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The Servant

Newsletter for the Permanent Deacon Community

Lent 2022



Archdiocese Database Information Update

The Archdiocese maintains a database of information on all clergy. They have asked for our help in verifying and updating the information for the diaconate community. Members of the Diaconate Community (Deacons & wives, and Widows of Deacons) should have received a letter from me requesting your review, update, and return of the information that the

Archdiocese has in their database. This updated and verified information will be used to help with communication. Please do complete the form and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope. I will submit the information to the Records department. Your returned form will become part of your file maintained by Records.

To give you a quick view into the current state of the information here are a few datapoints:

- ◆ 164 Deacons and 60 widows will receive letters.
- ◆ **Deacon information**
 - ◆ 98% have email addresses
 - ◆ 71% have a phone number listed
 - ◆ 47% of the spouses have an email on file
 - ◆ 46% of the spouses have a phone number on file
 - ◆ 3% of included their date of Marriage in the file
- ◆ **Widow information**
 - ◆ 67% have an email address
 - ◆ 82% have a phone number on file

*A single act of
love makes the
soul return to life.*

- St. Maximilian Kolbe



Deacon Jim Bauhs

Thank you for your attention and assistance in this very important work. If you have any questions please contact me at bauhsj@archspm.org or 952-388-9679.

Well we have hit the epitome of winter in late February and early March. By that I mean we are all just so tired of winter and really just want it over. We could also say that we have hit the epitome of Covid as well maybe, eh? We are all just so tired of Covid and the arguments, the loss, and everything that has gone with that pandemic as well. We could say the same things about many things, and if we let it get to us – we will of course find ourselves wallowing in a sea of depressing news and updates on any number of subjects.



How do we fight this? Well I always say – try to find the bright side of things that have happened or are coming up!! And in the diaconate world, I have many for just such an endeavor! 😊

First – look through this newsletter – you will find pictures of our 2021 class of deacons that were ordained into ministry back in December! It was a beautiful ceremony. These men have entered into a special realm of service to God and to our Archdiocese. They still have 6 months of post ordination formation to go through with Deacon Joseph Michalak and his team. And this year we are doing something new with the new ordinands – for those 6 months they will be assigned to their home parishes and after their formation is complete, they will receive their permanent assignments from Archbishop Hebda. This gives them time during these last busy 6 months of formation to at least have the comfort of their home parish while they are getting use to the freshness of their new ordained ministry as a deacon. Please, pray for these men as they begin their lives as deacons within this great church of ours. While they have the wonderful graces of ordination – prayers always enhance any graces God blesses us with!!

Also – in spite of a long winter, an even longer Covid season – we are going to try to get back to some semblance of normalcy in the year of 2022 starting with our Deacon Council meetings for the year. By that I mean we will be having in person meetings – but they will also be accessible via remote Zoom meetings as well. I think we all need opportunities to be in person when we feel comfortable with that. And these meetings used to be not only great at communicating what is going on within the diaconate but personal interactions with our brother deacons before Covid interrupted all that. I want to start to bring that back to our Deacon Council meetings so they will all be at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center (ACC - or chancery) this year but also available online via Zoom. The schedule is posted elsewhere within this newsletter so look for that as well as those ordination pictures.

Lastly we are working in coordination with the IOCF, Deacon Dan Gannon and the Archbishop to have an assembly of the diaconate this summer. We have a date with the Archbishop and are still working out the details of the location and duration. But we have done this before a number of years ago out at St. Peter in Mendota when the Archbishop was new to all of us. The Archbishop and the leadership team of the diaconate felt it would be good to do that again as we come out of our Covid hibernation!! There are many

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Director's Update—continued

details of this being worked on and more communication will be coming out in the weeks to come. In the meantime – please “SAVE THE DATE” on your calendars as this is meant to be for some great interaction between the Archbishop and his deacons!!

