Deacon & Wives Convocation
November 3, 2007

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Pray for Our Community
Please remember in your prayers all the ill and convalescing members of our Diaconate family. May the Spirit of God, the healer of souls, bring His healing grace and peace upon the ailing, their families, and all who care and minister to them.

The Convocation

The Keynote Speaker of the convocation will be Deacon Bill Ditewig, Executive Director of both the Secretariat for the Diaconate and the Secretariat for Evangelization, and as a Hebrew consultant to the Bishops’ Committee on Scripture Translations.

Seton Hall’s Presidents Hall is the site that was chosen by the convocation committee consisting of Deacons: John McKenna, Joe Yandoli, Al McLaughlin, Louis Lorza, Ernest Abdad, and Joe Mantineo. The time, on Saturday November 3, 2007 will be from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

The convocation will be enveloped between Morning Prayer and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V, D.D. as the principal celebrant.
Director's Column
Deacon John McKenna

I wish you and your families a Blessed Easter season! The Lord has Risen! He has truly Risen!

Our Father in Heaven has a wonderful way of using nature to point us to the Resurrection. The spring season is a time of renewal and new life, which should point us toward Eternal Life. As deacons, we have a privileged opportunity to proclaim the Resurrection in our preaching, in our service to our brothers and sisters and in the witness of our lives.

Spring is a time of change and it is also a time of change for the Office of Deacon Personnel. His Grace, Archbishop Myers, continues to show his dedicated support to our community by naming Deacons Joe Mantineo and Jim Tobin as Associate Directors of the Office of Deacon Personnel effective February 14, 2007. I look forward to working with Jim and Joe on projects which will enhance and support our Diaconate Community.

I would like to thank deacons Ernest Abad and Asterio Velasco for their work in putting together a series of educational talks for deacons and their wives. The first scheduled event will be April 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Archdiocesan Center. I encourage you and your wives, if applicable, to attend. It is a good opportunity to gather as a community and grow in our ministry. We encourage your suggestions for future topics and speakers.

Thanks to the hard work of our brother Deacon, Paul Kliaug, we now have a Deacon Web Site. The web site includes a Short History of the Permanent Diaconate, links for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Congregation for the Clergy and Vatican Documents Pertaining to Deacons, among other resources.

Also included on the web site is our new Deacon Handbook. The Handbook covers topics such as the Role of the Deacon at Mass, a copy of the Ministry Agreement, the policy for ministerial expectations, definitions of diaconal status and the policy for the assignment and tenure of deacons. I encourage you all to review it.

We plan on using the web site as a supplemental communication, in addition to the mails regarding upcoming events and seminars.

Deacon Spotlight

Rev. James Teti

Born on November 28, 1970 in Summit, NJ to Vincent and Katherine Teti, he lived in Maplewood for much of his childhood (Our Lady of Sorrows parish, South Orange) and then later on in Mendham, NJ. As a child he attended public schools in South Orange, NJ, and was graduated from Delbarton School, Morristown, NJ in 1988.


**Rev. Donald Keith Hummel**

Born on 24 November 1949 (Thanksgiving Day) the first born son of Donald W. and Susan L. Hummel. Though born in Newark, his entire childhood was spent in West Caldwell, NJ. (ST. Aloysius, Caldwell, home parish). He attended St. Aloysius Grammar School and then St. Benedict's Prep in Newark graduating in 1967.

He then attended Providence College, Providence, RI and graduated in June of 1971 with a BA in the Humanities. He taught 3 years at East Orange Catholic High while finishing his first Master degree in Educational Psychology and Counseling (MA) from at Montclair State College (now University). After 3 years of teaching, he entered Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington and was ordained in May, 1978. He received a M.Div. from the seminary. Additionally he received his Doctorate in Pastoral Ministry (D.Min.) in May 1991. His post-doctoral work includes certifications in Pastoral Addictions Counseling, Pastoral Counseling & Psychotherapy, Thanatology (*see: Did You Know*) and as a master Police Chaplain.

His assignments include: Diaconate - Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City Priesthood: Parochial Vicar - St. Cecilia's, Kearny (4yrs.) Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen, NJ (7yrs) Chaplain-Director of Campus Ministry, Immaculate Heart Academy (6 yrs). Paramus Catholic HS (2 yrs) Parochial Vicar - St. Helen's Westfield, NJ (2 1/2 yrs) Pastor - St. Bartholomew's, Scotch Plains, NJ (5 yrs). He is currently Director of Ongoing Formation & Continuing Education for Priests as well as coordinator of the Priests' health Committee. He serves on the Priest Personnel Policy Board and the Catholic Advocate Editorial Board.


Born in Garfield, NJ on July 31, 1935 to the late Anthony M. and Eleanor D. Kulig. He received his early education at Seton Hall Preparatory School and Seton Hall University. After six years at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Darlington, NJ he was ordained in 1961. He served at Saint Patrick’s Church in Elizabeth, Seton Hall Prep and later at Seton Hall University.

