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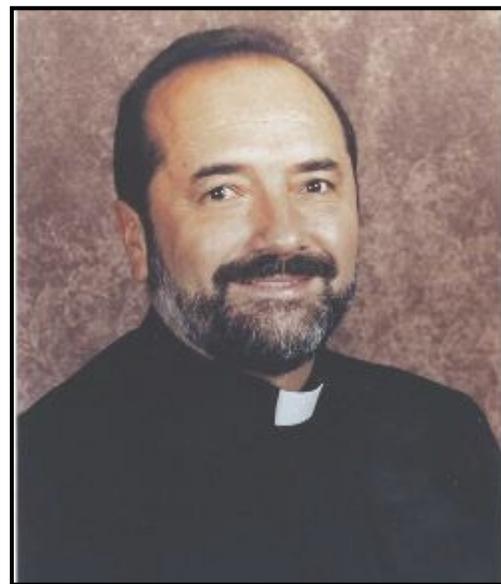
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Candidacy The Final Step



On October 11, 2010 Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha S.D.V. D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided at Diaconal Candidacy at 7:30 PM for the Class of 2011 which consists of 35 men. The installation of candidacy took place at Annunciation Church, Paramus. Those made candidates: Simplicie Ahoua, Wilbert Alexandre, Justo Aliaga, Manuel Almeida, Emeruwa Anyanwu, Charles Boucher, Paul Carris, Joseph Castoro, Arnulfo Cuesta, James Detura, Dominick DiBernardo, Ken DiPaola, John Florio, Angel Hernandez, Pedro Herrera, Donald Hessemer, Jose Homem, John Karal, Timothy Kennedy, Thomas Lagatol, Anthony Liguori, Francis Materia, Robert Millea, Jorge Montalvo, Brian Murphy, Francis Noh, Jorge Ochoa, Anthony Porcaro, Joseph Romano, Todd Rushing, Louis Rusignuolo, Andrew Saunders, Craig Stewart, David Strader, John Sylvester

In Memorial of Our Departed This Year

Norma Zapata Vincent Serzan
Martin R. Hemberger Louis C. Restivo
Janette H. Cunningham Thomas J. Nilan

A complete list of all deceased deacons
and deceased spouses is listed on this
newsletter's website:

http://www.sjanj.net/rcan_deacon/

Please also remember in your prayers all
the ill and convalescing members of our
Diaconate family.

Director's Column



Deacon John McKenna

On Monday, October 11, 2010, Bishop da Cunha installed 35 men to Diaconal Candidacy. This is the final step leading to Ordination in May of 2011. Please pray for the men and their families as they enter this final phase of formation.

This fall we have had Monsignor James M. Sheehan, Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal, as our continuing education speaker. Monsignor Sheehan is giving a series of talks on Canon Law and its application to a deacon's ministry.

On Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., we gathered with the newly installed deacon candidates for an evening of prayer and social interaction in the auditorium of the Archdiocesan Center. We all offered our encouragement to the men in formation and their wives. Light refreshments were served.

The National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States mandates a three year mentoring program for newly ordained deacons. A mentoring committee has been formed and is currently developing a mentoring program, which will be presented to the Archbishop for his approval. The committee will be asking deacons to volunteer as mentors

in 2011. Please consider this important ministry.

May God continue to bless you, your family and your ministry!

Class of 2011 Candidacy

By Deacon Herb Gimbel

It was a cool October 11th evening with a drizzling rain as family, friends, and clergy gathered to celebrate the admission of Candidacy for Ordination as Deacons for 35 men in the Church of the Annunciation in Paramus, New Jersey.



The Most Reverend Edgar M. Da Cunha, SDV was the celebrant and Fr. James V. Teti Director of Selection and Deacon Formation, concelebrated.

It was a joyous time as friends and families made their way to the pews, greeting and congratulating one another for the accomplishment these men have made so far.

It was also a joyous occasion for the priests and deacons that attended the Mass to support these men on the last leg of their journey to the diaconate. After ordination, a new and everlasting journey will begin a life long pilgrimage of faith, holiness, prayer, and service for the church of Newark.

As their formation concludes in May, 2011 their ordination will enable these new deacons to be sent out as Jesus sent the 72 out into the market place of the world to proclaim the good news. (Lk. 10: 1-5).

May these men and their families be blessed for such a noble mission.

Deacon & Wives Region III November 12 & 13



This bi-annual gathering includes deacons and wives from the dioceses in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Our program begins with registration at 3:00 pm on Friday followed by dinner and the opening conference. Saturday morning starts with breakfast and includes a conference and Mass. Lunch is served at noon followed by the closing conference. Religious goods, vestments and books will be available for purchase. An important part of the gathering is the opportunity to meet and share with deacons and wives from other dioceses and renew acquaintances from prior years. Fr. Martin's theme will be "Laughing with the Saints". He will describe well known holy men and women along with their saintly and human characteristics depicting how humor is sometimes the element that balances us during difficult and challenging times. He is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. Fr. Martin will autograph copies of his book.

Deacon & Wives Region III Lancaster Conference Information click for the brochure at :
<http://www.rcan.org/images/deacons/Region%20III%20Assembly%202010.pdf> or contact Camden diocese Diaconate office at:
Phone: 856-583-2858

Couple's Retreat

By Deacon James Tobin

The 2010 Deacon and Wives Retreat was held from Friday, July 23, 2010 to Sunday, July 25, 2010 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Ringwood, New Jersey



The setting was tranquil and refreshing. The Franciscan Center is comprised of some ninety acres of rolling forest and sprawling grass lawns. The site includes a swimming pool, small lake with fountain, Gethsemane Garden, a meditation labyrinth and a beautiful grotto of the Blessed Mother.



