



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Office of the Diaconate



## The Deacon Memo September, 2023

### **Congratulations Class of 1998**

On September 26, the class of 1998 will celebrate the **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordination** to the permanent diaconate. Twenty men were ordained by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on September 26, 1998. The deacon community and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati congratulates them and offers our sincere gratitude for your many years of service to the people of our Archdiocese.



The members of the Class of 1998 are:

Greg Bornhorst	John Holthaus (deceased)
George Bruce	Conrad Kolis
Jerry Buschur	Nicholas Kostic, Jr
John Carlin	Virgil Lochtefeld
Robert Correale (deceased)	Bill Mullaney
Jerry Etienne	Jim Olinger
Tom Faeth	Ed Reising (deceased)
John Gould (deceased)	Dave Shea
Ray Grismer (deceased)	Tom Strodbeck (deceased)
Tim Harris	Royce Winters

### **Who Can You Personally Invite to the Diaconate?**

As I mentioned at the St. Lawrence Feast Day dinner, the sizes of the Permanent Deacon Formation classes have been getting smaller over the past 10-15 years.

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- The 2010 class was our largest class ever (except for first class in 1976) with 32 men ordained
- 2013 dropped to 19
- 2016 was 18
- 2019 was 15
- 2022 was 14
- The current formation class has only 10 candidates



I'd like to challenge each deacon to think along the lines of "who will be my replacement once I'm Senior Status (and beyond!). Remember that a personal invitation is the best way to generate a positive response. Simply planting the seed in the mind and

heart of a good and faithful man may be all that the Holy Spirit needs to begin the promptings of a vocation as a deacon.

## **Senior Status Procedure**

As a reminder, once a deacon reaches the age of 75, he is required to submit a petition to the Archbishop to either move to Senior Status or to request being deferred from Senior Status.

1. Prior to turning age 75, a deacon must make his request for Senior Status in writing to the Archbishop. In the letter requesting Senior Status, the deacon must state that he either 1) wishes to move to Senior Status, or 2) requests to defer Senior Status. The letter, although addressed to the Archbishop, is sent to the Director of the Office of the Diaconate. The Director will then contact the deacon and his pastor to discuss this request. In consultation with the Director of the Office of the Diaconate and the pastor, the Archbishop will make his decision and an official letter accepting or deferring the Senior Status request will be sent to all concerned parties.
2. If the Archbishop decides to defer Senior Status for a deacon, the deacon must resubmit a letter of request at ages 78, 80 and annually thereafter.

A deacon who has reached Senior Status retains all faculties and the title deacon and may continue to provide diaconal service as his age and health permit. He is no longer expected to meet the ongoing formation requirements (continuing education and

retreat), but he is encouraged to participate as he is able. A deacon who has reached Senior Status is entitled to all of the benefits and information accorded to deacons.

The obligation to pray Morning and Evening Prayer continues for a deacon who has been granted Senior Status.

## **Continuing Formation Opportunities**

### **GOSPEL OF MARK WORKSHOP**



The Gospel of Mark workshops have been scheduled by the Priestly Formation Office for Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The November 7 workshop will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, Bartlett Pastoral Center. The November 8 workshop will be held at Ascension Parish, Kettering. Dr. Matthew Genung, S.S.D., Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, will be the presenter. More information to come.

### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY IN-SERVICE**

The Center for the New Evangelization Marriage & Family team is pleased to invite all clergy, parish ministry staff, marriage preparation mentor couples, and NFP instructors to attend the Marriage & Family In-Service on Thursday, October 12 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Tipp City, OH. This year the theme will be the Marriage Catechumenate. The event will focus on the archdiocesan plan to assist parishes in implementing the Vatican guidelines, Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life. Please RSVP here no later than October 6, 2023. Contact Adriana Vásquez with any questions at [avasquez@catholicaoc.org](mailto:avasquez@catholicaoc.org)



## **Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession**



The 9th annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning with 8:00 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Men will then process with the Eucharist through downtown Cincinnati, concluding at 11:00 a.m. with final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church. Join the

seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and other Catholic men of all generations, and invite your father, sons and friends – we expect the largest turnout yet this year! Please contact David Willig at 513.305.6719 or davidwillig@gmail.com if you have any questions.

## **Necrology – October**

October 1, 1997	Alice Schmiesing	
October 2, 1996	Deacon Orien Stokes, Jr.	Ordained 7/3/82
October 3, 1999	Deacon Thomas Kiley	Ordained 7/28/79
October 3, 2008	Deacon Paul Reeves	Ordained 7/3/82
October 3, 2016	Deacon Raphael Simmons	Ordained 7/28/79
October 3, 2020	Deacon Jerry Sasson	Ordained 4/28/07
October 9, 2016	Linda Shaffer	
October 12, 2014	Patricia Lutz	
October 14, 2021	Deacon Elmer Fischesser	Ordained 6/20/87
October 14, 2021	Deacon Ray George	Ordained 6/25/83
October 18, 2015	Deacon Leonard Baltes	Ordained 7/28/79
October 18, 2006	Deacon Arthur Kronenberger	Ordained 7/25/76
October 19, 2022	Deacon Bob Kozlowski	Ordained 9/28/91
October 27, 2020	Deacon Bill Renneker	Ordained 6/25/83
October 28, 2022	Lori Moore	
October 28, 2005	Dottie Westerfield	
October 29, 2021	Marian Franzer	
October 31, 2009	Deacon John Taylor	Ordained 6/20/87



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## This Month's Humor ...



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