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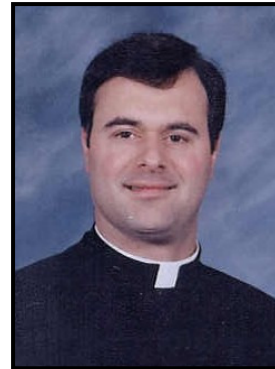
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and deceased spouses is listed on this
newsletter's website:*

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



After a year of discernment and selection, the first year of academic formation has begun for the class of 2016. Thirty men were chosen and are under

the care of the Selection and Formation Director, Fr. James Teti.

The academic formation is provided by the Center for Diaconal Formation which was created in 2009 by Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University as part of its Institute for Christian Spirituality.



Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D. is the Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation, and Assistant Spiritual

Director for the Seminary. He is also Co- Director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and Associate Professor of Christian Ethics. He is assisted by Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A., (class of 2011) who is the Assistant Director of the Center for Diaconal Formation and responsible for its daily operations.

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Office of the Permanent Diaconate

DeaconNews

Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey

Director's Column Deacon John McKenna



This past spring, the diaconate community assisted Father James Teti, Director of Selection and Formation, interviewing candidates for the new deacon formation class. 30 men have begun their academic formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary, School of Theology at Seton Hall University. Please keep the candidates, their wives and children in your prayers. The class is scheduled to be ordained in 2016.

With assistance from Deacon Andrew Saunders, Coordinator of Programs for Immaculate Conception Seminary, we have an interesting schedule of speakers in place for our continuing education program. Due to the scheduling and availability of the Archdiocesan Center auditorium, the sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The next session will be February 7, 2013. A talk on the "Year of Faith" will be given by Father Tom Dente, Director of the Office of Divine Worship. Please try to attend, since, it is a good way to reconnect with the community and stay current on developments in the Diaconate.

The Deacon Council is sponsoring a Lenten Retreat for Deacons at St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, New York on February 15-17, 2013. Our retreat moderator is Father Neil Xavier O'Donoghue who was ordained in 2000 to the ministerial priesthood for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, and since 2002 has served as Prefect of Studies at Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary in Kearny, NJ.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Association of Diaconate Directors is inviting all deacons and their families to attend a National Diaconate Congress commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States. The 50th Anniversary of the Diaconate will take place July 22-26, 2018 in New Orleans. The theme for the congress is: "Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, Forever." More information will follow as it becomes available.

The Deacon Council encourages all counties to have deacon meetings. Please contact the deacon representatives in your county for more information on scheduled meetings.

The Church has just started a liturgical year dedicated to Faith. With Superstorm Sandy hitting our area and the widespread devastation and suffering that has resulted, please pray for all of those who have died, lost loved ones, or have been displaced in the disaster.

God bless you in your ministry!

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By Deacon
Andrew
Saunders



The Center's graduate level academic program is comprised of

the faculty and staff of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and provides the intellectual formation for the Diocese of Metuchen, Diocese of Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark.

The goal of the Center is to supply all the academic needs required to educate and train candidates for the permanent diaconate, in accordance with the norms of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*. In addition, it also collaborates with each diocese on well known guest speakers for pastoral and continuing education programs.

The 16 course academic program fulfills all the requirements for a Masters of Arts in Theology with a systematic concentration (12 courses) and a Certificate in Diaconal Studies

(4 additional courses), is extended over four years and is consistent with the intellectual dimension of formation as outlined in the *National Directory*. Course content includes topics from Sacred Scripture, Theology of God, Spirituality, Mariology, Christian Anthropology, Christology, Trinity, Ecclesiology, Liturgy, Sacraments,

Moral Theology, Canon Law and Homiletics.

All courses for the class of 2016 will be conducted at Seton Hall University's main campus in South Orange, New Jersey on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 PM to 9PM. Course study began in the fall 2012 with *Synoptic Gospels* taught by Rev. Msgr. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., S.T.D., and *Revelation and Faith* taught by Rev. Peter J. Albano, Ph.D. The courses for the spring 2013 semester are *Spirituality of the Old Testament*, taught by Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), and *Christian Anthropology* taught by Rev. Hong-Ray, Cho, S.T.L., Ph.D.

For additional information on the *Center for Diaconal Formation* including its academic programs and faculty please see www.shu.edu/go/diaconate or Deacon Andrew E. Saunders, M.A. at Andrew.saunders2@shu.edu.

The men in the new class are:

Gregory	Aker	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Linden, NJ
Laurence	Bonnemere	St. Anastasia, Teaneck, NJ
Brian	Burke	St. John the Evangelist, Leonia, NJ
George	Carbone	St. Catherine, Glen Rock, NJ
Michael	Cavallo	St. Michael the Archangel, Union, NJ
Douglas	Christmann	St. Francis of Assisi, Hackensack, NJ
Reynaldo	Escalon	Guardian Angel, Allendale, NJ
Meynardo	Espeleta	Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, NJ
David	Farrell	Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ

Thomas	Flanagan	St. Paul, Ramsey, NJ
Michael	Giuliano	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Tenafly, NJ
Michael	Greenwood	St. Paul the Apostle, Jersey City, NJ
Steven	Greydanus	St. John, Orange, NJ
Edmond	Harrison	St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, NJ
Paul	Kazanecki	St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge, NJ
Anthony	Lafranca	St. Joseph, Lodi, NJ
Kurt	Landeck	Holy Spirit, Union, NJ
Stephen	Lipski	St. John the Baptist, Jersey City, NJ
Roberto	Liwanag	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ridgewood, NJ
Efrain	Orleans	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Jersey City, NJ
Manuel	Paez	St. Lucy, Newark, NJ
Paul	Pak	Our Lady of the Lake, Verona, NJ
Michael	Pontoriero	St. Thomas More, Fairfield, NJ
Ralph	Powell	Our Lady of the Lake, Verona, NJ
Kevin	Reina	St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, NJ
Charles	Simmons	St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, NJ
Rodrigo	Soriano	St. Peter's, Belleville, NJ
Walter	Wiggins	Our Lady of Sorrows South Orange, NJ
David	Yoon	Church of Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, NJ
Andrew	Zucaro	Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ

