



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISM MASS - RSVP REQUIRED!

We are pleased to announce the date, time, and place for the Chrism Mass

Wednesday, March 31st

12:00 Noon

Basilica Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe

All deacons are invited, but an **RSVP is REQUIRED** to ensure proper socially distanced seating. Please RSVP to Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org. Wives are welcome, but will sit in the general seating. Please send Jennifer their names if they are attending, and she will communicate that to the person coordinating seating.

Deacons should vest in alb and diocesan stole and plan to vest at your car.

REMINDER... REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND A DEACON RETREAT!

Registration for the diocesan hosted Deacon Retreats is still open. REGISTER today if you wish to go. Please remember due to pandemic safety protocols, the retreats are limited to deacons only. We pray we will be able to return to couples' retreats next year. Deacons will have their own room, but this limitation allows us to achieve social distancing in the conference room and chapel.

March 19-21, 2021- Led by Father Anthony Aarons- [FULL](#)

March 26-28, 2021- Led by Father Fred Ruse- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

May 21-23, 2021- (Spanish language Retreat)- Led by Father Fred Ruse- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



[VIRTUAL RETREAT OPTION FOR DEACONS WITH HEALTH OR TRAVEL IMPEDIMENTS](#)

In this time of pandemic, we continue to seek creative ways to meet your needs. To accommodate health fragile deacons and those who cannot travel to San Pedro Spiritual Development Center, we plan to livestream the retreats on March 19-21 (English) and May 21-23 (Spanish). If you feel you qualify for this livestream option, please email your request to jkuhn@diocese.org. This alternative method of attending is provided as an exception for those deacons who are truly unable to attend in person.

[SPIRITUAL DIRECTION](#)

We are currently compiling a list of deacons who are trained as a certified Spiritual Director. We often get requests for the names of certified directors. If you have been certified, please send me the name of the Spiritual Direction program you attended, and the date you were certified.

For those wishing to pursue certification, we encourage you to check out the following three programs:

- [The Cenacle of Our Lady of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction®](#), St. Petersburg, FL
- [Loyola University, Chicago, Institute of Pastoral Studies](#) (online)
- [Heart of Christ Spiritual Direction](#)/Avila Institute

[DIACONATE ENDOWMENT FUND](#)

Please 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](#).*

ADMINISTRATIVE

[ANNUAL FORMS](#)

For those of you who like to get things done early, we are now accepting submission of annual forms for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. **All deacons must submit the required annual forms and stay current on [Safe Environment Certification](#) in order to remain in good standing.** Forms must be submitted no later than June 1st. Please download

the required forms from the [diaconate website](#) to ensure you are using the most current version. Each year a deacon must complete a self-assessment, obtain a pastor's assessment, and complete their continuing education form. Since it may be more difficult to meet with your pastor during this time of pandemic, we suggest you start now. (Zoom meetings count!).

*If you haven't turned in your annual forms in more than 2 years, you run the risk of having your faculties **SUSPENDED** until you do so.*

FUNERAL FORMS

This is a reminder that if you haven't turned in your funeral instructions, please do so. Please give this beautiful gift to your families and parish families. Please send your funeral forms to Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

IN MEMORIAM

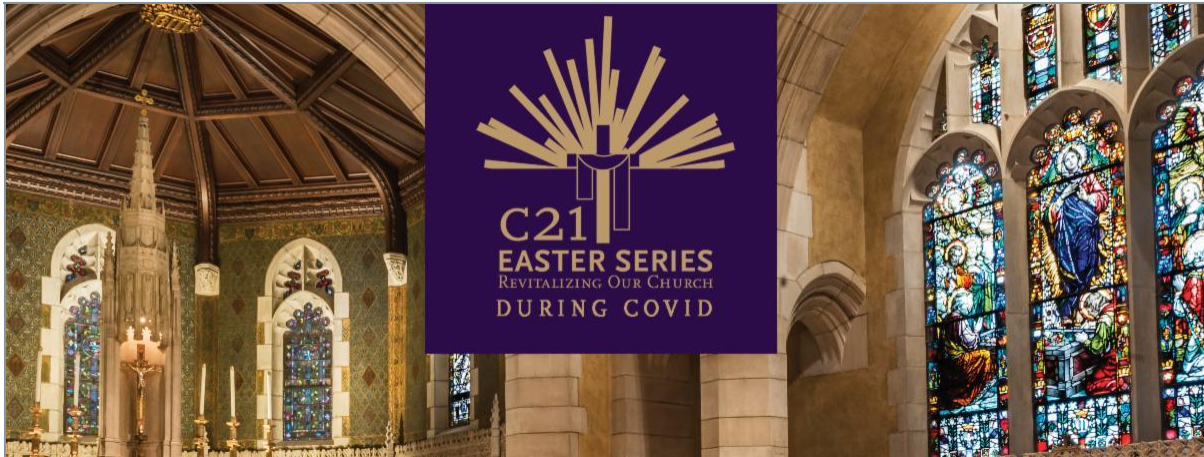
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Deacon Vincent Accardi, Our Lady of Lourdes, Melbourne, who died February 10, 2021.