In 1996, Father Kulig was named Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bayonne. In 2005, he retired as pastor and was appointed to the faculty of the Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Fr. Kulig currently serves in the Presbyteral Council, College of Consultants, as well as an associate director of selection and formation for the permanent diaconate. He has also served on the Vocations Board and the Seton Hall Board of Trustees. In 2006 Fr. Kulig was named a Knight of the Holy Sepulchr by Archbishop John J. Myers.

The whole diaconate community and its leadership welcome Frs. Teti, Hummel and Kulig in a special way as we look to them for their combined experience, judgment, caring, and direction of the Permanent Diaconate Formation program for the class of 2011 and beyond.

### Class of ’92 Celebrates 15 years as Deacons

On May 16, 2007, 20 men of the original class of 23 of the diaconate class of 1992 will celebrate 15 years of service as Permanent Deacons.


**Congratulations!!!**

### Deacon Quinn Named Director of Campus Ministry

Caldwell College has named Deacon Gregory Quinn of Fairfield, NJ as its new campus minister.

Quinn, a 2002 Caldwell College Pastoral Ministry graduate, is currently assigned as a Deacon to St. Thomas...
Deacon Gregory said he is very excited to be on staff at Caldwell College. “This is a dream job that allows me to serve God full-time.”

At St. Thomas More parish, Quinn is director of the social action concerns committee which includes his involvement in Habitat for Humanity ministry and prison ministry. He has been a member of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team.

To fulfill a corporal work of mercy, Deacon Gregory Quinn also goes to prison as described in the February '07 issue of the St. Anthony Messenger, “Helping Prisoners Find God”, by Colette M. Liddy. Deacon Gregory is Co-Director of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark, where among his duties, he is responsible for recruiting men and women to the ministry. He has been volunteering in prison ministry since 2000.

Quinn has spent 27 years in the financial services industry in institutional and retail sales in the fixed income markets. He was previously head of trading at the Sumitomo Bank and a Vice President of Chase Manhattan and Lehman Brothers in New York City. Quinn maintained his own financial advisory for seven years in Verona.

Deacon Gregory holds a bachelor’s degree in English from Kean College and a Master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry from Caldwell College. He was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2005. (from Caldwell.edu and americancatholic.org web sites).

**Monsignor Wister on Religious Life**

Monsignor Wister. S.T.B. S.T.M. D. Eccl. Hist, Associate Professor of Church History at the Pontifical Gregorian University (was the first Jesuit University, founded by St Ignatius of Loyola over 450 years ago) will present a talk about Religious Life from the beginning of the Church until today on Thursday, April 12th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Rev. Monsignor Robert J. Wister

Ordained to the priesthood in 1968, Monsignor Wister teaches such classes as World Christianity, and Popes and Papacy. He also is a Faculty Fellow of Seton Hall School of Diplomacy and International Relations, and a consultant to CBS News on matters concerning Catholicism and the Vatican. His articles have appeared in America, U.S. Catholic Theologian, Church History, Catholic Historical Review; and our own Catholic Advocate. He has written 70 articles in The Catholic Encyclopedia.

**Deacons Wives**

All deacons and their wives are cordially invited to a memorial mass, sponsored by the Deacon Wives, for all deceased members of the our community, on Saturday April 28, 2007, 10 AM in the chapel at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Lunch will follow. Questions? Call Jean Andrews at 973-675-7213

**Patricia Patterman**

**Addresses**

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Patricia Pattermann will present “Praying the Scriptures” for deacons and wives on May 17th, 2007, at 7 PM at the Archdiocesan Center. Along with her husband, Karl, she has been very active in all areas of parish ministry and has recently earned a Bachelor of Theology Degree from Cloverdale College. Through Magnificat, a worldwide ministry for Catholic Women, She has had the opportunity to speak to various Women’s groups.

**Did You Know?**

**NEW WEB SITE:** Thanks to the efforts of Deacon Paul Kliagua, we finally have a new updated Archdiocesan Diaconate web page; Paul designed and implemented this web page. Kudos to Deacon Paul.

I am certain you will all agree that the web site is excellent. It is a wonderful resource for us all and it contains a wealth of pertinent information & links.

Check it out and "bookmark" it. [http://rcan.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_id=64](http://rcan.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&category_id=64)

**THANATOLOGY** (studied by Fr. Don Hummel) is defined as the study of the medical, psychological, and sociological aspects of death and the ways in which people deal with it.

**HISPANIC SUPPORT GROUP:** The Hispanic Deacons meet monthly at the Archdiocesan Center on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM for evening prayer in the chapel, then reconvene in a meeting room for a group support discussion. All are welcome.

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