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Class of 2005

To Enter History

By Deacon Ed Campanella

Deacon Ed Porter, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, announced that four years of preparation for ordination to the Diaconate are almost complete as the Class of 2005 counts down to June 11th. Archbishop John J. Myers, following the “call-to-orders,” will place his hands on the heads of 36 good men in an act of apostolic progression from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, conferring on them the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

The drama, excitement, anticipation and anxiety builds to a level known to create “Butterflies of the Spirit” as the practicums, retreats, classes, examinations, letters and “call-to-orders,” set the final sequence into place. (See “Last Few Months” page 3)

The entire Diaconate Community prays for the Joy that the Holy Spirit will center on these men, their families & friends as they ascend the steps of the sanctuary in the Cathedral on the morning of June 11th, 2005.

Pray for Our Community

Please remember in you prayers all the ill and convalescing members of our diaconate family, in particular: Deacons Nicholas Fargo, Leon Johnson and Willie Moore. May the Spirit of God, the healer of souls, bring His healing grace and peace upon the ailing, their families, and all who minister to them.

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The Director Speaks



Deacon Ed Porter

Our Editor, Deacon Ed Campanella, says it very well in the opening article of this issue. Congratulations to you, the Class of 2005 as you prepare for your upcoming ordination. Personally, I must tell you how proud I am of your class. I've witnessed your hard work and tenacity throughout this period of diaconate formation.

It's also a time to thank the many priests, deacons, pastors and mentors who have given their time and talents with their academic instruction and hands-on education. I particularly want to thank my associate, Deacon Joe Lubas who has always been at my side. Without his help, and capable direction, it would have been impossible to bring this program to fruition. Many, many thanks to all of you!

May God bless each of our candidates. My prayers are with you as you enter this new phase along your diaconate journey.



"At Home" with Archbishop Myers

by Deacon Thomas Smith



As part of his ongoing process of "getting to know the clergy of the Archdiocese more personally", Archbishop John J. Myers invited the first group of 30 deacons (he has already met with many of the priests) to his residence on February 10th for an informal evening of prayer and conversation. Greeted at the door by his gracious staff, we started the evening with Liturgy of the Hours and then adjourned to a sumptuous buffet of gourmet foods and beverages.

Our Archbishop invited us to sit wherever we pleased in his luxurious reception area and he joined a small group at the dining room table, where we chatted about property taxes, New Jersey demographics and other topics of interest. It was refreshing to become acquainted with His Excellence in a casual setting. He was a charming host and an interesting and interested conversationalist.

After dining, we gathered again in his reception parlor where the Archbishop thanked us all for our dedicated service to the people of the Archdiocese and reminded us of the primacy of our **ministry of charity** as Deacons, bringing the love of Christ to those in need in the name of our local Church.

He also laid out his plan for the new Diaconate Formation Program. Recruiting is beginning now for a new class of candidates, who would begin training in September of 2006, entering a five-year program, with the first nine months being a time of

discernment. Archbishop Myers mentioned how important it is to be fully aware of the responsibilities of clerical service and that the initial year of discernment would give candidates and their family members an opportunity to decide whether or not Diaconate Service was their "true calling." The educational element of the new program will be conducted at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the campus of Seton Hall University, in conjunction with their Theology Department. Costs to the candidates would remain minimal, as they are at present. Deacon John McKenna (ordained 2002) will be the administrator of the new program.

Archbishop Myers also told us about his plan to have newly-ordained deacons sign a contract with the parish to which they are assigned, so their responsibilities would be clear and misunderstandings about roles within the leadership team could be avoided.

All present enjoyed our soiree with the spiritual leader of our local Church and thanked him for his hospitality and frankness. Deacons are, after all, the "eyes and ears of the Archbishop in the diocese" so it's a good idea to meet personally with him from time to time and communicate our observations and concerns.

Retreat Notes

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Upcoming Retreats - Couples: July 29-30, 2005, Deacons: October 21-23, 2005. A Diaconate Wives retreat, with its own Retreat Master, will be conducted in the Fall if at least 25 women register (call Jean Andrews at 973-675-7213 or send an email to nanajean53@hotmail.com).





