



2018 Anniversary Issue

50th Diaconate Anniversary

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In Memorial of

Our Departed

Jose Rodriguez

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At 12 Noon
on Sunday
October 7,
2018 Cardinal
Joseph W.
Tobin,
C.Cs.R, D.D.,
Archbishop of
Newark,
celebrated

Holy Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark, N.J. in the presence of the catholic laity, deacons and their wives, pastors, priests, brothers & sisters in consecrated life, and guests. Deacons Michael York was the Deacon of the Mass. Deacons Walter Wiggins and James Detura assisted. Ministers of the Precious Blood were: Deacons Dave Farrell, Steve Lipski and Andy Golden. The Lectors were: Maureen Srinivasa and Margaret O'Hara. Gift Bearers were: Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Lipski, Mrs. Patricia Wiggins, Mrs. Imma Anyanwu, Mrs. Fannie Loughran and Mrs. Laurie Kanapsky. A reception followed in the Archdiocesan Center.



A complete list of all deceased deacons and deceased spouses is listed on this newsletter's website under <https://www.rcan.org/sites/default/files/files/necrology.pdf>

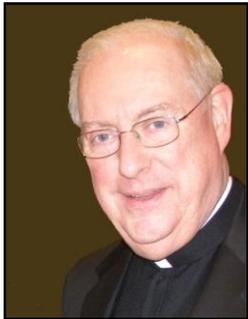
Office of the Permanent Diaconate

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A Recollection of the Archdiocese of Newark Permanent Diaconate

By Msgr Timothy J. Shugrue,
Director 1982-90



The Permanent Diaconate was instituted in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1968 by Archbishop Thomas Aloysius Boland.

According to Wikipedia, Archbishop Boland attended all four sessions of the [Second Vatican Council](#) in Rome, where he was elected to head the Bishops' Study Committee, between 1962 and 1965.

Msgr. Richard McGuinness – 1968 to 1978 as the Founding Director of the Formation Program and left, when he was named Rector of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

Msgr. McGuinness was assisted by Associate Directors Walter Stanecki and Charles Kiley, original founder and editor of this DeacoNews (Charlie spent his entire military service in London, writing for Stars and Stripes and later serving on Eisenhower's press staff: he was the pool reporter for the signing of the German surrender at the end of WW II. Charles Kiley's son and daughter published a book, "Writing the War", which is a wonderful selection of the letters Charles and wife Billee exchanges during the war years 1942-45)

For about two years, I would say, there was no official director for the post-ordination programs. It was Fr. George L. Mader who took on that role, in or about 1979.

Rev. Edward Swierzbinski followed Msgr. McGuinness for about a year as director of the formation program. In 1979 the Program was under the supervision of Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba, Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary and Secretary for Ministerial Formation (now at Presentation Church, Upper Saddle River).

I was appointed director of the formation program (then called the Permanent Diaconate Preparation Program) in December 1979, and was in that position until June, 1990. In 1982 I also became director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, taking over from Fr. Mader in guiding the services for deacons after their ordination. At some point in Fr. Mader's tenure, the Deacon Council was established. The relationship between the Council and my responsibilities as director of the Office were not clearly defined, but we made it work.

In addition to Deacons Kiley and Stanecki, I was assisted by Deacons Robert Thomann, Gustave Grieder, Daniel Ravelo, John Cullinane and Walter Kraus as Associate Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and by Father Harvey Ballance (now retired, living in Upper Montclair) who was Associate Director for the Hispanic Formation Program. Later, Deacon Joseph Marcom also assisted and Deacon Asterio Valesco. The wives of the Associate Directors also met regularly with us during those years.

In 1990, Deacon Michael Matthews succeeded me as director and Deacon Robert Thomann assisted with the Formation Program and Deacons Kiley and Stanecki remained involved. Also, at the time of Deacon Matthews's appointment Archbishop McCarrick then named Msgr. Thomas O'Leary as Vicar for Deacons; I believe that, for a time, Msgr. Robert Harahan (now Headmaster of Seton Hall Prep) followed him in that position.

