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New Executive Committee Elected

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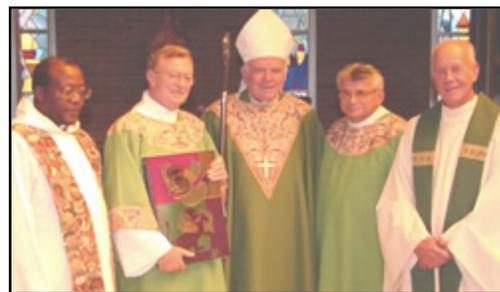
In Memorial

Pray for our sisters & brothers who have left us during this 21st Century

Vishno Brennan	Tom Noone
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30 Anniversary Celebration is History

Under Deacon Al McLaughlin's leadership and Msgr. Philip Morris (pastor of St. John the Baptist Hillsdale) hospitality the Diaconate Anniversary Mass was a joy to behold. Over 135 Deacons, Candidates, and their wives attended on October 3.



L. to R. Fr. Josephat Kato Kalema, Deacon Ed Porter, Bishop John W. Flesey, Deacon Joe Yandoli & Msgr. Philip Morris.



Members of the Class of 1975. L. to R. Deacons Vincent Serzan, James Pullanti, Nicholas Fargo, Jerry Leary, Michael Morend, & John Di Meo.

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The Director Speaks



Deacon Ed Porter

The members of the Executive Committee of the new Council of Permanent Deacons will hold their organizational meeting in January. I'm pleased to list below the accomplishments of the outgoing Council during their term in office:

1. New photo-ID cards were assembled and distributed.
2. The newsletter that you're now reading was re-designed following the passing of its originator, Deacon Charles Kiley.
3. All deacons and men in formation are now on E-Mail and will receive information via this source as well as US Mail.
4. The by laws of the Conference of Permanent Deacons were revised and the name was changed to Council of Permanent Deacons.
5. Through the efforts of the Council, the name and assignment of each deacon is now printed annually in the official Archdiocesan Directory.
6. With much success, the Council urged the formation of local support groups of deacons throughout the Archdiocese.
7. The new annual celebration for all deacons and wives will be held on the feast of St. Francis. The first of this event was held on October 3, 2004 primarily to honor the 30th

Anniversary of the first ordination of Permanent Deacons in this diocese.

8. Instructions for Funeral Procedures for Deacons has been outlined and distributed.

9. A letter of condolence has been prepared to be sent to the widow of each Deacon who passes into eternal life.

10. Procedures for requesting a new assignment or relocating to another locale may now be obtained through the Directors office.

Deacons of the Executive Committee of the Council and the Associates, who so willingly gave their time and efforts, deserve our heartfelt congratulations for a job well done. Your three year term has been most productive and we owe you this message of our sincere appreciation.

2004 Region III Assembly of Deacons and Wives November 12-13, 2004 Pocono Manor, PA

With 253 deacons & wives in attendance, the 2004 Assembly of Deacons and wives began with an early dusting of snow. The Pocono Mountains provided beautiful wintery backdrop for the evening.



After a sumptuous dinner, we all convened to the main ballroom for the Keynote speaker and evening prayer.

The Keynote Speaker was Deacon Candidate Michael York, Class 2005. The following is a synopsis of his presentation:

The time we will spend in this assembly can be described as "Kairos...God's special time"...."a time set apart by God for a particular occurrence."



Think back to when it was six months before your ordination as deacons. Deacon wives, think about what it was like for you and your husband. Undoubtedly you were excited, maybe a little nervous. You were like the first apostles; ready to serve Christ in whatever ministry He called you...You were the embodiment of what St. Paul describes *1 Corinthians 12:1-11*..."*a group of men with different gifts, but the same Spirit, different ministries, but the same Lord*..." Where you were back then, I am, with 35 other men, in formation for the permanent diaconate in service of the people of the Archdiocese of Newark ...and... doesn't St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians perfectly describe this assembly of deacons and their wives here today...a powerhouse of different gifts, but the same Spirit. Unity in diversity!

Most likely you have been asked, at least once, why did you become a deacon? When I was asked recently why I am becoming a deacon?, my immediate response was *Mt25:35-36*. "*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me.*" Perhaps this single scripture passage describes better than any other, why

one becomes a deacon. Right behind that I can point to *1 Peter 4:10*, "**put your gift at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received.**" ...and the measure I and each one of us received has been **great**...and the gift that we give is that of **self**.

The examples and lives of deacons has been the greatest and single largest factor in my responding "yes" to the call to the diaconate...to accepting the challenge to serve...if it were not for them...I would not be where I am today in my diaconate journey.

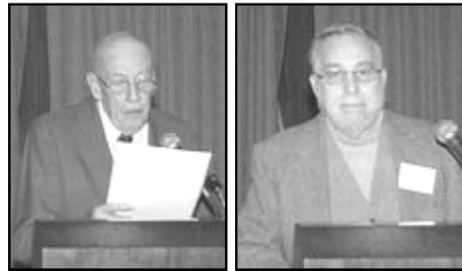
Prison ministry is at the heart of my journey towards the diaconate and I think about why I go to minister to the incarcerated. It is for the same reason that each of us serves in the ministries we do...we find Jesus in those we serve...

However, at one time I responded to Christ like: Isaiah... "*Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips living among a people of unclean lips!*" (*Isaiah 6:5*) or like St. Paul: "*For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle*" (*1 Corinthians 15:9*) or like St. Peter: "*Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.*" (*Luke 5:8*) I wanted to stay on the shore, comfortable and secure...but Jesus kept telling me: "*Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.*" (*Luke 5:4*) The safety of the shore was an illusion! I realized that I am to lure the world to Christ by deeds, by example and sometimes with words. I listen to Mary's words at the wedding feast at Cana, intended for me, for us... "**Do whatever my Son says to you!**" (*John 2:5*) to help be the light of Christ to those we minister and serve.

