



BISHOP'S LETTER: IMITATORS OF GOD

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

How are you these summer days? Are you strengthened by God's heavenly sustenance, the Eucharist? St. Paul tells us about the gift of the Eucharist as he speaks to the Ephesians, long ago yet his message rings true today. When we receive Jesus the Eucharist, we are called to be imitators of God. We do not need to live in despair or feel unworthy for each person is created by God for God. We are called to live in His love which Christ so graciously bestowed upon us. We are to fragrance our daily living with this Divine love for as we seek to become holy, we offer ourselves as Christ is, the bond between heaven and earth.

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Diaconate Convocation - is October 5, 2024, at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church located at 831 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs.

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

[REGISTRATION](#) for Friday Evening Social
[REGISTRATION](#) for Convocation

Please email Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org if you need a list of area hotels.

Our Keynote Speaker is Father Albert Haase, OFM. Father Haase is an award-winning author with 15 books on popular spirituality and a highly regarded retreat director and leader of parish missions.





DEANERY MEETINGS

Please don't forget to attend your deanery meetings. We are told all the time, especially at Convocation, you want more time to catch up with your brother deacons. Your deanery meetings will fulfill this request. Please help, support, and engage with your deanery leads and the community.

DEACON EXTERNS

Reminder! You must stay in communication with your Diocese of Incardination at least once a year or your faculties to serve in the Diocese of Orlando may be in jeopardy. If that diocese suspends your faculties for any reason, we may need to do the same. This is true even if you have lived here for 20 or more years. Please reach out to them today even if it is to say hello!

5 YEAR SURVEY

We will be distributing our diaconate survey in September. We hope to present the results at Convocation.

NEW CARA REPORT

A new CARA study found U.S. Catholics are divided in their attitudes about immigration, migrants, and refugees, as well as the importance of Church teaching on migration. [The full report can be read here.](#)





PARISHES NEED DEACONS!

THE FOLLOWING PARISHES NEED BILINGUAL
DEACONS TO HELP MINISTER TO
PARISHONERS

ST. ANDREW, ORLANDO
BLESSED TRINITY, ORLANDO
ST. JOHN VIANNEY, ORLANDO



IF YOU FEEL CALLED
TO ASSIST, PLEASE
EMAIL DEACON DAVE
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS!

Deacon Hector Colon - 90

Deacon James Wade - 87

Deacon Richard Krick - 86

Deacon Juan Vargas - 85

Deacon Vince Trunzo - 80





FORMATION UPDATES

Formation Year 2024-2025 - Began with our annual retreat August 10th-11th, 2024. Deacon Arturo and Esperanza Monterrubio from Maryknoll Missions will be leading these couples. We currently have nine men and wives in their second year of Candidacy, and 13 men and wives in second year of Aspirancy. Please also keep in prayer our 16 couples who will enter into their Formal Discernment year.

Continuing Formation for Newly Ordained - We are excited to announce per the requirements in the revised National Directory, we will be piloting the first year of a 5-year continuing formation cycle for the newly ordained. The 18 men just ordained a part of Cohort 2024 will be the pilot group. The first year will consist of five Saturday workshops spread throughout their first year of ministry, where they will process their ministerial experiences through the lens of their prior formation. The workshops will be in diverse locations throughout the diocese so they become more familiar with parishes in different deaneries. We hope that future years will include workshops that may be accessed equally between the newly ordained and those of us more experienced in ministry. We are very thankful to Deacon German Romero and his team who laid the foundation for this first year.



CONTINUING FORMATION

Upcoming Opportunities with University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community - We are working with the University of Dayton to create online courses that could directly benefit our deacons.

Current Online Courses



We have also been working on additional courses to address existing ministerial challenges. One course would help non-Hispanic deacons increase their understanding of various Hispanic cultures as well as liturgical and pastoral Spanish.

We are excited to share they have announced a new course, “Curricula del Idioma Español para el Ministerio Liturgico.” The course objective is through cultural, grammar, and pastoral aspects modules the participants will enhance their intercultural competence, master grammar fundamentals, and integrate pastoral practices essential for effective ministry in diverse contexts. Deacon Dave plans to give this online course a test run in the fall and hopefully be able to broadly recommend it soon thereafter.

IN REMEMBRANCE

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, August 30, 2024 at the Mary, Mother of God Chapel at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

- 8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours for the Dead
- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for priests, deacons & laity recently buried

PRIESTS

Reverend Bronis Benesevich
Reverend Michael J. Hannon
Reverend Donald Mainardi
Reverend Sean Shine
Reverend Felicito Baybay

DEACONS

Deacon William Fisher
Deacon James Flynn
Deacon Charles Foy
Deacon David Gray
Deacon Ramon Nevarez
Deacon James Schwartz
Deacon Jerry Vaughan

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