Deacon Ed Porter was appointed as director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, 1995 – 2008 and was succeeded by Deacon John McKenna as Deacon Personnel Director. After a time Fr. James Teti was named director of the Selection and Formation. Deacons Joseph Yandoli & James Tobin are the associate directors.

Editor's Note: Our special thanks to Msgr. Shugrue and Deacon Robert Thomann for their efforts providing this "recollection"

ACOLYTE INSTALLATION



On October 8, 2018 at Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge, twenty three men of the Diaconate Formation Class of 2020 were installed as Acolytes by Most Reverend John W. Flesey, S.T.D., DD

Michael Alfano	St. Michael, Union
Scott Califano	St. Theresa, Kenilworth
Victor Conversano	St. Francis of Assisi, Ridgefield Park
Arcadio Cordova	St. Cecelia, Kearny
Edwin Dava	Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City
Roberto Del Rios	St. Michael, Newark
Roberto Demetillo	St. Cassian, Upper Montclair
Matthew DeVoti	Notre Dame, N. Caldwell
Junelito Fuertes	St. Anne, Fair Lawn
Bernard Hayes	Church of the Annunciation, Paramus
Hugh Keffer	St. James the Apostle, Springfield
John (Yeongh) Kim	St. Andrew Kim, Maplewood
Suk Chan Kim	Church of the Madonna, Ft. Lee
John LaDuca	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Wyckoff
Carl Lordi	Saint Mary, Nutley
Thomas Moore	St. Philomena, Livingston
Michael Pasquale	St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield
Krzysztof Pawlik	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington

Deacon Keith McKnight

See this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCFIHnwu4eY>



Keith McKnight of Jersey City entered eternal life September 10, 2018 at the age of 72. Keith was born March 28, 1946 in

Kingstree, South Carolina to the late Laurie and Margaret McKnight. Keith moved to Jersey City at the age a six and attended P.S. #14 and Lincoln High School where he achieved many academic and athletic scholarships. Keith was awarded a Basketball scholarship to LSU and a Football scholarship to Holy Cross. Unfortunately, world events carried him to Southwest Asia to the Vietnam War.

Before Keith departed to serve his country, he met and married the love of his life, the late Rita McKnight (nee Townsend). From their loving union one child was born whom they named Kevin. Upon his return from service, Keith became employed by Western Electric (now AT&T), pursued an undergraduate degree from Jersey City State College (NJCU) and climbed up the corporate ladder; retiring as an executive with AT&T.

After retirement Keith was called to the cloth and completed his requirements in Formation and on June 6, 1999 he was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church.

Deacon Keith and his late wife Rita traveled the world evangelizing and worked tirelessly in the religious community for years. Keith is survived by his son Kevin McKnight (Cheryl), three grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Kayla and Christopher; loving in-laws, nieces, nephews other loving relatives and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Christ the King Catholic

Church, 768 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City. Funeral Mass, Saturday at 10:00AM in the church.

Deacons Wives & Widows Memorial



Mark your Calendars! The annual Diaconate Wives Day of Renewal is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, at the House of Prayer in Watchung. All deacons wives and widows (Archdiocese of Newark) will be receiving the letter and registration information early in September. Pre-registration is required and we have a limit of 25 women.

Our Memorial Mass will be celebrated in the Spring of 2019.

Resource Review

“Understanding the Diaconate” Historical, Theological and Sociological Foundations by W. Shean McKnight,

Catholic University of America Press ISBN978-08132-3035-1

Pope Francis wrote two new books for deacons: “Serving with Joy: lessons from Pope Francis for deacons today” (available as a Kindle book for \$4.99) and “Pope Francis Deacons, Servants of Charity.” Written through the eyes of a deacon. Available after August 17, 2018 from USCCB for \$19.95. (code 7-583)

Grief Awareness & Counseling: A very helpful site for those grieving and those supporting the greiving, particularly in immediate loss: www.refugeingrief.com

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

2018 50th Anniversary Celebration in the Archdiocesan Center