I want to close with a special offer and a special request. First the offer: please know that I pray for all of you as I know how difficult your ministry can be, but especially in these past couple of years. I pray that you are not only in good health, but are keeping an upbeat spirit as you interact with the faithful of this great church of ours. And then the special request: please pray for our church and in particular the diaconate. We are embarking on a great many changes in the archdiocese and the world. And we as servants to the church and to our Archbishop will be needed in many new ways. Pray that we will not only accept these changes but embrace them as they are presented to us in the coming months and years!

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at lawingerl@archspm.org or via my cell phone at 612-978-0172. Yes – I do publish my cell phone number as I want you to know I always enjoy hearing from each of you!!

Deacon Larry

**May 1, 2022
3:00pm**

**You are invited
to celebrate
the *Golden Jubilee* of
Revd. Dr. Theodore C Campbell**

**Church of the Good
Shepherd,
Golden Valley**

An episcopal liturgy will be celebrated in acknowledgment of the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Revd. Dr. Theodore C Campbell Sunday, May 1 at 3pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Golden Valley. Priests and deacons are warmly invited to participate in this thanksgiving for the apostolic ministry in Christ's Body, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Church.

We ask that vesture be alb and white stole, and that those attending will be vested in the gym by 2:45, for instructions before the procession.

For seating purposes please let Renee Hamilton in the parish office know that you will be coming (763-544-0416.)

Serra International is a worldwide apostolate formally recognized by the Vatican for promoting vocations. Its objectives are to promote and foster vocations to Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life and to support those vocations. It also assists members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness. St Pope John Paul II called Serra the "lay vocation arm of the church."

Serra began in Seattle in 1935 from a group of businessmen who wanted to better live out Christian values in their lives. They named the club after St Junipero Serra who founded nine missions in California and converted thousands to our Catholic faith. It has grown to almost 20,000 members on six continents.

Serrans value their work and the sense of community they receive by working together for vocations.

The Twin Cities area currently has seven clubs that do a wide variety of services and prayer activities. All the Catholic elementary schools now have the "Traveling Crucifix Program" which serves to get students praying for vocations at an early age. They endeavor to help parish vocation committees promote Priesthood Sunday, Vocation Awareness Week, World Day for Consecrated Life and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. They serve at Ordinations and have started a picnic for seminarians and their families so they get to know each other. Serra has also had a summer Steak Fry for local priests and deacons and their wives. There is an ongoing Adopt a Seminarian Program, Discernment retreat and an annual retreat.

A typical meeting combines Mass and/or a Rosary, breakfast, lunch or dinner, a speaker and time for promoting activities. Many clubs have their own unique programs.

Deacons are welcome to join Serra, in fact there is a "no dues" policy for them! The Serra International convention was held in Chicago in October 2021.



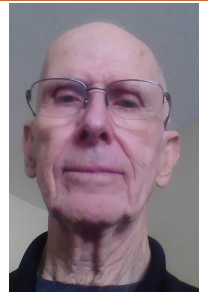
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Invitation to join Zoom for Liturgy of the Hours

Deacon Tom Quayle

Are you possibly looking for a new way to pray The Divine Office? Consider accepting the invitation from Deacon Tom Quayle to join him and a varying number of deacons and deacon candidates as they gather on “Zoom” to pray. Evening Prayer - Each weekday (Monday - Friday), and Mid-Day Prayer on Friday at 10:30am via a Zoom call hosted by Deacon Tom. You can contact Deacon Tom at: tomq1532@gmail.com.

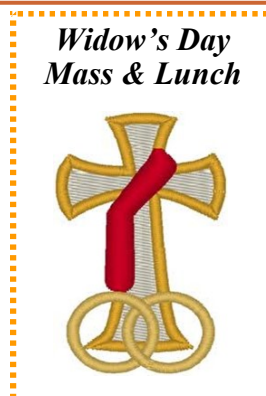


Joy-filled Community



Widows Day Mass & Lunch

Margene Bauhs



The 2021 Widows mass and lunch was held on Oct 20, 2021 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Brooklyn Park. Fr. Dennis Zehren presided with Deacon Larry Lawinger assisting and preaching. 12 widows were in attendance with several members of the Deacon Community Pastoral committee and drivers. This is a much anticipated gathering and appreciated by all who attend. For those who couldn't make it, we missed you! Be assured that the 2022 gathering is already being planned for fall 2022! Watch the next newsletter for an update on the date and place!



