

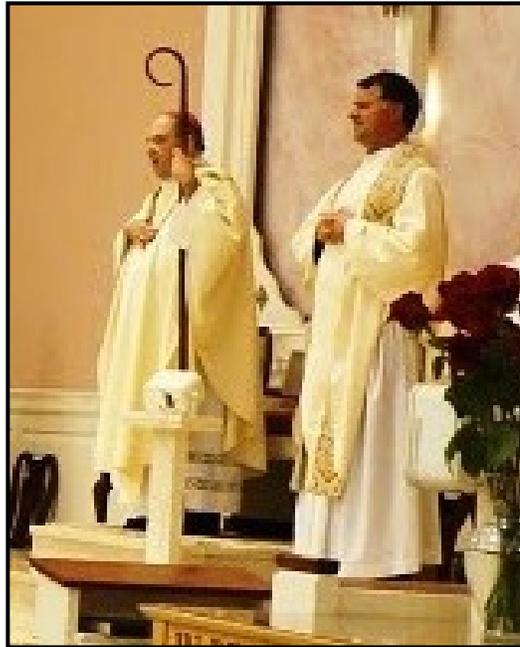


Office of the Permanent Diaconate

Deacon News

Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey

Winter 2016 Issue Class of 2016 Candidacy



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Class of 2016 Candidacy

The men in formation were enrolled as Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate on Monday, October 12, 2015 at Holy Spirit Church, Union, NJ. Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, D.D., J.C.L., J.D., presided. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers as they enter their final year leading to Ordination.

Laurence	Bonnemere	St. Anastasia, Teaneck, NJ
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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
Steven	Greydanus	St. John, Orange, 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
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

Retreat for Deacons

Friday April 22 to April 24, 2016
starting at 6:00 pm dinner.

Linwood Spiritual Center Rhinebeck,
NY

Rev. Mariusz Koch, C.F.R.

Fr. Mariusz Casimir Koch C.F.R. was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. He served as a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Newark for over 25 years until he joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in 1998. He has an M.A. in Spiritual Theology from the Angelicum in Rome. His ministries have included post-abortion retreats, retreats for brothers in formation, priest retreats, spiritual direction, and ministries for youth and young adults. In addition, Fr. Koch has served as Community Servant (superior) of the friars. He also has an extensive international preaching ministry, and has appeared often on EWTN

Cost: \$100.00 or \$75.00 if paid in advance (Send check payable to Archdiocese of Newark, Attention: Deacon John McKenna by April 1, 2016)

To attend, send a \$75.00 check to Deacon John McKenna, Archdiocese of Newark, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104. For questions or additional information call Deacon Ken DiPaola (908) 665-8924.

For driving directions and more information to:

<http://www.linwoodspiritual.org/>

Diaconate 50th Anniversary

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.

Permanent Diaconate Convocation

On November 5, 2016 Center for Diaconal Formation, School of Theology, Seton Hall University will present a Diaconal Convocation at the Jubilee Hall Auditorium, 400 South Orange Ave, South Orange, NJ 07079. For more information visit www.shu.edu/go/diaconate

Deacon Leonard L. Higgins

Ordained In 1976 with the first diaconate class
by Most Reverend Peter L. Gerity



Francis Leonard "Lenny" Higgins, 87, (1928-2015), the former President of the New York Newspaper Pressmen's Union and a Roman Catholic Deacon whose combination of hard-knock roots, charisma and empathy helped him cement major bargains between newspaper magnates and the blue-collar workers who ran the presses during a turbulent era, died at his home in River Vale, N.J., on November 13, 2015

Lenny is survived by his wife Kathleen and their four children, Kathleen Higgins (John Rosiak) of Rockville, MD, Leonard Higgins (Julianne) of Wilton, CT, Maura Higgins of Upper Saddle River and Mahwah, NJ and Eileen Babikian (Jeffrey) of Ramsey, NJ, and twelve grandchildren – Luke, Daniel and Paul Rosiak; Caroline and Sean Higgins; Chelsea, Andrew and Jacqueline Feldman; and Ryan, Lauren, Michael and Brendan Babikian.

As President of the New York Newspaper Pressmen's Union Local 2, which represented workers from New York's three major papers, he negotiated a last-minute deal with Rupert Murdoch that kept the New York Post from permanently shutting down, with a Washington Post article characterizing Mr. Higgins as "tense but resolute" in the face of Mr. Murdoch's ultimatum. The prior year, he represented New York Times pressmen and secured a 10-year staffing level commitment from the Sulzberger family, owner of the Times, as the paper dramatically shifted its operations, including opening a \$400 million suburban plant in Edison, New Jersey. Later, as an Officer for the International Union, he was brought in to resolve labor stalemates at other papers, including the Washington Post.

