



## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDINATION & CONVOCATION

The Diaconate Ordination is locked in for **October 3, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe**. Final decisions regarding restrictions on attendance will be based on the status of the pandemic and projections as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our prayer is that we can assemble as a community to support these 15 men, and, also, renew our commitment to the Bishop. Thank you to those who responded to the survey regarding the possibility of a luncheon for current deacons and their wives. We had 72 responses of which 50 stated a desire to attend the luncheon, with 2 additional ‘maybes.’ With this input and based on the status of the virus at the start of September, we will make a decision and communicate next steps.

#### DEACON ENDOWMENT FUND

In partnership with the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, we have established a Diaconate Reserve Fund. This endowment has been established in recognition of the growing need for formation, ministry and life of the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Orlando. Specifically, the fund is established to:

- Provide partial scholarships for deacon aspirants or candidates who cannot meet the financial obligations of their initial formation;
- Provide partial scholarships for deacons or the wife of a deacon in certifying courses as Spiritual Directors, Chaplains, Tribunal Advocates, or other specified certifications; and
- Support other formative programs initiated by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate that benefit the corporal and spiritual needs of the Diocese.

If you are interested in helping us grow this Reserve Fund prayerfully consider a donation which can be made at <https://www.cfocf.org/diaconatefund/>, or by contacting Madelyn Weed at The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida at [mweed@cfocf.org](mailto:mweed@cfocf.org).



## [CARA ANNUAL SURVEY ON THE DIACONATE](#)

WASHINGTON-The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations has shared the results of the annual survey on the permanent diaconate. [A Portrait of the Permanent Diaconate: A Study for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2019-2020](#), was conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) and provides an illustration of the state of the permanent diaconate in the United States, including the number of those ordained and retired in the past year, percentages of those involved in various Church ministries, and other demographic information.

The survey provides an interesting snapshot of the diaconate as a whole in the United States. It is encouraging to note that the Diaconate in the Diocese of Orlando, the 9<sup>th</sup> largest program in the nation, is more ethnically diverse (36% vs 24% nationally are not Caucasian), and the men currently in formation represent an even higher level of diversity. While our Diocesan deacons are on average older than the national average due to the number of men who retire to Florida, the ages of our men currently in formation will continue to lower that average.

## [DIOCESE OF ORLANDO STATE OF THE DIACONATE REPORT 2020](#)

We will be conducting a 2020 Diocese of Orlando Diaconate Ministerial Experience and Satisfaction Survey which will be used in generating the Diocese of Orlando State of the Diaconate Report 2020. The report will include local diaconate demographics, survey results, and analysis of your submitted annual Deacon Self-Assessments. If you have not turned in your annual documents please do so as they will help give a more complete picture of the work of our local diaconate service in Liturgy, Word, and Charity.

## [MULTI-CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE](#)

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in joining this important advisory committee. Unfortunately, the mix of applicants has not yet reflected the diversity of cultures that we have represented in our Diaconate. This advisory group will only be fully effective if it reflects our ethnic and cultural diversity. Please prayerfully discern if God is calling you to represent a currently underrepresented viewpoint by volunteering. Committee membership is open to active and retired deacons, wives, widows, and men in formation. Those interested in being considered for this volunteer committee are asked to submit a one-page statement of interest, describing why they wish to serve and a brief description of key areas they would recommend the committee address. Please email your statement to Deacon Dave at [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org)

## SPANISH LANGUAGE RETREAT

Due to the impacts of the current pandemic and the low number of reservations received, we must sadly cancel the August Spanish language Deacon retreat. We are working with the organizers to identify new dates to provide this opportunity.

## FORMATION MENTORS

All men in Diaconal Formation who 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](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org). **We need more formation mentors.** We currently have nineteen candidates and nineteen aspirants who will need mentors by September 2021. **We will provide training for all mentors.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### ANNUAL FORMS PAST DUE

If you haven't completed and turned in your annual forms, please do so right away. We understand it may still be difficult to meet with your pastor, but everyone can complete and submit your Self Evaluation and Continuing Education forms, and you can work with your pastors to get your Pastor Evaluation as soon as possible. This is especially important if you plan on serving at Steubenville Florida, July 17-19, 2020. You will require a letter of good standing for this event, which we may only issue if you are current on your annual requirements. **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. Pastor's 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](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org) and hardcopies with original signatures may be mailed at a later date, if necessary.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you joined our Facebook Group page? If not, we encourage you to do so. [CLICK HERE](#) to join.

### [UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION](#)

We didn't hear from anyone with regards to updating your contact information last month. We don't want you to miss out on any Diaconate events or information from this office.

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](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

### [DIACONATE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS](#)

We have updated our Schedule of Events on our website. Be sure to check this page out periodically. [CLICK HERE](#) for the calendar.

## IN MEMORIAM

### [PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED](#)

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

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

## LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

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[MARRIAGE PREPARATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2020](#)

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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>

## **Free Theology Roundtable / Workshop** **Praying the Liturgy of the Hours**

**A FREE ONLINE INTERACTIVE SEMINAR  
FEATURING:  
DR. TOMMY HUMPHRIES  
AND BROTHER LUCIUS AMARILLAS, O.S.B.  
TUESDAY JULY 14 FROM 7:00-8:00 EST**

**PLEASE JOIN SAINT LEO PROFESSOR THOMAS HUMPHRIES AND BROTHER LUCIUS AMARILLAS, PRIOR OF THE MONASTERY AND ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY AS WE DISCUSS THE HISTORY, THEOLOGY, AND SPIRITUALITY OF THIS FOUNDATIONAL METHOD OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**



**Dr. Tommy Humphries** earned his PhD at Emory University and his MA in systematic theology at Catholic University of America after having worked for several years a parish and deanery-wide youth minister and high school teacher. His first monograph is published with Oxford University Press as *Ascetic Pneumatology from John Cassian to Gregory the Great*. An Associate Professor in the

department of Philosophy, Theology, and Religion, he has worked for Saint Leo University since 2011. He often teaches Christian Spirituality as well as dogmatic and historical themes from the first millennium of Christianity. He holds a *mandatum* in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. He and his wife are busy raising a wonderful daughter.

**Brother Lucius Amarillas, O.S.B.**, is a monk of Saint Leo Abbey. He was born in California but grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada where he served as a catechist in his parish. After studying at Saint Leo University, he decided to join the Benedictine monks at Saint Leo Abbey. In the Abbey community, Lucius serves as Prior of the Monastery, the Abbot's right hand that assists him in caring for the monks and their needs. Br. Lucius is also an adjunct professor of theology at Saint Leo University.

**TO RSVP AND RECEIVE THE LINK TO THE SEMINAR- EMAIL:**  
[RANDALL.WOODARD@SAINTLEO.EDU](mailto:RANDALL.WOODARD@SAINTLEO.EDU)

## 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!**



[Click here for News & Events](#)

## 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](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)