Dec 4, 2021 Permanent Deacon Ordination

Diversity - What stands out to Deacon Joe Michalak about this year's class of deacons is how culturally diverse it is for its small size, seven. Three of the candidates are immigrants, natives of Colombia, El Salvador and southern India. Five are married, one widowed, and one never married.

Excerpts taken from the Catholic Spirit

Photos by Dave Hrbacek



Links to articles in The Catholic Spirit

“Seven men to be ordained permanent deacons Dec. 4”

November 24, 2021 [Article](#)



“Called as servants: Seven in archdiocese ordained to permanent diaconate”

Dec 4, 2021, [Article](#)



Meet our new deacons

Hyperlinks to Catholic Spirit articles

[Adelmo Gracia](#)

[Jose Luis Rodriguez](#)

[Michael Braun](#)

[Michael Engel](#)

[Michael Lane](#)

[Philip Grisez](#)

[Victor Susai](#)

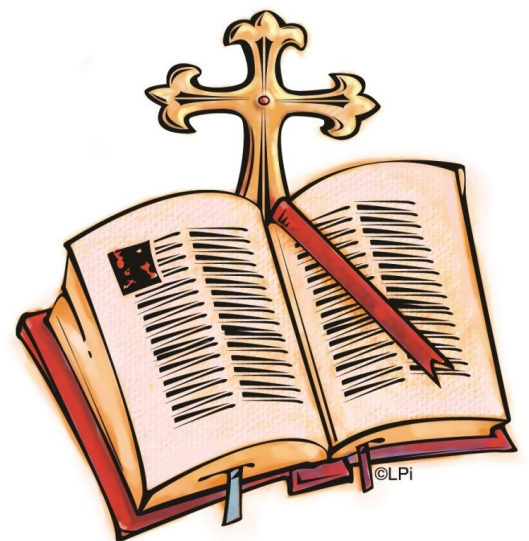


Installation of Lectors

The following Deacon Candidates were Instituted as Lectors for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis by Archbishop Bernard Hebda on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at All Saints in Lakeville.



Candidate	Home Parish
Wayne Scott Bellefeuille	All Saints, Lakeville
Robert Edward Burns	St. John the Baptist, Excelsior
Kevin Donald Conneely	Annunciation, Minneapolis
John Martin Fischer	St. Thomas More, St. Paul
Patrick Lee Kirsch	St. Joseph, Waconia
Kou Ly	St. Patrick, St. Paul
Michael Thomas McGinty	St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park
David Andrew Mead, Jr.	St. Ambrose, Woodbury
Daniel John Murphy	Divine Mercy, Faribault
Francis Michael Pavlick	St. Jude of the Lake, Mahtomedi
Wilfred Arnold Pitts	Guardian Angels, Oakdale
Bruce Arnold Richards	St. Joseph, Waconia
Christopher James Richards	St. Joseph, Waconia
John Robert Rogers	St. Joseph, W. St. Paul
Gregory Jay Schultz	St. Joseph, Waconia
Patrick George Spencer	St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park
Thomas Gregory Utecht	Mary Queen of Peace, Rogers
Christopher Jerome Vance	Transfiguration, Oakdale



IOCF Events

Deacon Dan Gannon

Converging Roads Health Conference

April 2, 2022, 9:15 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

In person and online

University Center of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

2540 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN

Registration is now open for the first Converging Roads Health Care Conference.

Attached is a flyer. To register or for more information

visit: CONVERGINGROADS.COM or contact Conference Director Mylinh Vo

at mylinh@forlifeandfamily.org or 832-779-1070.



