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Office of the Diaconate



The Deacon Memo January, 2023

Save the Date! Deacon Regional Meetings



Who says there's no free lunch? Well in this case, it's free dinner! The Spring Regional Meetings have been scheduled. Enjoy an evening of fellowship with the entire deacon community for dinner, communal Evening Prayer, a speaker and updates from the Office of the Diaconate. RSVP's will be coming later in a separate e-mail for this free event. For now, please put the date on your calendar!

- Cincinnati – Thursday, April 20, 6:30 pm at St. Mary Parish, Hyde Park
- Dayton – Tuesday, May 2, 6:00 pm at St. Paul Parish, Englewood
- North – Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 pm at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein

Our speaker will be Deacon Mike Lippman, the new Director of the Office for Pastoral Planning for the Center for Parish Vitality at the Archdiocese. Deacons and wives, single/widower deacons, widows of deacons, and men in formation and wives are all invited! Looking forward to seeing you then.

Annual Reports Are Due by January 31

Annual reports for the year 2022 will be due to the Office of the Diaconate by January 31, 2023. The link to the online report can be found on the Secure Login section of the Diaconate pages of the Archdiocesan website. [Please click this link](#) to go to the Secure Login page. The password to enter the page is DEACONCOMMUNITY in all capital letters. Once in the Secure Login area, click on the Continuing Formation Report box and fill out the form. It will be e-mailed directly to the Office.

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Remember, to be in Good Standing in the Archdiocese, each ACTIVE status deacon must submit an annual report, complete 10 hours of Continuing Formation each year, attend a retreat yearly, and be current with quarterly bulletins in the SafeParish system. Senior Status deacons are not required to submit an annual report, complete continuing formation or attend a retreat, but must be current in SafeParish.

Archdiocesan Policy on *Ad Orientem* Masses

Archbishop Schnurr promulgated a new policy on *Ad Orientem* worship on December 21, 2022. Since this has been a concern for some deacons, I wanted to be sure that you were aware of this policy.



This new policy is now particular law for the Archdiocese. It establishes that Mass facing the people is "desirable wherever possible" and that this should be the regular practice in the churches, chapels, and oratories of the archdiocese. It also requires advance notification of the inclusion of regularly scheduled parish Masses celebrated *ad orientem*, and permission from the Archbishop for any exceptions to the policy.

The policy can be found in its entirety at this link: [AoC Ad Orientem Policy](#).

Retreat Schedule 2023

To allow you to plan for your 2023 retreat, here is the schedule for the retreats offered by the Office of the Diaconate.



St. Meinrad Retreat

- ❖ September 12-14, 2023
- ❖ St. Meinrad Archabbey
- ❖ Retreat Master – Fr. Adrian Burke
- ❖ Cost TBD
- ❖ RSVP to Deacon Andy Rammel at andy.rammel@gmail.com

Maria Stein Retreat

- ❖ October 6-8, 2023
- ❖ Spiritual Center at Maria Stein
- ❖ Cost \$125; \$90 for Senior Status deacons
- ❖ RSVP to Deacon Mark Machuga at mmachuga@catholicaoc.org
(registration form will be distributed closer to the retreat)

Looking for a Deacon Support group?



The Saint Stephen's Motley Men cordially extend an open invitation to attend their next meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish located at 17 Farragut Road in Greenhills. The Motley Men are looking for new members to break open the Word, discuss the blessings and challenges of ministry, Beacons of Light and support each other. The host for the

meeting is Deacon Henry Jacquez. To RSVP or get additional information please contact Henry at henryquezzzer@gmail.com or (513) 505-2070.

Deacon Shirts Available

Deacon Leo Cordonnier of the Northeast-10 Family of Parishes in Dayton contacted me to say that he has several deacon shirts from a deacon who died. He would like to know if anyone would like them. Please contact Deacon Leo directly to inquire at lcordonnier@aol.com.

Necrology - February

February 3, 1994	Deacon Alan Braun	Ordained 9/25/76
February 6, 2006	Deacon Carl Franzer	Ordained 6/20/87
February 9, 2007	Mary Laengle	
February 13, 1995	Deacon Aloysius Juniet	Ordained 6/22/85
February 16, 2006	Deacon Mark Brunner	Ordained 7/28/79
February 17, 2003	Elizabeth Lozier	
February 18, 2013	Mary Ann Krumm	
February 20, 2011	Deacon Raymond Burger	Ordained 6/25/83
February 23, 2004	Deacon Vincent Orlando	Ordained 9/25/76
February 24, 2005	Margaret Baur	
February 26, 1998	Deacon Charles Brockmann	Ordained 6/21/86
February 29, 2012	Deacon Gerald Schneider	Ordained 6/25/83



This Month's Humor ...



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