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The Deacon Memo

November, 2022

New Formation Class Accepted into Candidacy



The ten men who comprise the current Permanent Deacon Formation Class in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati were accepted into Candidacy by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. These men began their three-year formation program in September under Fr. David Sunberg, Director of Permanent Deacon Formation at the seminary. They are on the path towards ordination which will be in April, 2025.

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Pictured above are (l to r): Rev. Anthony Brausch, Rector; Mr. Jack Rivetti (NE-10 Family); Mr. James Menart (NE-10 Family); Mr. Mark Bade (NE-10 Family); Mr. David Ulmer (SE-1 Family); Mr. Christopher Jasek (NE-9 Family); Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr; Mr. Roger Kaiser (NW-1 Family); Mr. Timothy Geiger (C-5 Family); Mr. Ronald Burwinkel (SW-2 Family); Mr. Christopher Bergman (S-9 Family); Mr. Phillip Theodore (NE-4 Family); Rev. David Sunberg, Director of Permanent Deacon Formation.

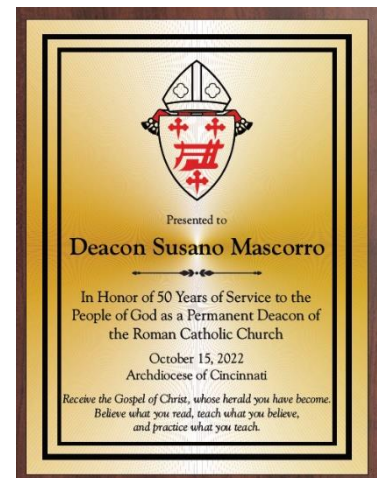
Deacon Susano Mascorro Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Deacon Susano ("Sal") Mascorro, a deacon of the Archdiocese, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the permanent diaconate on October 15, 2022. Susano was ordained for the Diocese of San Antonio, Texas. He and his wife Elisa moved to Dayton shortly after his ordination to obtain a master's degree at the Air Force Institute of Technology and they remained in the Dayton area ever since. He was assigned to St. Helen Parish in Dayton when they moved here in 1974 and he has ministered there to this day.



Deacon Sal has more years of ordination seniority than any other deacon in the Archdiocese because our first ordination class was in 1976. So he was ordained 4 years before any of our other deacons.

At the St. Lawrence Feast Day Mass and Dinner in August, Deacon Susano was honored with a letter of congratulations from Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and was given a plaque to commemorate this milestone.



In addition, Sal celebrated his 90th birthday on August 26, 2022!

Deacon Sal, thank you for fifty years of dedication and service to God and the Catholic Church as a permanent deacon! May God continue to bless you and your ministry to His people!

Reminder of Rules for Senior Status



Active deacons in the Archdiocese who are approaching their 75th birthday are required to submit a letter to Archbishop Schnurr indicating that they will be turning 75. In the letter, the deacon must state either 1) that they are requesting to move to Senior Status or, 2) that they would like to request to defer Senior Status and remain on Active status. This should be discussed with the deacon's pastor first. The letter, addressed to Archbishop Schnurr, should be mailed to the Director of the Office of the Diaconate for processing. The Director will add the appropriate additional documentation and submit the request to the Archbishop. The deacon will receive a letter from the Archbishop indicating the acceptance of his request.

If a deacon defers Senior Status at age 75, he must make a new request at age 78, again to either move to Senior Status or remain on Active Status. If he remains on Active Status at age 78, that will remain in effect until age 80.

Maria Stein retreat



Nearly 60 deacons from across the Archdiocese gathered for three days of instruction, sacraments, prayer and brotherhood at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein in October. Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM led an outstanding retreat entitled *"Heaven on Earth: The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist"*. We were blessed by the insightful presentations by Fr. Ricardo and enjoyed the time to get away with our brother deacons. The Maria Stein

retreat center is a beautiful and peaceful location for a retreat. Please join us for next year's retreat!

