



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

AND THEN THERE WERE FIFTEEN!

What a joyful day as we celebrated the ordination of José (Chepe) Perez into the Sacred Order of Deacons on October 31, 2020 at Holy Cross Catholic Church! Although circumstances prevented him from joining his 14 cohort brothers at their October 3rd Ordination, most were able to join him for his special day. Deacon José is thrilled to have his 12-year formation journey reach fruition and to serve his community.



DIACONATE SURVEY

*Thank you to the many deacons who completed our survey during the month of October. We now have 69 responses. **Make sure your voice is heard!** We would like all deacons to complete the survey by the end of this month.*

This is your chance to help continuously improve the life and ministry of deacons in the Diocese of Orlando. [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

DIACONATE ENDOWMENT FUND

Help grow our benevolent fund to provide tuition assistance for formation of new deacons and continuing formation to those already Ordained. The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is helping manage this fund. Our donations help our brothers in need. *To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#)*

COVID-19 AND THE FURTHER REOPENING OF CHURCH MINISTRIES

As predicted by medical professionals, COVID cases have surged this fall, including here in Florida. As community leaders it is important that we all follow CDC protocols and diocesan parish directives. Several deacons and their wives have been exposed to the virus, some tested positive, and a few ended up in the hospital. We want you all to stay safe and remain healthy.

The Regional Vicars meet regularly with Bishop Noonan to discuss next steps regarding further reopening of ministries. We encourage you to work closely with your pastors and support them in these challenging decisions.



To stay up to date on developments, please check your emails daily and sign up for the Bishop Noonan's E-Scroll. [SUBSCRIBE HERE.](#)

MILESTONE FOR DEACON AL CASTELLANA



Our very own Deacon Al Castellana, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, is turning 90 years old on November 10, 2020. Let's wish Deacon Al a very happy birthday and thank him for his service as he has been Ordained for 35 years. **Happy Birthday Deacon Al and thank you for all you do!**

ADMINISTRATIVE

FORMATION MENTORS

We need mentors! All men in diaconal formation who have reached candidacy must have a deacon mentor to 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 eighteen candidates and nineteen aspirants. The aspirants will need mentors by September 2021. **We are scheduling training for all mentors after January 1, 2021.**

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS

Come to San Pedro Spiritual Development Center to celebrate Mass in memory of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Orlando. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Mary, Mother of God Chapel. **For the schedule of Masses, [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)**

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

WEBINAR SERIES ON THE LITURGICAL BOOKS

Don't forget to sign up for the new FDLC webinar series on the Liturgical Books! Although the series has begun, they will continue every Wednesday until March 2021. These weekly 75-minute seminars are FREE! Online registration is easy! Visit <https://www.fdlc.org/formation>

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

San Pedro Spiritual Development 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

[VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES with CATHOLIC CHARITIES](#)



Alleviating Hunger. There are many volunteer opportunities at the Rosemont Mission Market and mobile food drops. To sign up, [CLICK HERE](#)

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	Proclaiming and Preaching the Gospel
2024	Foundations of Philosophy	Listening
2026		Discernment Session #2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

For a complete 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)