Lenny flowed seamlessly between social strata to bring people together during a time of tense labor disputes. During his years toiling in the newspaper presses, which were then housed in the basement of the New York Times' newsroom, he developed a keen understanding of world and political affairs, much of it gleaned from a close reading of the news pages that he steered through the presses.

Lenny Higgins was born in 1928 and raised in Depression-era Hell's Kitchen, where he worked odd jobs as a child to support his younger siblings. He dropped out of high school to enlist in the Marine Corps despite being too young and was shipped out to China at the age of 17 in March 1946, where he patrolled the Great Wall. He was honorably discharged in November 1947 and returned to Manhattan, where he met his wife, Kathleen. They were married in 1955 and bought a home in River Vale, N.J. in 1961, where they resided ever since.

Throughout his career he often worked overnight shifts, returning home just in time to walk his children to the school bus stop in the morning. Lenny had an

incredible love for his wife, children and grandchildren and treasured time spent with them at his summer home in Long Beach Island.

A member of the first graduating class of Deacons in the Archdiocese of Newark, he served for many years as a Deacon at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy parish in Park Ridge, N.J. He participated in the marriages and baptisms of numerous parishioners, friends, and family members, including those of his own children and grandchildren.

Deacons Wives & Widows Memorial



Peggy O'Neill, beloved wife of Deacon Daniel O'Neill entered eternal rest on Thursday, July 2, 2015. Peggy was active organizing events for the Deacons Women's Group and she will be missed but we rest assured in the Resurrection on the Last Day.

Jean Andrews 84, wife of Deacon Marshall Andrews (Class of 1992-entered eternal rest on 7/29/09), went to her eternal rest on September 21, 2015. Jean volunteered much of her time coordinating events for Formation Retreats, Deacon Wives and Widows, Crusillo, Marriage Encounter and CCD training Conformandi, for many years before retiring to Texas.

On October 12, 2015, Margaret "Peggy" Barrett beloved wife of the late Deacon Thomas J. Barrett (June 27, 2015) entered eternal rest.

Paula LaFranca, the wife of deacon candidate, Anthony LaFranca,

entered eternal rest on December 21, 2015. Please pray for the repose of Paula's soul and please keep Anthony and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

The Silent Blessing

By Deacon Herb Gimbel A Contributing Editor

God is the source of all blessings. We are all blessed by His grace and through the Holy Spirit. As clergy we are the conduit to bless all people, religious articles, homes etc. Sometimes, as we are greeting parishioners after the mass, someone may almost demand a blessing (please give me a blessing I need a blessing) and so we respond.

In my 16 years as a deacon it has occurred to me that I give a silent or quiet blessing when I am in a public place. I was at a religious article store, and as I was leaving the people at the counter wished me a Happy Thanksgiving, I responded "and to you and your family". Then my hand came up and made the sign of the cross and said may God's peace be with you in a very quiet way as they blessed themselves.

Sometimes we may be in a store or just on the street and see a child or adult and the Holy Spirit moves us to give a blessing to that person, Again my hand comes up slightly making the sign of the cross. (May almighty God bless you and protect you from all evil and bring you to everlasting life). It is the Holy Spirit that has been bestowed upon us at our ordination that prods us along. Let us recall from scripture "Without cost you have received and without cost you shall give." Therefore, we speak for those who can't.

I am sure that there are times we find ourselves wanting to give a blessing and it doesn't happen just right. That is ok; it is the intent that counts. As we continue our journey through the marketplace of life, may the Lord have mercy and may God bless us all.

Very Important

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

Deacons and Wives Continuing Education

Life Issues

Moderated by Justin M. Anderson Ph.D. and Diaconate Class of 2016 Candidate Michael Juliano M.D. Seton Hall University Immaculate Conception Seminary

The focus was on "End of Life Issues Euthanasia, Death Penalty Heaven & Happiness, Authentic Freedom" and "Gay Marriage The Common Good & Family as the Basic Building Block of a Healthy Society"

The Women at the Well

An Inspirational Morning of Reflection

For **wives** of permanent deacons, deacon candidates and aspirants was presented on November 7, 2015 · 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." - John 4: 15

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Dr. Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D. Associate Dean, Assistant Professor Facilitator

WWII Chronicles of Deacon Charles F. Kiley

Deacon Charles F. Kiley (ordained 12/14/75, entered eternal life 1/27/01) and his loving wife Billee Kiley

(entered eternal life 2/22/07) were vital leaders of the Diaconate, and were mentors and inspirations to the Deacons and their wives who entered the ministry during their years of leadership. Charles was assigned to his home parish of Holy Trinity in Westfield. Deacon Kiley was part of the diaconate formation team with Deacons Ed Porter, Joe Marcum and Joe Lubas. Deacon Kiley was also the originator of the DEACONEWS, the Deacon Newsletter, and was its editor for many years.

