



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIACONATE SURVEY

This is your chance to help us continuously improve the life and ministry of deacons in the Diocese of Orlando.

Thank you to the 28 Deacons who already completed the Diaconate Survey. We value your responses and hope to provide the continuing education you requested. ***We would like all deacons to complete the survey.***

Do you have 5 minutes to help make a difference?

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

14 NEW DEACONS ORDAINED!

It was truly a blessing to see so many of you and your wives at Ordination Mass last Saturday at the Basilica Shrine. What a joyful day as we celebrated the ordination of 14 men into the Sacred Order of Deacons! Incorporating the renewal of our vows after their ordination showed a beautiful continuation of the fraternal bond. One of Cohort 2020 was sadly unable to attend due to illness. We look forward to his rapid recovery and celebrating one more ordination soon! If you missed ordination, it is available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/OrlandoDiocese>.

PREACHING AND TEACHING “POLITICS”

It is imperative at all times, especially during an election year, to ensure we stay true to the requirement that we, as Catholic Clergy, refrain from “political campaign intervention” as defined in the [Political Activity and Lobby Guidelines for Catholic Organizations](#) . Whether in our preaching, teaching, or social media we must not directly or indirectly endorse any candidate or political party. We may faithfully teach Catholic doctrine or social teaching, and most especially Gospel values. While there are Catholic positions on issues, there are no candidates or political parties that fully represent Gospel teaching. See also [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)



ADMINISTRATIVE

DATABASE UPDATES

Please don't forget to alert our office if you have moved, changed your phone number, and/or email. Email Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org with any updates you may have.

FORMATION MENTORS

We need mentors! All men in Diaconal Formation who have reached Candidacy must have a deacon mentor to help guide them on the journey. If you feel you are being called to help those in formation, please contact me at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org. We currently have fifteen candidates and nineteen aspirants. The aspirants will need mentors by September 2021. **We will schedule training for all mentors soon!**

DIACONATE DIRECTORY

If you would like a copy of our updated Diaconate Directory, please click here:

[Request for Directory](#)

REMINDER TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS

This is a reminder to check your emails daily. Make sure to check your spam folder as well. Please don't unsubscribe our emails nor the Diocese of Orlando's email. **Email is the way our office communicates with each of you. We don't have the "manpower" to call all 244 Deacons within our Diocese.**

BISHOP NOONAN'S E-SCROLL

If you haven't signed up for Bishop Noonan's E-scroll, please do so. E-scroll provides you immediate updates to events or policies affecting our Diocese and parishes. To subscribe: [CLICK HERE](#).

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eleanor Dennis, wife of Deacon Dan Pallo

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

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

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[MARRIAGE PREPARATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2020](#)

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CONTINUING FORMATION

[MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS GATHERING - OCTOBER 8TH](#)

The problem of racism is so big that it can paralyze us, but *Open Wide Our Hearts* seeks first to inspire the type of individual conversion that will in turn renew society. When our own hearts are converted, we will naturally identify and resolve the invisible barriers that unintentionally exclude people from the Body of Christ. **You are invited to join this free online workshop, MPG: Addressing Racism as a Parish, Thursday October 8th, 9am-12noon.**

[Register Here for Addressing Racism as a Parish](#)

[WORKSHOPS ON NEW DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS](#)

The National Council of Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and Our Sunday Visitor are sponsoring a series of workshops on the new Directory for Catechesis - "MAGNIFY" will be offered from October through December. The workshops will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude with discussion at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$125 Member, \$150 Non-Member. **Remember you may request reimbursement for up to \$100 per year through the Office of Permanent Deacons.** For more information and to register: [MAGNIFY WORKSHOP REGISTRATION](#)

[THEOLOGY OF THE BODY, LEVEL 1 - UPDATE](#)

San Pedro Center will host a Level 1 Theology of the Body course through the Theology of the Body Institute, February 7-12, 2021. Cost will be \$995 for commuters for the weeklong course, including meals and all course materials. Those wishing to stay at the retreat center may do so for \$1195 total cost. Partial scholarships available. Please contact Dan Boyd at dboyd@orlandodiocese.org if you wish to secure a reservation.

[CDF LETTER ON CARE OR PERSONS IN CRITICAL AND TERMINAL PHASES OF LIFE](#)

The Good Samaritan who goes out of his way to aid an injured man (cf. *Lk 10:30-37*) signifies Jesus Christ who encounters man in need of salvation and cares for his wounds and suffering with “the oil of consolation and the wine of hope”. He is the physician of souls and bodies, “the faithful witness” (*Rev 3:14*) of the divine salvific presence in the world. How do we make this message concrete today? How do we translate it into a readiness to accompany a suffering person in the terminal stages of life in this world, and to offer this assistance in a way that respects and promotes the intrinsic human dignity of persons who are ill, their vocation to holiness, and thus the highest worth of their existence? [Click here for full letter](#)

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

San Pedro Center is offering a variety of online resources to help you continue 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*

[PRISON MINISTERS NEEDED IN VOLUSIA COUNTY](#)

Prison ministry has experienced severe limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the needs of those in prison has not decreased. We pray that many of the restrictions on ministry will soon be lifted. Volusia County has a particular need to increase the number of trained and credentialed ministers to serve the prison population. If God is calling your heart to serve this vulnerable population please contact Deacon Fred D’Angelo, DeaconFredD@gmail.com.



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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		
2022	Christology	Stewardship
2024	Foundations of Philosophy	Communication in Ministry
2026		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

For a complete list of calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

QUESTIONS? If you have questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email them to dcamous@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” (Jn 16:12)