse, 'in office hours' for Chancery employees are scheduled to increase. However, please always call first if you plan to drop by, to ensure the person with whom you wish to meet will be available.

STAYING CONNECTED DURING THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

Thank you to all of you who have done a great job keeping us informed of your prayer requests and the needs of others in the community during this challenging time. It is increasingly important that we support each other. Please stay in touch with other deacons and wives, widows, candidates, and aspirants in your parish and deanery. Please email Jennifer or me immediately if you hear of any illness, injury, or death in our community so that we may add our prayers and any necessary support. Also, now is a great time to ensure we have your updated contact information. If you have any changes to your mailing address, email, home or cell phone number, please send Jennifer a quick email so she may update your record. Also, please send us your wife's date of birth and your anniversary date. Our wives are important to the community, as is your first vocation of marriage, and we wish to honor both.

POSTPONING OF THE DIACONAL ORDINATION

As mentioned in the last Director's Notes, we have postponed the scheduled June 13th Ordination of the fifteen men in Cohort 2020 until the Fall. Some of you recently saw that the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary conducted their Ordination of Transitional Deacons via a socially distanced process, and you may have wondered why we did not do the same.

Ordinations are intended to be community celebrations of the dedication of men to ministry. They are a time of great joy in which the new deacon's family, parishioners, and entire diaconal community gather to celebrate. It was in this spirit that we made the decision, with Bishop Noonan, to temporarily delay this Ordination. We felt that 90 days was not too long a wait to hopefully embrace the fullness of the joy of this



sacrament. We are currently working on a plan with the Bishop to celebrate this special day in the most joyous way possible. Stay tuned and continue to pray for these men and their families as the approach this sacramental milestone.

[MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NOONAN](#)

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[RE-OPENING SCHEDULE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the re-opening Schedule provided by Bishop Noonan

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For Additional information regarding the Re-Opening of our Parishes, please go to [www. Orlandodiocese.org](http://www.Orlandodiocese.org).

ADMINISTRATIVE

[DON'T FORGET YOUR ANNUAL FORMS ARE DUE JUNE 1, 2020!](#)

For copies of these forms, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#). I understand meeting with your Pastor can be a challenge at this time. We will work with all Pastors on obtaining these forms. If you decide to speak with your Pastor through phone call or video conference, have your Pastor complete the assessment and email a copy to jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org and mail a hardcopy with his signature at his convenience.

[DEACON POLO SHIRTS](#)

We understand that the last order hasn't been completed yet. We are in communication with the shirt maker and will get these shirts to those who ordered as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

[CLEARANCES](#)

If you should receive a reminder that your clearance and safe environment training are about to expire, please don't delay in completing this requirement. We are seeing a delay in processing the results for the background clearances. We recommend, once you receive the 90- day alert from Jennifer, to complete the online Safe Environment training and schedule your fingerprinting. **Unfortunately, we aren't able to use COVID-19 as an excuse. If your clearance expires, your faculties will be suspended, and you will NOT be able to serve until you are cleared.**

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

For the repose of the soul of Diane Kasetta, wife of Deacon Richard Kasetta.

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

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CONTINUING FORMATION

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

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

Virtual: Coping With Financial Challenges

Monday, May 4, 2020, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us for a virtual Q&A session with Fr. Anthony Aarons, Isabel Fernandez, Ph.D and Catherine Galda, LCSW!

Virtual: Francis, Clare and the Eucharist

Thursday, May 14, 2020, 10:00am - 12:00pm

St. Francis and St. Clare both had a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Learning from their example, we can gain deeper insight into the great gift of the Eucharist. Spend the morning hearing stories, singing praise, and prayerfully reflecting on the words of Francis and Clare and their love for the Eucharist.

Virtual: Centering on God in a Time of Pandemic

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 10:00 am to 12 pm

Join us for this Virtual Retreat with Fr. Vianney Cunningham, TOR.

LIVE STREAM SPIRITUAL PROGRAMMING NEEDS YOU!

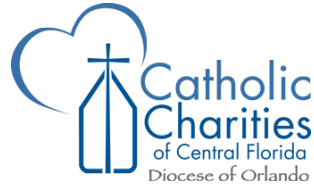
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center is looking to expand their live stream programming for Tuesday, “Saints of Healing and Hope” and Friday, “Mysteries of the Church.” We were hoping that some of you might be interested, willing, and able to assist by participating in presenting these online programs. Please see Deacon Joe Gassman's recent email for more details. Please respond directly to Deacon Joe at jgassman@orlandodiocese.org if you are interested.

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

We are aware of the terrible impact that COVID-19 has had on many of your ministries to the sick, the aged, those who are homeless or who are food insecure, and those who are in prison. If you, or the organizations with whom you work, have come up with creative ways to serve these communities of need, please reach out and let me know. I would like to feature your stories both in the pages of these Director's Notes and in a special episode of the Deacon's Den Podcast.

We all need to hear success stories at this time. Thank you!



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FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND: Classes for the 2019-2020 Semester.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All	Day of Reflection on May 9, 2020	Cancelled
2020		
2022		
2024		

COHORT 2026

We continue to press forward with the selection of men for the new cohort. We've reviewed 31 applications and have selected 16 men to be interviewed in the second week of May. Please continue to pray for these men and their wives as they continue their path of discernment.

You may ask what will happen with the other applicants who were not invited for an interview. The Diaconate office has provided detailed feedback to each applicant and their pastor specifying the reason(s) they were not selected.

The good news is that the vast majority of these men may apply again. Many are in their early 40s, with potential, requiring further development and guidance to be possibly accepted into a future cohort.



As you work with these, or other men, to prepare for applying for formation in the future, here are some important guidelines for you to consider:

1. They should have a relationship with their pastor, beyond the normal greetings and pleasantries before and after Mass.
2. Demonstrate that they have embraced the threefold ministry of the Deacon (Word, Liturgy, and Charity), through a documented ministry record over several years, both within and outside the walls of their parish. We look for those who are already living the calling of the diaconal ministry in their lives.
3. Evidence that their perceived calling is affirmed by members of their community, especially priests, deacons, or other community leaders.
4. **IMPORTANT:** They must complete the application completely, truthfully, and in detail. Brief or one-word responses to questions requiring self-reflection do not present the applicants appropriately to the review team. Also, those who are reapplying should not simply cut and paste responses from previous applications. The team compares the application to previous applications submitted by an applicant to evaluate growth in the way they understand and can articulate their calling.

Thank you for working with the men in your community to help identify those who are called to the ministry of servant in our Church.

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)