Spring Clergy Study Day

Clarity and Charity: An Authentically Catholic Response to Homosexuality

Presented by Bishop John LeVoir and Father Philip Bochanski

April 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Mendota

[Register here](#)

Fr. Philip Bochanski, executive director of Courage International, will review Church teaching on identity, sexuality and sexual ethics in general, and the terminology used in relation to same-sex attraction, to provide clarity on authentic Church teaching and to empower others to present this teaching in a compassionate way. He and Bishop John LeVoir, both former Courage chaplains, will then discuss how “speaking the truth in love” to someone about his or her identity, vocation and relationships can lead him or her to a greater self-understanding and fulfillment in Christ. They will also consider the impact that the experience of same-sex attraction and sexual identity discordance have on the lives of individuals, families, and the parish community.

Marriage Nullity: What you Need to Know

May 18, 2022, Noon - 3:00pm

Presented by [Father James McConville](#).

St. Charles Borromeo

[Register here](#)

People who are applying for a declaration of marriage nullity can find the process a source of anxiety. This is true for those who assist them. In collaboration with the IOCF, our own Metropolitan Tribunal is offering an opportunity to learn and/or to review the application process for a declaration of marriage nullity (annulment). Focus will be placed on explaining the different types of cases and how to help applicants initiate the process, especially in writing their personal history. We want to help you recognize when and in what circumstances an annulment process should be initiated, how to do it and pastoral considerations throughout the process.

Newly Assigned Deacons and their Pastors Luncheon

Friday, July 15, 2022, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony

[Register here](#)

Opportunity for pastors and recently assigned deacons to take some initial steps in building a fruitful relationship for ministry together. This luncheon event is designed to stimulate and help deepen this communication, understanding and clarity. Archbishop Hebda will speak, as well as an experienced pastor and deacon, along with Paul Ruff.

2022

**March 22
June 28
Sept 27
Dec 13
4:00 PM to
5:30 PM**

**April 2
9:15 AM -
6:45 PM**

**April 7
10:00 AM -
3:00 PM**

**May 1
Noon -
3:00 PM**

**June 27 -
July 1**

July 15

July 29 - 30

**August 19 -
21**

**Fall -
Date TBD**

**December
17**

Council of Deacons Meetings,

Location: Archdiocesan Catholic Center & Zoom

All Deacons are invited to attend the meeting of the Council of Deacons.

Contact Dcn Jim Bauhs @ bauhsj@archspm.org

Converging Roads Health Conference

Location: University Center of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota 2540 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN

Spring Clergy Study Day – *Clarity and Charity: An Authentically Catholic Response to Homosexuality*

Presented by Bp. John LeVoir and Fr. Philip Bochanski

Location: St. Peter's, Mendota

Marriage Nullity: *What you Need to Know*

Presented by Fr. James McConville

Location: St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony

Formation: Summer Immersion Study Week

Contact Sue Michel at smmichel@stthomas.edu

Location: Abbey of the Hills Retreat Center,
Marvin, South Dakota

Newly Assigned Deacons & their Pastors Luncheon

Friday, July 15, 2022, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony

Diaconal Assembly with Archbishop Hebda

Details to come

Formation: Aspirant Retreat

Contact Sue Michel at smmichel@stthomas.edu

Location: St. John's Abbey Guesthouse

Formation: Deacon Discernment Day

Location: St. Paul Seminary

Contact Sue Michel at smmichel@stthomas.edu

More details coming

Formation: IDF Day of Reflection

Location: TBD

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More details coming



Save These Dates

Editor's Corner

Deacon Jim Bauhs

"Never let the thought of Him leave your mind but meditate constantly on the mysteries of the Cross and the anguish of His mother as she stood beneath the Cross."

- and -

"Close your ears to the whisperings of hell and bravely oppose its onslaughts."

- St. Clare of Assisi



Thank you for reading the newsletter. I very much appreciate any and all feedback to help improve our newsletter. If there is an article that you would like to see in the newsletter, possibly even writing an article yourself, please let me know. We can help you to prepare it. If you have any pictures taken at one of our community events, send them to me to publish. Our newsletter audience would appreciate your contribution.

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