Deacon Angel Pacheco, St. Isaac Jogues, Orlando, who died February 19, 2021

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

CONTINUING FORMATION

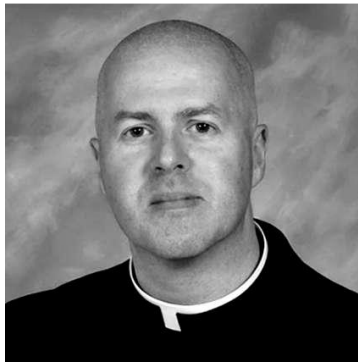


Addressing the Needs of Underserved Communities During the Pandemic

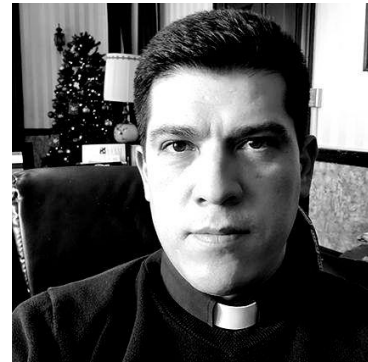
Panelists



Ximena Soto, MSW
Assistant Director, Latinx
Leadership Initiative
Boston College School of
Social Work



Fr. Paul B. O'Brien
Pastor
St. Patrick Parish, Lawrence



Fr. Octavio Cortez, IVE
Pastor
St. Anthony of Padua Parish,
New Bedford

Tuesday, March 9, 1 P.M. EST. On Zoom

[REGISTER](#)

FREE INTERACTIVE THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE / WORKSHOP
PASSING ON THE FAITH: THE CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING

**FEATURING:
DR. JOSH PACKARD AND DR. BOB McCARTY**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10 FROM 7-8:30 PM EST



Empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ is increasingly a challenge... and a blessing! The territory for pastoral ministry is changing rapidly, as evidenced by the significant increase in the “nones” - non-affiliated. This presentation will describe the changing religious landscape for young people and the need to rethink everything when it comes to the ways we engage with the most diverse generation in history. We will also discuss the role of the Church in accompanying young people on their spiritual journey.

Dr. Josh Packard is the executive director of Springtide Research Center and an accomplished researcher, speaker, and author studying the sociology of religion and new forms of religious expression.

Dr. Bob McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and adjunct faculty at The Catholic University of America and The University of Dallas. He offers consultations, retreats, workshops and training programs in ministry skills and issues internationally.

TO RSVP AND RECEIVE THE LINK TO THE SEMINAR- EMAIL:

RANDALL.WOODARD@SAINTLEO.EDU

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>

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

WHY DID THE COLLECT PRAYER CHANGE?

On Ash Wednesday, the Committee for Divine Worship decreed that the English translation of the Collect Prayer at Mass must change. The phrase, “one God, forever and ever.” has changed to “God, forever and ever.” Some may wonder why the change is necessary. Is it really a big deal? Is eliminating that word perhaps implying that the Trinity is not one God?

The reasons for the change are twofold. Most simply, “one God, forever and ever,” was an incorrect translation of the Latin. “God, forever and ever” is correct. But perhaps more importantly, adding the word, “one” could create a misunderstanding of this phrase. To understand this, we must look at the entire concluding doxology. “Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.” Note the structure of this sentence is describing characteristics of Jesus, not characteristics of the Trinity. Jesus, is “your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.” Since we are describing Jesus, we should properly describe him as “God,” but not “one God.” “One God” would only be used when describing a characteristic of the Trinity. To claim Jesus is “one God,” could lead to an incorrect understanding of a divided Trinity, where each of the Divine Persons is “one God.”

This “one” change is a very important one.

You may be aware that this same doxology is used at the end of the Liturgy of the Hours. Therefore, it is proper to make this same change in praying the Hours, and it is essential to make this change when leading the prayer in public.

[DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR](#)

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[MARRIAGE PREPARATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2021](#)

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OUTSIDE THE WALLS

MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

We are pleased to hear so many of you have been able to slowly and carefully resume outside the walls' ministry in many forms. We want to hear the stories of your 'return to action.' What is the same? What has changed? How have you been creative as you reach out to those in need?

Please take a few minutes to send us an email with your stories so we can share them with your brothers in ministry.

God bless you for all you do in serving those on the margins!

FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2022	Ecclesiology	Ministerial Collaboration & Balance
2024	Hebrew Scriptures	Outside the Walls
2026		

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)