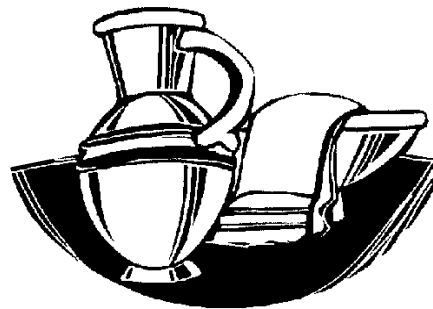


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To: Deacon Community
From: Deacon Mark Machuga
Subject: Monthly Newsletter
Date: July, 2020



My Thanks to All of You

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all my deacon brothers for the outpouring of prayers, cards, phone calls, e-mails and all manner of good wishes that you sent to me during my recent surgery and recovery. Believe me - it meant a lot to me! I'm grateful for a very successful surgery and that I'm now back to nearly full recovery. Your prayers and good wishes were a great source of comfort to me over the past weeks. Since this was my first major surgery, the experience has given me a new compassion for those going through any kind of medical condition. Again, thanks for your expressions of concern!



Ordination of Deacon Jim Niswonger

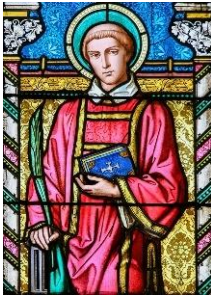
Congratulations to Deacon Jim Niswonger. Deacon Jim was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on April 25 at the Mass presided by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Jim was ordained along with nine other Transitional Deacons. Seven of those are for the Archdiocese and two are for the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Cincinnati.



Deacon Jim has been assigned to his home parish region of St. Boniface and St. Mary in Piqua. His pastor is Fr. Daniel Hunt.

Please continue to pray for these newly ordained deacons who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church and God's people.

St. Lawrence Feast Day Celebration Cancelled



The COVID-19 pandemic has taken another victim. As I announced previously via e-mail, I had to make the decision to cancel the annual St. Lawrence Feast Day Dinner and Mass, which was scheduled for August 8. Trying to plan for proper social distancing and mask wearing at Mass and then dinner proved to be much too challenging. I always look forward to this special event, and it was not an easy decision to make. But we will look forward to next year's gathering. If you want to put it on your 2021 calendar, it will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Ascension Parish in Kettering.

Annual Retreat Requirement Suspended for 2020

In recognition of the difficulty that complying with the requirement for an annual retreat might pose for 2020, I have issued an exemption from the retreat for this year. All Active Status deacons are exempt from making a retreat. I realize that making a formal, in-person retreat will be difficult and possibly health-threatening, which led me to this decision.



A few things related to retreats this year:

1. The retreat at Maria Stein will still be offered for those deacons who want to make an annual retreat. It will be held on October 2-4, 2020. I will be sending out the reservation form with more information.
2. The status of the St. Meinrad retreat is uncertain at this time. It's not clear if St. Meinrad will re-open for the September 15-17 dates. Deacon Michael Brock, who coordinates that retreat, will keep us posted.
3. I encourage all deacons, Active and Senior Status, to make an attempt to engage in some type of personal, spiritual "time away" as an alternative to the traditional retreat. We all need a break from our routine to reconnect with our Lord. Please prayerfully consider how you might spend some dedicated time in prayer and education.

Update on Clerical Attire

I solicited information on policies governing deacon clerical attire from Diaconate Directors in other dioceses across the country. With the assistance of a few of the deacons of our Archdiocese, we reviewed those policies and created a draft policy for Cincinnati.



The draft policy states:

- Our clerical attire would consist of a gray clerical shirt with Roman collar, black pants and black shoes
- Clerical attire is OPTIONAL for use by the deacon
- There are appropriate circumstances, ministries and functions for wearing clerical attire.

The draft has been delivered to Archbishop Schnurr for his review. I'm awaiting his comments and next steps.

Opportunities for Prayer, Social Action and Continuing Formation

Office of African American Pastoral Ministries



In response to the tensions surrounding race and culture in our region and across the country, the Office of African American Pastoral Ministries of the Archdiocese, headed by Deacon Royce Winters, is planning several events to encourage dialogue and improve

relations between people of all races.

