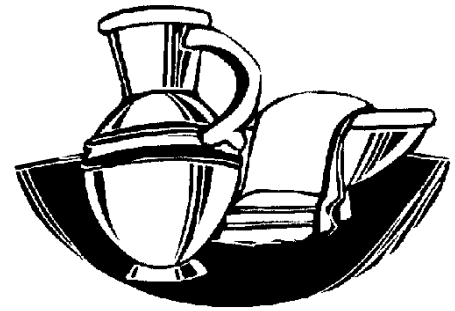


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## Happy New Year

At the beginning of this new year 2019, I pray for God's blessings upon all of you and your families. May your commitment to our ministry of Word, Liturgy and Charity bring God's joy to those to whom we minister and draw you closer to our Lord and Savior. Thank you for all that you do for God's people and His Church.



## Reminder: Annual Reports Are Due

Thank you to those deacons who have already completed their 2018 Annual Report. As a reminder, all Active Status deacons must complete (at a minimum) an annual retreat and 10 hours of continuing formation. Senior Status deacons are not required to submit an annual report.

**If you have not yet submitted your report, it is due by January 31, 2019.**

Reports will be submitted online just as it was last year.

### Instructions:

1. Go to the Archdiocesan website [www.CatholicCincinnati.org](http://www.CatholicCincinnati.org)
2. Click Ministries & Offices at the top of the page
3. Click Diaconate on the left side of the page
4. Click Secure Login
5. Enter DEACON for the User Name (all caps)
6. Enter DEACONCOMMUNITY for the Password (all caps)
7. Click Continuing Formation Report on the left side of the page
8. Enter all of your information.
  - a. Any field with an \* after it is a mandatory field

- b. Any field with a + sign after it means you can click the + sign and get more fields (e.g. if you have more than one book you have read, click on + to get more fields to enter.)
9. If you want to save and continue later, click the link at the bottom of the form. It will save your information and send you a link in an e-mail. Use that link to go back later and complete your report, but it must be within 30 days of when you started. It only saves your information for a maximum of 30 days.
10. When finished, click the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the page.

Remember, the Continuing Formation Report is one of the criteria used to determine if a deacon is in good standing in the Archdiocese. (The other is up-to-date compliance with all VIRTUS monthly bulletins.) Thank you for your attention to keeping your reporting requirements current.

### **CARA Releases Study on Opinions about Women as Deacons**

CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, conducted a survey of Ordinaries and diocesan Deacon Directors in the fall of 2018 regarding their opinions on the sacramental ordination of women as deacons in light of Pope Francis creating the Papal Commission of Study on the Diaconate of Women in 2016.



CARA completed this study and released CARA Working Paper with the results. It is entitled *“The Perceptions of U.S. Bishops and Deacon Directors Regarding the Work of the Papal Commission of Study on the Diaconate of Women.”*

In addition to the Working Paper, CARA issued a press release with a summary of the survey results, information about how the study was conducted, and it includes background information about the Papal commission that studied the question of women as deacons.

I have placed both the Working Paper and the Press Release from CARA on the Diaconate page of the Archdiocesan website, in the Secure Login section. Instructions on how to log into the Secure Login section are above (under the Annual Reports article). CARA has granted permission for distribution of these reports.

## **Permanent and Transitional Deacon Ordination 2019**

The ordination for the men in the current Permanent Deacon Formation class and for the seminarians who will be ordained as Transitional Deacons will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral**. We will have 16 men ordained as permanent deacons in the Archdiocese, and 3 men as transitional deacons. As you remember, it is a long-standing tradition that the permanent deacons of the Archdiocese welcome the newly ordained men to the diaconate at the sign of peace during the Mass.



## **Spiritual & Educational Opportunities**

### **Cincinnati Men's Conference**

The Cincinnati Men's Conference date and location has been announced. Please see below. More information can be found at their website <https://catholicspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>



### **NDICE 2019 - July 21-24 - Xavier University**



The NDICE 2019 Conference will be held on the campus of Xavier University from Sunday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Details and registration forms are in the NDICE February newsletter which has been forwarded to all deacons and men in formation in the Archdiocese. Questions can be directed to Deacon Hank Babin at [hankndice@msn.com](mailto:hankndice@msn.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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