Catholic Men's Conference Remembrance

"Come, Follow Me"

By Deacon Herb Gimbel

"Come, follow me", was the theme for the Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Seton Hall University. It was a beautiful, crisp, sunny day as we pilgrims drove through the gates of the campus. We had help from some great speakers to put our day of praise into perspective. There were booths filled with valuable information and some of the speakers' books. There was a section set aside for confession to be available for everyone throughout the day.

The schedule for the day included a talk by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson, who spoke about how Jesus needs all of us to continue to spread the word of His purpose and mission.

Our next speaker was Mr. Allan Hunt, who was a mega church pastor, and became a convert to the Catholic Church. He shared an interesting journey of conversion. He discovered the Church is Eucharist, and that "We" are the people of the Eucharist. His whole story was very interesting.

Our day continued with lunch and more fellowship. Then there was Adoration with Fr. Mariusz Koch, CFR. My friends in Christ, as the procession started, the Holy Spirit came upon us as we all fell like dominos to our knees in front of the Blessed Sacrament as Jesus passed us by. (Lk. 24:32) Healing prayers from Fr. Bill Halbing followed adoration.

Our final speaker was Rev. James Martin, SJ who spoke about the joy of Christ. He asked, "Who says Catholicism has to be gloomy?" He went on to say how faith leads to joy, and how the saints used humor in their quest for holiness, and how laughter is a gift from God.

Our Spanish-speaking brothers and deacons had the same conference in another part of the building with speakers: Fr. Enrique Corona, Chris Aguirre and Saulo Hidalgo.

The day ended with Mass with Archbishop John J. Myers as the main celebrant. We left with our hearts filled with joy, ready to share the great experience of our Catholic Christian faith.

Next year's Catholic Men's Conference will be on **Saturday, March 2, 2013** at Seton Hall University. Once again, there will be **FREE** admission to all Deacons attending.

Retreat News

By Deacon Ken DiPaola

At the last Deacons' Retreat, over the weekend of October 19 to 21, held at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, 26 Deacons prayed together and grew spiritually under the director of our long-time retreat leader, Father Al Guglielmo.

For the first time, six members from the ordination class of 2011 were present and got to know some of the old-timers. Age wise, however, a few of the 2011 Deacons are older than some of the previously ordained men. The retreat also marked the passing of the retreat responsibility from Deacon Earl Connelly who has very successfully been the "Retreat Deacon" for the past ten years, to me, Deacon Ken DiPaola.

I was ordained in 2011 and after a 27 year career on Wall Street, and I am currently the Director of Development for the Archdiocese of Newark, where I work primarily on the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Under Deacon McKenna's guidance I have planned a retreat for the weekend of February 15 to 17. This is the first weekend in Lent and the theme will be preparing the deacon for Lent and Easter. The location is very convenient for anyone in Bergen County; it will be held at St.

Mary's Retreat House in Sloatsburg, NY. Our retreat moderator is Father Neil Xavier O'Donoghue. St. Mary's has a website with directions and other information. There will be email reminders for this retreat. Anyone wishing to attend can register at dipaolke@rcan.org, or call me at my office (973) 497 4332. I respond to all emails; if you don't get a confirmation from me, please call to confirm your reservation.

This retreat replaces the deacons and wives retreat usually held in the spring. Also, mark your calendars and clear your schedule for the fall retreat over the weekend of October 25 to 27, 2013. This will be held at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch. During Hurricane Sandy, San Alfonso's boardwalk, gazebo and a statute were washed out to sea, however the ocean did not reach the retreat house and it remains undamaged.

If anyone has comments or suggestions for retreats, I welcome your calls and emails.

Deacon's Wives & Widows Day of Renewal

By Peg O'Neill

The Deacons Wives day of Renewal, titled, "Cultivating Compassion", was held on Saturday, October 27th, fifteen deacons' wives and widows attended a Day of Renewal held at the House of Prayer located at Mt. St. Mary's in Watchung. Sister Mary Jo Kearns, RSM, discussed the topic of "Cultivating Compassion," with the group and highlighted the prodigal son from a new and different angle. Time was given for interaction and reflection throughout the program.

After lunch Monsignor Edward Bradley held a Reconciliation service and said Mass for the group. He spoke about the important roles deacons

wives and widows play in the growth of the Church and the community. The Day of Renewal was very well received and the day is scheduled on an annual basis normally on the last Saturday in October. Two hundred



forty dollars (\$240) was collected from the group for the St. Lawrence Fund. For more information please contact Peggy O'Neill at (973) 376 - 4486. If you missed being at the Day of Renewal this year, why not join us next year? We would love to have you with us.

Did You Know?

The "St Lawrence Deacon's Fund" is a donation supported fund instituted to assist Deacons who are seriously challenged financially. To donate, contact Deacon John McKenna.

Very Important

If you change your e-mail address mails, send your new e-mail address to the Diaconate office to hongfran@rcan.org and to edcampy@comcast.net.

Please Note: If you are in need of a new ID card please call Deacon John McKenna 973-497-4125