We were fortunate to have Bishop Dominic Marconi as our retreat master. Bishop Marconi spoke on a subject which is dear to his heart, Centering Prayer. The bishop covered the subject by lecture, demonstration and practical exercises. I think everyone left with a new understanding of prayer life and how it can be broadened. Bishop Marconi also celebrated Mass for us each day. We also participated in a Penance Service and The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Bishop Marconi was very open and personable. He sat down with us at our

socials. He answered all of our questions with thoughtful wisdom. He laughed at our jokes and he told some of his own. It really felt like the ancient closeness between Bishops and deacons had been renewed.

It was a great retreat; the gift shop even had a sale. The whole thing was put together by Deacon Earl Connelly and his wife Angela assisted this year by Deacon Phil Rejrat and his wife Fran.



There is one somber note, however. This is the last time we will ever have a retreat at this center as the property is being sold and the Spiritual Center will close down completely in June 2011. Deacon Connolly is working on a new location for future couples' retreats, but any of us who have stayed at the Franciscan Spiritual Center will miss it.

Deacons Retreat October 2010

By Deacon Herb Gimbel



Another year has come and gone since our last retreat at the San Alfonso

retreat house in Long Branch. As always the anticipation was fresh with thoughts of friendship, brotherhood, peace and faith.

Our retreat master was Fr. Alan Guglielmo for whom we were happy to have once more. Fr. Al brought a new insight for our ministry as Deacons through the scriptures from the gospel of Matthew especially chapters 5, 6, & 7. We also discussed men and women of faith including the apostles and the saints. This led to a challenge for our weekend to ponder who influenced us in our discernment to be deacons? We were also challenged with various questions such as; how do you pray best? Which beatitude is hard to preach on? This format accorded us all a forum to share and discuss our own story with each other.

This was a very spirit filled weekend, which put into perspective why the good Lord called us, formed us, and sent us out into the marketplace of the world to preach the good news. And remember use words if necessary!



CONTINUING EDUCATION

The fall of 2010 began with a series of presentations on Canon Law for Deacons. Rev. Msgr. James Sheehan, Judicial Vicar, gave the talks at 7:00m p.m. in the Archdiocesan Center.

Thursday	September 16, 2010
Thursday	October 7, 2010
Thursday	November 4, 2010

In Remembrance



Deacon Thomas J. Nilan, 89, of Upper Montclair, N.J. entered eternal rest on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010 as reported in the Newark Star Ledger as follows:

“The Funeral Mass was offered in Saint Cassian Church, Upper Montclair, Interment was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

“Born in Jersey City at home, Deacon Nilan had been a star athlete at St. Aloysius School in Jersey City. He lived in Montclair for the past 60 years and retired as an audit supervisor for Mobil Oil in New York City.

“He was ordained as a permanent deacon in 1981 by Bishop Joseph Francis and was assigned to St. Cassian Church, Upper Montclair, for many years. A volunteer at the Mother Teresa Soup Kitchen in Newark for many years, he also was a longtime volunteer at Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge and Saint Vincent's Hospital in Montclair. Deacon Nilan was a member of the Montclair Knights of Columbus and also a member of the Holy Name Society and an usher and scout leader at St. Cassian Church. He also belonged to the Deer Lake Club.

“Deacon Nilan was an Army veteran of World War II and was a decorated soldier. He served as a military policeman in London, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was a guard at the headquarters in Bastogne. He was wounded in combat and rescued Lipizzaner horses in Prague, Czechoslovakia, behind enemy lines

during the battle. He helped liberate the Dachau and Buchenwald death camps, along with other camps, and also assisted in securing bridge crossing at Remagen on the Rhine River.

“Deacon Nilan was the husband for 63 years of Doreen Vincent Nilan, whom he met in London while dancing during an air raid. He was the father of Eileen Streiter and her husband, Edward, of Florida; Thomas J. Jr. and his wife, Kathleen, of Virginia; John V. and his wife, Kathy, of New Mexico; Jeanne Michalov and her husband, Daniel, of Pennsylvania; Mary Degnan and her husband, Timothy, of Verona; Peter J. and his wife, Joan, of Cedar Grove; Joseph P. and his wife, Pamela, of Toms River, and the late Kevin P. Nilan; also survived by 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren”.

Deacon Tom will not only be missed by his family and friends but by the entire diaconate community in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Did You Know

DEACON & WIVES NECROLOGY
For a complete listing of all deceased Deacons and Wives in the Archdiocese of Newark go to: www.sjanj.net/rcan_deacon and select “Deacon & Wives Memorial Page”

A special thanks to Mary Stark who has been meticulous in researching and helping us keep the list accurate and up to date

WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 28, 2010 (Zenit.org).- “There are more than 17,000 permanent deacons in the dioceses of the United States, a recent study of the U.S. bishops reports. The study, titled ‘A Portrait of the Permanent Diaconate 2010,’ was commissioned by the Secretariat of Clergy and Consecrated Life and Vocations of the U.S. bishops' conference, and conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the

Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

“The study, which is conducted annually, used data collected from 93% of all U.S. dioceses and Eastern Rite eparchies, estimates that there are some 17,047 permanent deacons in the United States, of whom approximately 16,349 are active in ministry.

“All but one diocese reported having permanent deacons, and 21 dioceses reported having more than 200 permanent deacons, with Chicago having the largest number with 646.

“An estimated 92% of active permanent deacons are married, 4% are widowers and 2% have never been married.

“Sixty percent of permanent deacons are 60 years old or older, and 25% are 70 and older. Also, 81% are white, 14% are Hispanic, 2% are African American and 2% are Asian.

“Some 28% of permanent deacons have graduate degrees, 18% are paid for their work as deacons, and 84% of dioceses surveyed require deacons to obtain some form of post-ordination formation.