



# BISHOP'S LETTER

## We Become His Beloved

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Comfort is something for which we all long. That word, comfort, can mean different things to different people in our secular world. For some, comfort is a soft-cushioned couch on which to sit and watch television. For others, comfort might be a new car or a windfall of money. For others, comfort might be a family gathering, or shelter, or food for a meal.

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# DEACON RETREATS

## SCHEDULE FOR 2025

**FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025**

### **FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE**

DIRECTED RETREAT

Led by Deacon Andy Neu

This weekend retreat will explore our relationship with Jesus Christ, and our place in the Kingdom of God. Our identity as workers in the vineyard of the Lord... formed when Jesus first began to call us and perfected by the Holy Spirit that dwells within us... is a fluid reality. Among other things, you'll explore what gets you out of bed in the morning? How far are you willing to go? And what do you want people to say about you when you are gone?

**MARCH 21-23, 2025**

### **THE HIDDENNESS OF THE DIACONATE**

DIRECTED RETREAT

Led by Deacon Joseph Michalak

We will aim to see more truly the hidden (interior) work of conversion in our lives, the hidden manner of the Father's Love, especially through relational prayer, and the particularly hidden character of what is essential to our diaconal participation in Jesus' diakonia. All of these have implications for our marriage and celibacy, too."

**APRIL 25-27, 2025**

### **IDENTIDAD DE LA FAMILIA DIACONAL, SIGNO DE ESPERANZA**

DIRECTED RETREAT

Led by Father Duberney Rodas  
Grajales

En el marco de la celebración del Año Jubilar 2025 "Peregrinos de esperanza", este retiro ofrece la oportunidad para fortalecer la identidad de la familia diaconal, que es signo de esperanza cristiana. Tendremos la oportunidad de reflexionar y orar juntos, para que al encuentro con Jesús y fortalecidos en la consciencia del don recibido, el servicio diaconal se manifieste como signo de esperanza en el pueblo de Dios al que servimos en el ministerio eclesial, según la indicación del apóstol: "El que ha recibido el don de la palabra, que la enseñe como palabra de Dios. El que ejerce un ministerio, que lo haga como quien recibe de Dios ese poder, para que Dios sea glorificado en todas las cosas, por Jesucristo. ¡A él sea la gloria y el poder, por los siglos de los siglos!" Amén. (1Pedro 4,11).

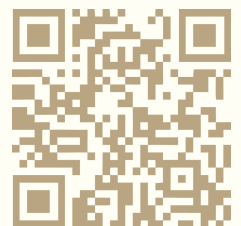
**ALL RETREATS ARE HELD AT SAN PEDRO CENTER.**

**ALL RETREAT COSTS ARE COVERED BY THE DIOCESE OF ORLANDO.**

For more information and to register, visit

[www.sanpedrocenter.org/deacon-retreats](http://www.sanpedrocenter.org/deacon-retreats), scan the **QR code** or call

**Jazmine Hernandez** at (407) 671-6322 ext. 115.



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## NEW ANNUAL FORM

As promised, we are rolling out new annual forms for deacons this year. Previously we discussed the changes to the Continuing Education form, ensuring that we only count as continuing formation activities that are helping us develop new knowledge, skills, or abilities. We have eliminated continuing formation units 'earned' by simply performing the ministries for which we have been ordained (e.g. homilies given, benedictions performed, etc.)

In addition, we have merged the "annual form" with the "continuing formation form" into one document. The form is being posted in English in January, and we plan to have the Spanish version out in just a few weeks.

All deacons are required to use the new form this year, so please download it from our website and delete all older copies of the form which you may have saved on your computer. Thank you!

[Click here for Diaconate Forms!](#)



YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE NEW FORM  
WHEN YOU START YOUR ANNUAL FORMS THIS YEAR.



# GET INVOLVED

## ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FORMATION

With approximately 275 deacons in the Diocese of Orlando, and a robust formation program that is continually being enhanced, there is the need to have a new full-time Associate Director that can keep focused on the formation program. We plan to have this position filled by July. The ideal candidate will have a background in curriculum design and delivery as well as the skills necessary to coordinate all aspects of a complex formation program. Interested parties should review the [full job posting and position description](#).

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES PATHWAYS TO CARE

Pathways to Care always welcomes volunteers and projects. Some of our volunteers provide on-site activities and games for our residents or assist with food preparation and service, building and grounds maintenance, and clerical support. Please fill out the inquiry form [here](#) or for more information about how you can help, please call (407) 388-0245.

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## TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE

The Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Orlando is looking for an individual to serve/assist as an Annulment Advocate for the parishes of Brevard, Orange and Polk counties.

The Advocate should possess an understanding and training in the annulment process in the Catholic Church as well as an understanding of the theology of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Please contact Diana Anderson at (407) 246-4851 or [danderson@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:danderson@orlandodiocese.org) for more information.

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# Pilgrims on the way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of Deacons



## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

Jubilee of Deacons:  
Resource Packet

February 21-23, 2025

## INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God’s transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers.

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The Jubilee of Deacons will be held from Friday, February 21, to Sunday, February 23, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating deacons at any time throughout the Jubilee Year. In the Catholic Church, the diaconate is one of three degrees in ordained ministry - bishops,

priests, and deacons. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Latin-rite Church has restored the diaconate “as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy”. Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons, while those not planning to be ordained priests are permanent deacons. Permanent diaconate can be conferred on a single or married man. If he is married, he must be so before receiving the diaconate.

Lumen Gentium, after describing the function of presbyters as a participation in the priestly function of Christ, illustrates the ministry of deacons, “upon whom”, it says, “hands are imposed not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service.” The Sacred Order of Deacons is to be a “driving force for the Church’s service or diakonia toward the local Christian communities and as a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself, who ‘came not to be served but to serve.’” This is at the very heart of the diaconate to which you have been called: to be a servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at one and the same time, to be a servant of your brothers and sisters. That these two dimensions are inseparably joined together in one reality shows the important nature of the ministry which is yours by ordination.

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# CONTINUING FORMATION

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2025 STUDY WEEK

Registration is now open for the sixty-third annual Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week. The theme is “In Communion with Christ: Joys and Hopes for All/*En comunión con Cristo: gozo y esperanzas para todos*. It will be held in **Victoria, Texas, February 5-8, 2025.**

For more information and to register, please visit: [Southwest Liturgical Conference](#)



# 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*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

Mary, Mother of God Chapel at  
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

# *Happy Birthday*

— TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS! —

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