In addition to Deacon Charles's contributions to the Diaconate, he was an accomplished journalist and editor. Part of his distinguished career was spent writing for The Stars and Stripes newspaper during World War Two where he covered the surrender of the Germans to the Allied command in May 1945.

Deacon Kiley's and Billee's son David, daughter Ann Kiley and son-in-law Thomas Pellechia have collaborated on a book called "Writing the War" which chronicles Charles and Billee's war-time romance and experiences during the war. The book, endorsed by Tom Brokaw on the jacket, is based on the more than 800 letters exchanged between Charles and Billee during the war, and Charles's reporting.

A free event to mark the launch of the book was presented in the evening of Saturday October 24, 2015 at The Knights of Columbus, 37 South Ave., Garwood, NJ. Following a social hour, there was a staged reading of letter excerpts with a handful of songs from the WW2 performed by David Kiley and actress Marlene Inman. The Kiley family would like to invite anyone from the Diaconate community to attend. Signed books were available at the event to purchase.

A link to the book on Amazon.com is here: <http://amzn.to/1LKFGb9>

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

Divorce and Separation Support - For those overwhelmed by the pain of grief and loss through separation or divorce and for those in this support ministry see this Christ-centered website. It is designed to assist with the journey that those grieving a loss through separation or divorce travel through. "There is truly light at the end of the dark tunnel" see: <http://www.catholicsdivorce.com/>

Two Wolves by

by Marci Shimoff

From avani-mehta.com

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil.

It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good.

It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

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.

Clergy ID Cards

Requests for new or replacement Clergy Identifications cards are to be made directly to Deacon John McKenna's office 973-497-2125

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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

Deacons are Invited to Rome - Special Jubilee of Mercy Celebration!



Deacons and their families from around the world are invited to come to Rome to participate in a major celebration for deacons as part of the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year! The Jubilee for Deacons is a celebration for deacons, their wives and families that will be held in the Eternal City from May 27 to 29, 2016.

On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis announced an "Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36)." The Jubilee of Mercy Holy Year begins on December 8, 2015, with the opening of the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica. Major events are scheduled throughout the year.

The Holy Year of Mercy will be an opportunity to encourage Christians to meet people's "real needs" with concrete assistance, to experience a "true pilgrimage" on foot, and to send "missionaries of mercy" throughout the world to forgive even the most serious of sins.

More than a dozen individual jubilee celebrations are scheduled in 2016, such as a jubilee for consecrated men and women to close the Year of Consecrated Life; a jubilee for the Roman Curia; a jubilee for those devoted to the spirituality of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday; and separate jubilees for teenagers; for deacons; priests; the sick and disabled; and catechists.

A formal letter from Most Reverend Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, invites deacons and their families on behalf of Pope Francis to participate in a convocation for deacons in May 2016 (see attachment). Bishop Fisichella states, "I am certain that such a global convocation of deacons, men who by their vocation and ministry are closely associated with works of charity in the life of the Christian community, will serve to give witness to all that 'mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life' (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus* 10)."

The Jubilee for Deacons program schedule. Details by day include:

Friday, May 27, 2016: Beginning at 5:00 pm, deacons and wives will be organized by language (English, Italian and Spanish) for a series of presentations at the seven church of St. Lawrence. A keynote address will be presented on the subject, "Deacon – Icon of Mercy of the New Evangelization." Three additional presentations will discuss application of the Deacon as the Icon of Mercy "In the Family," "In the Parish" "In the Workplace."

Saturday, May 28, 2016: Starting at 8:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm, there will be opportunities for Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation and tours of the seven churches of St Lawrence as personal pilgrimages. At 6:00 pm, pilgrims will walk through the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica to hear official catechesis on the subject: "The Deacon: Called to the Service of Charity in the life of the Community."

Sunday, May 29, 2016: 10:00 am.

Holy Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis. Deacons will be seated to the front.

There is no registration cost to attend the Jubilee for Deacons, but participants will be required to register in advance. More information about registration will be shared as it becomes available.

All flights, ground transportation, hotels, and meals are the responsibility of the attendee. Pilgrimage tours are being organized by travel firms that have supported NADD over the past several years as convention exhibitors and sponsors. Please contact one of these preferred tour operators for information and help planning your trip:

Jim Adair; The Catholic Tour, 877-627-4268
Email: jimadair@thecatholictour.com

EO Catholic Tours; Deacon Ray Defendorf; 607-426-1100
Email: rdefendorf@travelwithus.com

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HolyLand Travel Center; Issa Qumsieh; 505-217-9460
Email: info@holylandtc.com

Each firm offers opportunities for deacons to travel free of charge as "hosts" with sufficient numbers of persons in their group. The Jubilee for Deacons welcomes parishioners, so there is potential to gather a sufficient number of people to travel at no cost.

We hope to see you in Rome at the Jubilee for Deacons!