



## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HAPPY EASTER!

We pray all of you experienced a truly blessed Triduum and are enjoying fully the new life of Easter! As we celebrate Jesus’ triumph of life over death, redemption over sin, and light over darkness, we pray each of us will bring the Light of Christ more fully into the world so in need of that light.

*Happy Easter!*

#### DEACON RETREATS

Our sincere thanks to Father Anthony Aarons and Father Fred Ruse for being our retreat directors for the March 19-21, 2021 and March 26-28, 2021 Diaconate retreats. Sixty deacons attended in person, and another nine, who were not able to attend for health reasons, attended via livestream. Additional thanks to John Fecko (Cohort 2024) who provided this virtual option. We missed having our wives at the retreats and pray they can join us again next year.

#### REGISTER NOW FOR SPANISH LANGUAGE DEACON RETREAT!

#### VIRTUAL OPTION

**May 21-23, 2021- (Spanish language Retreat)- Led by Father Fred Ruse**

Register now for the diocesan hosted Spanish Language Deacon retreat on May 21-23 at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center, directed by Fr. Fred Ruse. Please remember due to pandemic safety protocols, retreats are limited to deacons only. Deacons will have their own room, but this limitation allows us to achieve social distancing in the conference room and chapel. 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, we also plan to livestream this retreat. If you feel you qualify for this livestream option, please email your request to [jkuhn@diocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@diocese.org).

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### SPANISH SPEAKING DEACON NEEDED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Fr. Josh Swallows is requesting a deacon fluent in Spanish to be permanently assigned to Most Precious Blood Parish in Oviedo. This deacon would preach on a regular basis at the Sunday, 12pm Mass and help minister to the community. **Please contact Deacon Dave if you are interested** [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org)

### ANNUAL FORMS

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 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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. Please turn in your forms in advance of the deadline and contact Deacon Dave for assistance** [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org)

### DIACONATE WEBSITE

We are pleased to share the changes we have made to our [diaconate website](#). We encourage you to check it out. While it is “a work in progress”, we believe you will find it easy to use. Everything a current deacon needs is under [Deacon Portal](#). If you have any suggestions to help improve the website, please email Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

## [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.](#)**

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dcn. Al Castellana, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Winter Park.

Dcn. Jim Seidel, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Viera.

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

## CONTINUING 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>



**April 23rd-25th, 2021**

Come spend the weekend strengthening the emotional and spiritual connection between you and your spouse. This retreat includes talks led by experienced speakers & licensed Mental Health Counselors, Mass, Adoration, opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance, fellowship, reflection, recreation and more! With this retreat taking place during National Infertility Awareness Week, you will hear certain presentations centered around parenthood, adoption, and infertility.

***At this retreat, you and your spouse will:***

- Explore methods used to resolve conflict in healthy ways.
- Learn how to integrate Catholic spirituality and practices into everyday life to strengthen your bond.
- Receive support and encouragement to remain hopeful through hardships tied to infertility.
- Rebuild and fortify the trust, confidence and assurance in your marriage.
- Discover how to compromise differences in parenting styles for a healthy family dynamic.

To register or learn more about this retreat, visit  
[www.sanpedrocenter.org/upcoming-events/revive](http://www.sanpedrocenter.org/upcoming-events/revive)

## [SECRETARIAT FOR LAITY, FAMILY, AND LIFE](#)

The Secretariat for Laity, Family, and Life have two Ministry Professional Gatherings left for this year, one on April 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Walking with Those Who Mourn*, and one on May 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be the end of the year retreat for parish ministry leaders.

To register for either of those MPG's, use the links below:

- [April 22, Walking with Those Who Mourn](#)
- [May 20, Retreat for Ministry Leaders](#)

## [NEW LITURGICAL YEAR WEBINAR SERIES](#)

The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission has announced a new webinar series, *The Liturgical Year, on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., beginning April 21st*. This webinar series will discuss the History and Theology of the Liturgical Year, Lent and Holy Week, The Sacred Paschal Triduum, Easter Time, Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord and many more topics. For more information, and to register for this series, visit the [FDLC](#) website.

### LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

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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 WEEKEND

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2022	Ecclesiology	Giftedness
2024	Hebrew Scriptures	Discernment Check-Up
2026		Pastoral Dimension

## 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](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)*