



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This summer we would like to establish a multicultural advisory committee to assist the Office of the Permanent Diaconate in developing enhanced support for our deacons serving diverse communities in our Diocese. Committee membership is open to active and retired deacons, wives, widows, and men in formation. To be considered for this volunteer committee, please submit a one-page statement of interest describing why you wish to serve and a brief description of key areas the committee should address. Please email your statement to Deacon Dave at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org

STAYING CONNECTED DURING THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

Thank you to all who have attended quarterly deanery meetings in these most unusual times. Deaneries have begun to use online meeting spaces and most have felt it is a tool we can continue to use to stay better connected, even post 'social distancing.'

I realize I mentioned this last month, but it has come to our attention by our dean leads that some of your emails and contact numbers are incorrect. Please verify your current contact information and update with Jennifer Kuhn if any information has changed. If you have a list of contact information of the deacons from the parish where you serve, please send that information to jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

DIACONAL ORDINATION

As previously announced, the Diaconal Ordination is scheduled for **October 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe**. It is our goal that these men will be ordained surrounded by their families, parish members, and our community of deacons. Levels of attendance, of course, will be dependent on the status of COVID-19 precautions at that time. It is for the safety of our community that we stay on top of the rules and regulations put forth by our local and state governments. We will keep you posted, as the Ordination date gets closer. You should know the basilica recently revamped its website. Please review the beautiful design at www.mqus.org.



ADMINISTRATIVE

YES, YOUR ANNUAL FORMS ARE DUE!

Thank you to all deacons who have already submitted their forms. We know that it can be difficult to meet with your pastors at this time. *If your pastor cannot complete his assessment of you right now, please send a copy of your Self-Assessment and Continuing Education form to office (keeping a copy for yourself), and work with your pastor to complete his Pastor Assessment this summer.*

Please remember, the FORMS HAVE CHANGED since last year. The Statement of Mutual Expectations is no longer filled out, unless you are starting a new assignment. Deacons complete the new Self-Assessment Form and the Continuing Education form. Pastors complete the Pastor Assessment form. PLEASE CLICK HERE to download the forms. Forms are to be sent to Jennifer Kuhn. Scanned copies may be emailed to jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org and hardcopies with original signatures may be mailed at a later date, if necessary.

REMINDER ON 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 recommend, once you receive the 90-day alert from Jennifer, complete the online Safe Environment training and schedule your fingerprinting. **We are not 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.**

FORMATION MENTORS

All men in Diaconal Formation that have reached Candidacy, are to have a deacon mentor who helps guide them on the journey. If you feel you are being called to help those in formation, please reach out to me at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org. **We need more formation mentors.** We currently have thirty-four candidates, and nineteen aspirants. The aspirants will need mentors by September 2021. We will provide training for all mentors.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

For the repose of the soul of Monsignor Fachtna Joseph Harte.

For the repose of the soul of Janet Lammers, wife of Deacon Jack Lammers.

For the repose of the soul of Jerri Kreps, wife of Deacon Bob Kreps.

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ann Wade, wife of Deacon Jim Wade.

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

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CONTINUING FORMATION

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

San Pedro Center is offering a variety of online resources to help you continue your spiritual development during this time of social distancing. The following link has many free resources.

<https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/spiritualresources>

Please don't miss this unprecedented event for those who are married, engaged, or discerning marriage!

The Catholic Marriage Summit is FREE, online, and includes some of the most trusted and loved Catholic marriage experts in the world as they go deep into the issues married couples face every day.

It will be filled with powerful and practical sessions on everything from finances, to prayer, intimacy, parenting, and more!

To register, please click [here](#).

The list of presenters includes:

- Chris & Natalie Stefanick
- Dr. Scott & Kimberly Hahn
- Damon & Melanie Owens
- Dr. Edward & Beth Sri
- Danielle & Dan Bean
- Matt & Cameron Fradd
- Bobby & Jackie Angel
- Dr. Andrew & Sarah Swafford
- Dcn Dom & Teresa Tomeo
- Chris & Linda Padgett
- Dr. Gregory & Lisa Popcak
- David & Margaret Bereit
...and many more!

This is a beautiful gift to your marriage and sure to be a resource you return to again and again.

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

We are aware of the terrible impact COVID-19 has had on many of your ministries to the sick, elderly, those who are homeless or who are food insecure, and those who are in prison. If you, or the organizations you work with, have creative ways to serve these communities of need, please 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 Deacons' Den Podcast.

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



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FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND: Classes for the 2020-2021 Semester will be listed as soon as they are available.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2020		
2022	History of Christianity (summer)	
2024		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

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)