(Audio of Mike's presentation is available, in its entirety, on the Deacon Newsletter Web Page (for DSL & Cable users – the file is very big and will require a long download time for "dial-up" users)

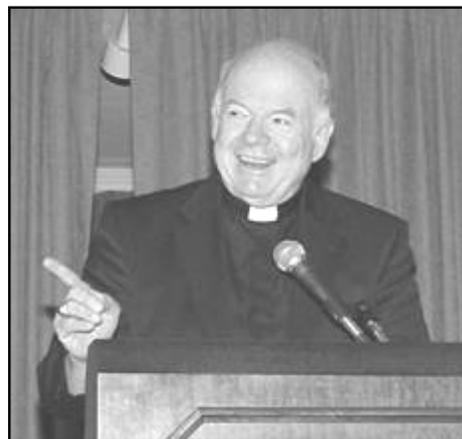
After Michael's inspiring presentation Deacon George Ross led the assembly

in Evening Prayer. The following Morning Prayer was led by Deacon Martin Macaluso.



We then settled down for a very insightful teaching on the "Zacchaeus Experience" presented by Bishop John Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Bergen County. He interlaced his presentation with humorous and thought provoking anecdotes. Much note-taking took place as we gather "fodder" for future homilies.

Luke 19:2-8 "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, when he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house. But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over".



Zacchaeus's response to his calculated encounter with Jesus turned him around in such a way that his witness was stunning to all in-ear shot.

The Wives were treated to Patricia H. Livingston, nationally known speaker & author. Best known for her works:

This Blessed Mess, Lessons of the Heart and Finding Hope Amidst Life's Crisis. Patricia is recognized as a



leader in pursuing and advancing the cause of women in the church. Her talk focused on being open to the awareness of the blessings we receive every day. Practical sharing moved all to a sense of peace, joy and creativity. Pat pointed out that she found, in the midst of all the chaos of life, blessings and hope to carry on.

After lunch & checkout we were all introduced to Deacon W. Leo McBlain, Director of the Permanent Diaconate in the Camden Diocese. Deacon McBlain will be manning the helm for the next Region III Assembly of Deacons & Wives. Ed Porter is passing the baton after 12 years of exemplary efforts in providing Region III with excellent programs.



The Eucharistic Liturgy team left to right is Deacon Jack Lynch, Rev. Msgr. Vincent Grimalia - Diaconate Director in the Scranton Diocese, Deacon Candidate Michael York, Deacon Daniel O'Neill and Margaret O'Neill.



Deacon Bob & Joanne Gurske at Mass

Deacon Robert Baker Appointed Director of Research & Planning



It was announced in the Nov 3, 2004 issue of the Advocate that Deacon Robert Baker will assume the role of Director of Research & Planning upon the retirement of Joseph A. Vancio, the current director, after the first of the year. Deacon Baker was featured in the DeacoNews Deacon Spotlight column in the Fall 2003 issue archived on the DeacoNews. See the website listed on the header of this newsletter.

Retreat Notes

Deacon Earle S. Connelly Jr. (201) 863-4840 X28, our Diaconate Retreat Coordinator reports that new venues are being investigated for 2005 in addition to the October Men's retreat at San Alfonso's.

Did You Know?

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark have special allowances for qualifying Deacons and family members for: plots, crypts and entombments-interments. Call Helen Heath 973-497-7978

Statues of 13 Catholics deemed worthy of national commemoration are among those enshrined in the National Statuary Hall and other places in the United States Capitol. The Hall, formerly the chamber of the House of Representatives, was erected by an Act of Congress July 2, 1864. Donating states, names and years of placement follow: Arizona: Rev. Eusebio Kino, SJ., missionary, 1965. California: Rev. Junipero Serra, OFM, missionary, 1931 [Beatified, 1988]. Hawaii: Rev. Damien, missionary, 1969 [Beatified 1995]. Illinois: General James Shields, statesman, 1893. Louisiana: Edward D. White, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, (1894-1921), 1955. Maryland: Charles Carroll, statesman, 1901. [Signer of the Declaration of Independence]. New Mexico: Dennis Chavez, statesman, 1966. New Mexico: Archbishop Jean B. Lamy, pioneer prelate of Santa Fe, was appointed for Hall honor in 1951. North Dakota: John Burke, United States Treasurer, 1963. Oregon: Dr. John McLaughlin, pioneer, 1953. Washington: Mother Mary Joseph Pariseau, pioneer missionary and humanitarian [date of enshrinement unknown]. West Virginia: John E. Kenna, statesman, 1901 Wisconsin: Rev. Jacques Marquette, SJ missionary and explorer.

On the Liter Side An Anonymous E-Mail Collection

Christian "One-Liners" Some Old
Some New - Enjoy

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet spirited until you try to sit in their pews --- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers ---Quit griping about your church; if it was

perfect, you couldn't belong. God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you? ---Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set. ---Peace starts with a smile. ---I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from? ---A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises. ---We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges. ---Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them. Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous. ---Don't put a question mark where God put a period.---Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church. ---God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. ---God grades on the cross, not the curve. ---God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!" ---God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. --- He who angers you, controls you! --- If God is your Copilot - swap seats! --- Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty! ---The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us. ---The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you. --- We don't change the message, the message changes us. ---You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him. ---The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given. --- "Dear Father: Bless the person reading this in whatever it is that You know they need." Amen!

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