



## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These young men are celebrating a birthday this month. Let's wish them a very happy birthday.

**Deacon Don Boland, St. Teresa, Titusville, is turning 93**

**Deacon Edward Stives, is turning 89**

**Deacon Bob Pleus, Holy Family, Orlando, is turning 85**

**Deacon John Sullivan, St. Timothy, Belleview, is turning 85**

#### CONVOCATION

*Please mark your calendars....*

**Diaconate Convocation  
Saturday, October 2, 2021  
Holy Family Catholic Church**

We look forward to assembling as a community for our annual convocation. We are finalizing the details which will include Mass with Bishop Noonan with the renewal of our promises and the institution as acolyte for Cohort 2022, a keynote presentation, time for Q&A with the Bishop, and (hopefully!) a Friday evening social.

#### MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS

The Office of Senior Priests celebrates a monthly Memorial Mass for our priests who have passed into eternal life. The Masses are held at San Pedro Center and are a beautiful way to remember the lives of these faithful servants. All are welcome to attend. Deacons are especially encouraged to be present to honor our brothers in Orders. The next scheduled Memorial Mass is:

**Wednesday, July 14th - 10:30am**



## THE DEACON AS A BRIDGE IN TIMES OF DIVISION

Despite the truth that there is more that unites us than divides us, human nature too often focuses on what separates us. As deacons, we have an important role to play in bridging the gap instead of deepening the divide. This month there are two important areas where we can perform this function. As our Church carefully moves forward in removing restrictions imposed during the pandemic, we need to respect the feelings of people on both sides of the issue, while demonstrating absolute support for our pastors and Bishop during this time of transition. For some of us, we also must be bridge builders in welcoming new pastors into our parishes. Change in pastoral leadership can be challenging for parish members, parish staff, and especially for the priests who are changing parish assignments. As bridge builders we can help the priests establish new relationships within the parish, while walking with those in the parish who may be grieving the loss of a respected spiritual leader. These times provide a perfect opportunity for deacons to live our call to serve the People of God.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### ANNUAL FORMS

Is it now June and annual forms were due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Congratulations to the 39% of the all active and 'senior active' deacons who met the deadline. Special acknowledgment to the deaneries who led the way with greatest participation so far.

**Western Deanery - 58.3%**  
**Southern Deanery - 53.3%**  
**Northern Deanery - 46.5%**  
Central South Deanery - 34.5%  
North Central Deanery - 33.3%  
Eastern Deanery - 17.4%

Have no fear, we will still accept your forms, as they are required annually to keep you in 'good standing.' Please don't delay in turning them in. You can find your annual forms on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to download your forms. ***Remember, we will not be able to issue you a letter of GOOD STANDING without having received your annual forms.***

## [DIACONATE WEBSITE](#)

Need a Letter of Suitability? You may request one by going to our website at [www.orlandodiocese.org/the-diaconate-office/](http://www.orlandodiocese.org/the-diaconate-office/)

Remember, our website is where you can order deacon polo shirts, access our policy manual, download the annual forms, check our calendar, and so much more. If you have any suggestions as to additional and beneficial items to be added, please email Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

*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>

### [FREE INTERACTIVE THEOLOGY WORKSHOP: “The Deacon as Preacher”](#)

**Wednesday July 14 from 7-8:30 PM EST**

**To RSVP and receive the link to the seminar- Email: [randall.woodard@saintleo.edu](mailto:randall.woodard@saintleo.edu)**

*This interactive seminar will share ideas from three deacons on the importance of prayerful preparation and delivery of homilies and practical suggestions for continued development of preaching. Featuring: Deacons Mike Miller, Bob Pierce and Glenn Smith. Deacon Mike Miller is a staff chaplain at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, and previously served for several years as a parish pastoral associate. Along the way Mike earned an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from St. Leo's and an M.Div. from St. Bernard's School of Theology. He was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 2019. Deacon Bob Pierce is a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Charleston and one of the instructors for homiletics training for permanent deacons. Deacon Glenn Smith a permanent deacon (Diocese of St. Petersburg), ordained in 2015. He attended Cardinal Glennon Seminary (philosophy) and Kenrick Seminary (theology), earning degrees in pastoral theology and divinity while discerning priesthood.*

## LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

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## OUTSIDE THE WALLS

*MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE*

### [MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND](#)

Two weeks ago, Deacon Joe forwarded the updated Diocesan policy for more fully resuming the ministry to the sick and homebound as of June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please work closely with your pastors to ensure this important pastoral ministry is resumed smoothly. Thank you to all those that pastorally met urgent requests during the pandemic. We are all pleased that we are now at a point where this pastoral care is more generally restored.

## FORMATION

### [SUMMER SCHOOL](#)

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2022	Worship, Sacraments, & Liturgy	
2024	Christian Scriptures	
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](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)*