“Last Few Months” Joseph Carlo ‘05

As I think of the last few months before ordination, I began thinking of how this journey started this road to becoming a deacon.

I remember clearly one Saturday evening while talking with my wife about how good the Lord has been to us and that I felt the need to extend myself more to my God and church. I had a desire to get more involved with my faith and church. I have had many wonderful experiences and with each one moved a step closer and more in love with my Lord and Savior.

The next day I was scheduled to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Bread and after Mass one of the parish priest’s approached me and asked me on behalf of the pastor, if I would like to become a deacon, but I am really convinced it was the Holy Spirit taking me up on my desire to do more. I could not believe my ears; I was numb the rest of the day. After thanking my Lord for this message and invitation my thoughts went to *Psalm 139*, it begins; “Yahweh you examine me and know me, you know if I am standing, you read my thoughts from far away.”

For weeks afterwards I still felt numb and not of this world. A tingling sensation came with the awesome thought of becoming a deacon. If not being asked by my pastor was not enough, being called by the Holy Spirit was heavenly, *Isaiah 41:10* came to mind as I thought of the road ahead; “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God.” After four years of classes (the first three were two nights a week) there seems like so much has to be done. I and my classmates are going to practicum; we have a retreat coming up and a social to meet personally,

along with my wife with Archbishop Myers. But I’m in good company with thirty five other men in my class with similar feeling. Although we are all different, with gifts and talents of our own given by our Lord, we all have a common goal to love and serve the Lord. St. Paul in *Ephesians 1:11-13*, I think describes God’s plan not only for us but salvation; “And it is in him that we were claimed as God’s own - chosen from the beginning - under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will, chosen to be, for His greater Glory.”

I’m also discerning and praying as to what area of charity the Lord is directing me. I have worked with the poor in soup kitchens, brought the Eucharist to the hospital, and visited those in prison.

My family has been way supportive, especially my wife in my decision to become a deacon. I’m a very blessed individual. I realize that all is in the Lord’s hands and that everything will fall into place.

There is much to be done, planning, praying for guidance etc., but the thought of serving my Lord and God is very exciting. I will always serve God and His church to the best of my ability by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Micah*, I think put it best, I should “Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with my God.”

Deacons Widows & Wives

Jean Andrews by Elizabeth Tobin

I recently joined a beautiful group of women for an uplifting get together at the Archdiocesan Center. I was touched by the camaraderie of this group of Deacon’s widows and wives. Their dynamic leader is Jean Andrews, wife of Deacon Marshall S. Andrews, ordained in 1992. Jean and Marshall have three children, Arnette, Kimberly and Ukumbwa and one granddaughter – their “pride & joy”.

Jean has been a CCD coordinator, prepared families for baptism and teens for confirmation. She is an Extraordinary Minister and Lector. For 6 years, from 1994, Jean and Marshall planned retreats for deacons. As the wife of a newly ordained deacon, Jean discerned a need for wives to come together. She started hosting these grace-filled meetings that take place on the last Saturday of January, April and October. The April meeting is set aside for a Memorial Mass for deceased deacons and wives. When asked what she would like to say to deacon’s wives Jean said this. “God loves you and He knows He is asking you to do this thing with your husband. He knows that it was not part of your marriage vows. He has hand chosen you, whoever you are, however you are. He has chosen you to walk this journey in this way for His glory and honor. He will walk with you. He will give you strength when you need it. You will be enriched in very special ways. You will come to know your God in a deeper more profound way than you ever thought possible! Allow yourself to grow in Him. Love Him and trust Him! He loves you!”

Did You Know?

The “St Lawrence Deacon’s Fund” is donation supported, instituted to assist deacons who are seriously challenged financially. To donate, contact Deacon Ed Porter.

On the Liter Side An Anonymous E-Mail Collection

A little boy attending his first wedding was asked by his cousin, “How many women can a man marry?” Sixteen,” the boy responded. Amazed, his cousin asked; “How can you say that?” “Easy,” he said, “Add it up, like the Deacon said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.”

A 6-year-old reciting the Lord’s Prayer at a Mass “And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us.”

