



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[RITE OF LECTOR FOR COHORT 2022](#)

This Saturday we celebrated the Rite of Lector with formation Cohort 2022. However, due to the pandemic, we had to limit the attendance at this event. Due to the gift of technology pastors, mentors, family members, and friends attended by watching the livestream on San Pedro Center Spiritual Development Center's Facebook page. To watch in its entirety, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#). Please keep them in your prayers.

[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. **Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey.** Results will be shared in a future Director's Notes.

[CLICK HERE TO BEGIN THE SURVEY](#)

[DIACONATE ORDINATION](#)

Our Diaconate Ordination on October 3, 2020 will be like none other. Due to current rules regarding social distancing, we are restricted to approximately 600 attendees. Our Cohort 2020 has done a great job reducing their invitation lists and keeping it to 25 guests per person being ordained. At this time, we are able to accommodate 75 Deacon couples. Advanced reservations will be required. We will accept reservations until the space is filled. Preference will be given to Deacons who have turned in the Self-Assessment and Continuing Education forms into our office no later than September 15, 2020. We look forward to seeing you there to support our 15 newly ordained. For those who cannot make it, livestreaming of the Ordination Mass and Renewal of Promises for current deacons will be provided.



ADMINISTRATIVE

ANNUAL FORMS PAST DUE

If you haven't completed and turned in your Annual forms, please do so right away. The deadline is September 15, 2020. **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 are to 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.** Scanned copies may be emailed to jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org. Hardcopies with original signatures may be mailed. Send in the Self-Assessment and Continuing Education forms on-time regardless of whether or not you've been able to meet with your pastor before the deadline.

FORMATION MENTORS

We need 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 Deacon Dave Camous at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org. We currently have fifteen candidates, and nineteen aspirants. The aspirants will need mentors by September 2021. Training for mentors will be schedule soon.

DIACONATE SHIRTS

Our next order will be placed on August 20, 2020. If you wish to order a Diaconate polo shirt, [CLICK HERE](#).

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Father Tom Burke, C.Ss.R, Pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Smyrna Beach.

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Several deacons have inquired whether there is a standard format for a Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass. The answer, of course, is ‘yes,’ and the rite should be followed. This liturgy is not the opportunity for deacons or lay persons to ‘make it up.’ According to the USCCB, “*The proper ritual for the Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Holy Communion is found in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass. The specialized provisions of Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest are not appropriate to weekday celebrations.*” Although the current version of this rite available through Liturgical Press is included in a book titled, A Ritual for Laypersons, it eliminates the blessings that a deacon may do during this rite. However, you may find the equivalent rite in the Pastoral Care of the Sick, under the heading *Viaticum Outside of Mass*, omitting those parts reserved for a priest. Finally, our office has created two documents (one in English and one in Spanish) as a simple outline for such a service. This will be sent out via email. It is important not to add additional prayers or parts of the Mass to this liturgy as we must be careful not to ‘approximate the Mass’ in our format.

[DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR](#)

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[CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE](#)

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CONTINUING FORMATION

ONLINE WEBINAR FOR DEACONS

The Ontario Catholic Association of Diaconate Leaders (OCADL) extends an invitation to join them for a webinar-based continuing education day on September 1, 2020, featuring Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro, Bishop of London, Ontario, CN, Deacon Bill Ditewig, and Dr. Josephine Lombardi. Topics will include the Diaconate During the Pandemic, Pastoral Care of Deacons and Their Families, and the Complementarity of Orders and Marriage. The cost of the daylong webinar is \$20CN (approximately US\$15). For a brochure or more information please visit [OCADL Webinar](#).

[CENTRAL FLORIDA BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL WEBINAR](#)

Central Florida Behavioral Hospital will present a free 1-hour webinar on *Back to School During a Pandemic: Healing Children Traumatized by COVID-19 for Parents and Educators*, with Dwight Bain. For more information and to register click here [CFBH Webinar](#) .

[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>

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Ministry of Charity & Justice

Has your Outside the Walls ministry restarted? Are there plans to do so, soon? Please let us know of upcoming events so we can feature the good works being done and provide opportunities for our deacons, wives, widows, men in formation and their wives, to return to the active service of Charity and Justice.

[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		
2022	History of Christianity (summer class)	Formation Retreat- 8/8-9 with Fr. Ben Berinti
2024		Formation Retreat- 8/8-9 with Fr. Ben Berinti
2026		

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)