Retreat Requirements

As you know, an annual retreat is one of the requirements for Active Status deacons to remain in Good Standing (the others are completing 10 hours of continuing formation and remaining current with SafeParish bulletins). There are two retreats offered each year to fulfill that requirement – one at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein and the other at St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Some deacons have chosen a variety of other retreats to meet the requirement. In some cases, these have not really fulfilled the objective of a retreat. The intent of a retreat is to get away from the normal routine of ministry and daily life. **It is intended to be a multi-day event, which includes presentations from a Retreat Master, sacraments (daily Mass, communal prayer, opportunity for confession), reflective personal time alone and opportunities for shared time with other deacons.**

Retreats other than those offered by the Archdiocese should be discussed with the Director of the Office of the Diaconate to be sure that it would be an acceptable retreat to fulfill the annual requirement.

Updated Handbook to be Published

Our Archdiocesan Permanent Deacon Handbook has been in need of updates and revisions for quite some time. With the help of Deacons Brian Campos, John Corson, Jon Danner, Tim Helmick, Max Schellman, Dave Shaffer, Pat Palumbo, Dan Wade and myself, we have gone through the handbook and made appropriate updates. It will be presented to Archbishop Schnurr for his concurrence and promulgation, and it will be distributed to all deacons as soon as it is ready for publication.

Permanent Deacon
Handbook



Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Prepare and Enrich Marriage Assessment

As the Office of the Diaconate continues to enhance the application



process for those men applying for Deacon Formation, I am going to institute a marriage assessment component. Many dioceses use the Prepare and Enrich assessment tool for this purpose. If any of you are trained in the scoring and interpretation of the results using Prepare and Enrich, and would be willing to assist me in the use of it in future application cycles, please let me know. I'd like to establish a small team of deacons who could administer the assessment and help interpret the results. Thank you.

Pastoral Planning – Center for Parish Vitality

Deacon Mike Lippman is the new Director of Pastoral Planning in the Center for Parish Vitality. Deacon Mike is part of the team that is supporting our pastors and their parish families through the Beacons of Light process. If you have questions, feedback, or concerns about the Beacons of Light process, please reach out to Mike at mlippman@catholicaoc.org or (513) 263-3363.

Requiescet in pace

Deacon Paul Richardson
Deacon Robert Kozlowski

Ordained Sept. 26, 1976
Ordained Sept. 28, 1991

Died August 7, 2022
Died October 19, 2022



"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

Necrology – November

November 1, 1998
November 1, 2009
November 2, 1999

Deacon Francis Wheelock
Jean Petrie
Mary Lane Kiley

Ordained 7/28/79

November 2, 2016	Deacon Johannes Schade	Ordained 4/30/16
November 3, 2009	Pat Sonnenberg	
November 3, 2018	Deacon Jack Borgerding	Ordained 7/28/79
November 10, 1994	Deacon Eugene Wabler	Ordained 9/25/76
November 10, 2018	Deacon John Schmiesing	Ordained 9/28/91
November 12, 2002	Deacon Thomas Gargan	Ordained 7/28/79
November 13, 2006	Deacon John Jachimowicz	Ordained 6/25/83
November 16, 2004	Mary Blum	
November 20, 2004	Deacon Charles Briley	Ordained 6/21/86
November 21, 2002	Deacon Eugene Miller	Ordained 6/22/85
November 21, 2004	Deacon Robert Huffman	Ordained 6/25/83
November 29, 1998	Carolyn Wiehe	

Necrology - December

December 4, 2016	Deacon Thomas Huff	Ordained 7/3/82
December 4, 2019	Deacon Kenneth Schnur	Ordained 4/27/13
December 5, 2020	Deacon Ralph Gutman	Ordained 4/27/13
December 6, 2011	Deacon Joseph (Ted) Schmidt	Ordained 7/3/82
December 10, 2011	Deacon Urban Waldbillig	Ordained 7/28/79
December 15, 1995	Deacon James Smith	Ordained 6/25/83
December 16, 2010	Deacon Jack Gould	Ordained 9/26/98
December 23, 2000	Kathleen Gobbi	
December 23, 2019	Rita Marie Bertke	
December 25, 2017	Deacon Raymond Grismer	Ordained 9/26/98



This Month's Humor ...



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