Deacon Spotlight



Michael Maione

Deacon Michael Maione is the 9-5 Pastoral Associate for Temporalities at St. John's Church in Newark. Mike is also assigned as deacon to Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) in Verona with Rev. Michael A. Hanly, Pastor and Rev. James V. Teti, Parochial Vicar.

Mike Maione, born in East Orange NJ in 1937 to Frank and Anna, was baptized at St. Joseph's Church in East Orange and attended grammar school at St. Antoninus Newark. He is the oldest of four sons, the others being: Rev. Frank, serving at St. Anthony's, East Newark, Paul, of Cedar Grove NJ, and Edward, who has since gone to his eternal reward.

Mike met Patricia Mortimer when teenagers as they grew up on the same block in Newark. Their relationship blossomed into a blessed marriage (which very joyfully cruises into its 49th year on November 2, 2005) with five sons: Michael 44, Mitchell 40, Mark 39, Patrick 37, and Perry 34 – six grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, Joshua, Jessica, Kayleigh, and Mitchell – and a four month old great-granddaughter---Alexandria.

(Interviewer's note: each mention of a grandchild's name caused Mike's eyes to glisten increasingly – until the word "great" when he exploded with joy)

Mike went to Westside High School in Newark. After high school he joined the U.S Navy. He served as a communications specialist on a destroyer (USS McGowan) from 1955 to 1958. While serving in the Navy, Mike and Pat were married in 1956. After his Navy hitch, Mike went into supermarket store management with Pathmark and Shop-Rite. He was involved in the UPC (Universal Product Code) innovation and introduction, consulting with scanner manufacturers.

In the 70's, Mike switched aisles and moved into retail marketing with S. Klein's, which was short lived, due to the demise of the corporate entity. A&P at that time was recruiting store managers, which were used to high volume, to manage four new stores in Massachusetts. Mike (one of four executives) and family moved to Massachusetts to manage one of those stores, but within 18 months A&P shut down the operation – so it was back to NJ for the Maiones.

About the same time Mike's Dad had called and asked him to take over the family business in Montclair, which his Dad had run for thirty five years. After some discernment, Mike agreed, and took over Frank and Eddie's Market. In 1988 a dreadful fire caused the permanent closing of Frank and Eddie's market.

Fr. Tim Hourihan, then Pastor of OLL, seeing Mike unemployed, referred him to his brother Msgr. John Hourihan, (then Pastor of St. John's Church in Newark) – who was looking for a lay administrator. After three interviews Mike got the job. Msgr. Hourihan adopted the baptismal model for St. John's – Priest, Prophet and King. With laymen to assist; the Priest is for sacraments, the Prophet is to feed the hungry, and the King is to keep everything running smoothly.

Mike is the King ☺ !

Msgr. James J. Finnerty, St. John's current Pastor, said Mike's efforts keep all temporalities and works of

charity coalescing. St John's ministers to the hungry and homeless with a daily soup kitchen as well as Mass for commuters in the Gateway #1 Complex chapel. A daily noon Mass is available at St. John's. For the past 15 years Mass on holydays are also celebrated at the Peddie Memorial Baptist Church, Newark.

In 1990 Msgr. John Hourihan at St. John's asked Mike to consider the diaconate and he declined as he did not feel worthy or capable, but in 1995 Fr. Hanly (current OLL pastor) asked Mike. After a period of discernment he felt ready, and applied. Mike joined the class of 1999 and was ordained four years later by Archbishop McCarrick on June 5, 1999.

In Deacon Mike's assignment at Our Lady of the Lake, he can be found on a regular preaching, baptizing and funeral rotation as well as working with the Health Care (social concerns) Committee, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, RCIA. Deacon Maione also presides monthly at Holy Hour Adoration - Benediction - Evening Prayer.

Deacon Mike Maione, like many of the Archdiocese's deacons, is truly a member of the busy deacon fraternity, who are the epitome of the saying: "To get something done right – ask a busy person" – ask Mike, he always has the time – somehow!

Mike stated that his greatest ministerial joy comes from the teachable evangelizing opportunities that present themselves in wakes, funerals, committals & especially baptisms. Mike is especially looking forward to baptizing Alexandria – Pat & Mike's first great-granddaughter.

Congratulations! Pat & Mike

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