Fall 2013 Issue
“What so ever you do to the least my brothers, you do to me”

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Prison Ministry
Something to consider

“Those in city,
county, state and
federal jails and
prisons are our
neighbors our
brothers, sisters,
fathers, mothers,
wives, husbands,
children, grandchildren, loved ones -
all are members of God’s family and all
needing our prayers and support to
encourage conversion, rehabilitation
and return to our cities, towns, parishes
and families as vibrant caring members
of our communities”

Blessed Mother Teresa is quoted as
stating that the greatest disease today is
not Tuberculosis or Leprosy but the
feeling of being unwanted.

Visits to the incarcerated, if nothing
else, responds to this disease in a very
special way and provides a doorway for
them begin to consider there is a God
who loves them and cares for them.
Without discussing crimes and
criminality, but by providing basic
Catholic prayer and praise in the
Celebration of the Holy Mass, the
Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet,
reading and discussing scripture and
Holy Hours of Adoration they can
begin the process of change – true
internal change -toward a life that
begins and ends each day in prayer and
thanksgiving and sees others not as
things to be taken advantage of but as
equals in Gods eyes deserving of love,
respect and service. But this takes
time, sometimes a lifetime, but it can
begin with you.

In Memorial of Our Departed in 2012-3
Jose Martinez-Figueroa    Juan Suarez
Michael J.Fitzgerald    Anton Tarabokija
Walter Lynn

A complete list of all deceased deacons
and deceased spouses is listed on this
newsletter’s website under
http://www.sjanj.net/rcan_deacon/necrology.pdf
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The opportunities to serve in this rewarding ministry are vast and most require background investigations. The commitment can be monthly or weekly and the rewards are immense though in many ways not obvious. There isn’t a visit that does not leave you with a sense that in some small way you have reached a heart yearning for peace.

Refer to the Archdiocesan 2013 Almanac page 179 and 180 for all the locations and persons involved for any interest this discussion may have cultivated in your heart.

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed Yourself to Moses in the burning bush, and who gave him the holy law on Sinai Mountain, come, stretch out your mighty hand to set free from the bondage of sin: all the incarcerated, their captors, and those who minister to them, so we may all inherit the joy of your vision for all eternity, through your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Retreat News
The San Alfonzo Deacon retreat is set for October 4th 5th and 6th. Rev. Msgr. McCarren, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and spiritual director at Immaculate Conception Seminary
Cost: $100.00 or $75.00 if paid in advance (Send check payable to Archdiocese of Newark, Attention: Deacon John McKenna by September 15, 2013)

THE TRANSITUS
of St. Francis of Assisi
October 4, 2013 7PM

Our Lady of Assumption in Wood-Ridge
This ritual remembers the passing of Francis from this life to that with God.
The Transitus Remembrance will begin at 7PM. As a Franciscan parish we would like to see as many deacons as possible attend, as we all know Francis was a deacon.
The friary is located at 143 First Street Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075 and the church is on the corner of 2nd St. and Main Ave. All are invited and should bring their albs and white stoles for this event.

For further information please contact Deacon Francis Materia via E-Mail wrhs70@aol.com or 551-486-0344

Class of 2016 Lector Installation
The 2016 Diaconate Formation class will have its Lector Installation on October 14, 2013, 7:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Lake. 32 Lakeside Ave, Verona, NJ 07044 (973) 239-5696. Let us show our support to this up-and-coming class of men by attending this important step on their faith journey

Deacon’s Wives & Widows Day of Renewal
By Peg O’Neill
On October 26 a day of renewal will be presented at Mt. St. Mary’s House of Prayer, 1651 Us Highway 22 Watchung, NJ 07069-6501 RSVP to Peg O’Neill at 973-376-4486

Deacon Anton Tarabokija
Ordained February 3, 1979
67, of Cliffside Park, N.J., entered eternal life on July 27, 2013. A Funeral Mass was concelebrated on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Entombment followed at Fairview Mausoleum, Fairview, N.J. Deacon Andrew Saunders has prepared our next Diaconate Continuing Education session. It will be at 7:30 pm Thursday, October 3, 2013 in the Archdiocesan Center. The evening will begin with evening prayer. Our presenter is Liliana Soto-Cabrera, Diocesan Coordinator, Office for Evangelization.

Join us as we go beyond programs into the heart of evangelization in the parish setting. Mrs. Soto-Cabrera's extensive experience in guiding parish teams toward a greater experience of evangelization will help you to be the catalyst for change at your parish.

Continuing Education
Evangelization Resources for Deacons

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Office for Evangelization uses as its structure eight working committees to bring about evangelization efforts throughout the Archdiocese. Mrs. Soto-Cabrera will elaborate upon these partnership committees and reveal how every parish is unique and how you can evaluate your parish community and determine the best way to bring renewal. The numerous resources of the Office will be on display this evening, and will be explained throughout her presentation.

All Deacons and their wives are invited after the presentation to schedule a meeting that can provide them with a personalized plan of action for the individual needs of the parish.

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Deacon Walter Lynn
Class of 95

Deacon Walter Lynn, 89, of Teaneck was born in Vienna, Austria. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine. Devoted father of Helen and her husband Joe Henline; Christine and Stephen Lynn. Dear brother of James, Olivia, Ryan, Brooke, Jaxson, and Rachel Tarabokija. In lieu of flowers, donations in Deacon Walter Lynn's memory may be made to St. Joseph's R.C. Church on Monday at 10:30 AM. Interment Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the NJ Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 14 Commerce Drive, Suite 301, Cranford, NJ 07016 or National Kidney Foundation, 30 E 33rd St #3, New York, NY 10016 would be appreciated.

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Resource Review

If you have resources that you use and feel would be beneficial for the community to be aware of, please let us know so we can highlight them in this new column of the DeacoNews.

Send submissions for this column to edcampy@comcast.net

Lighthouse Catholic Media has an excellent selection of CDs for individuals or parish “book racks” See: http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/

There is an excellent Catechetical DVD called “Our Catholic Faith” by Matthew Arnold offered by St. Joseph Communications., See: http://www.saintjoe.net/9111.

Topics are covered in DVD chapter format:

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.

The Congress heralding the 50th anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States 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.

Very Important
If you change your e-mail address, 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