- On Wednesday, September 9, 2020, they are pursuing a plan to host a National Day of Prayer for all parishes who wish to participate. This will be modeled after the 2016 USCCB's "A National Day of Prayer for Peace In Our Communities." Please watch for more information about this event.
- The Office of African American Pastoral Ministries has been contacted by a few parishes and high schools to provide training and reflection in light of the current racial crisis. In collaboration with the Office of Social Action, they are developing a platform to provide this training upon request to all Catholic institutions. The presentations will use various citations from Pastoral Letters written by U.S. Bishops over the last sixty years.
- In collaboration with Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology, the offices of African American Pastoral Ministries, Hispanic Pastoral Ministries and Social Action Office have begun a conversation with Fr. Anthony Brausch, Rector, to form a committee who would be responsible for designing a two-day symposium on Race and Culture. The symposium will be held at the Athenaeum in July/ August 2021. In light of our society's

racial conflict, Fr. Brausch has been discerning the role of the Athenaeum in forming and educating religious and lay ministers to respond with the love of God and neighbor.

Office of Divine Worship and Sacraments

The seminar *Now and At the Hour of our Death: Catholic Medical and Funeral Planning for the End of Life* is being offered on Tuesday, Aug 18, 7p-8:30p and Wednesday, Aug 19, 1:30p-3p. These are virtual workshops. You may register at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/now-and-at-the-hour-of-our-death/>



Requiescet in pace



Deacon Philip Kenzora
 Ordained April 30, 2016 Died May 20, 2020

“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.”

Necrology - May

May 1, 2008	Deacon Alan Arber	Ordained 7/3/82
May 4, 2007	Delia Steward	
May 4, 2019	Mary Grace Sunderman	
May 6, 1995	Deacon Robert L. Meyer	Ordained 6/21/86
May 8, 2011	Anita Runnels	
May 15, 2018	Mary Saluke	
May 16, 2011	Deacon John Wersching	Ordained 7/28/79
May 19, 2014	Deacon John Holthaus	Ordained 9/26/98
May 20, 2020	Deacon Philip Kenzora	Ordained 4/30/16
May 23, 1998	Deacon Eldon Cotterman	Ordained 6/21/86
May 24, 2003	Deacon Howard Wiehe	Ordained 9/23/95
May 25, 2007	Mary Miller	
May 26, 1999	Deacon John Cooper	Ordained 9/26/76
May 28, 2002	Mildred Kelly	

Necrology - June

June 2, 2002	Mary Coyle	
June 6, 1981	Deacon Elmer Brunner	Ordained 9/26/76

June 7, 2017	Ellen Parker	
June 8, 2012	Deacon William Aufderheide	Ordained 6/20/87
June 9, 2017	Deacon Dick Janowiecki	Ordained 9/28/91
June 11, 2017	Deacon Bill Krumm	Ordained 9/25/76
June 10, 2001	Deacon William Michael	Ordained 9/26/92
June 16, 1972	Thelma Beck	
June 17, 2005	Eileen Sprinkle	
June 20, 2013	Mary Dawson	
June 21, 2007	Deacon Cletus Homan	Ordained 9/28/91
June 23, 2010	Deacon Don (Mike) Davenport	Ordained 9/26/92
June 26, 2011	Deacon Henry Beck	Ordained 7/28/79
June 28, 2011	Kay Schmidl	

Necrology - July

July 2, 1997	Deacon Thomas Austing	Ordained 9/26/76
July 3, 1983	Deacon Edward Cramer	Ordained 9/26/76
July 3, 2019	Linda Lyons	
July 5, 2004	Deacon William Dehmer	Ordained 9/26/92
July 7, 2003	Deacon William Stevenson	Ordained 12/29/84
July 9, 2018	Deacon Joseph Coll	Ordained 7/3/92
July 11, 2003	Deacon Thomas Coyle	Ordained 9/26/76
July 18, 2008	Rhea Glassmeyer	
July 22, 2007	Pat Etienne	
July 28, 1989	Deacon James Tobin	Ordained 12/17/78

Necrology - August

Aug 2, 2002	Deacon James McCormick	Ordained 9/26/76
Aug 6, 2017	Dot Brockman	
Aug 8, 2019	Deacon Michael Leo	Ordained 4/27/13
Aug 10, 2000	Deacon John Gingras	Ordained 9/28/91
Aug 10, 2017	Beth Srode	
Aug 16, 2009	Deacon Edward Ostendorf	Ordained 9/26/76
Aug 13, 2014	Deacon Jim Sunderman	Ordained 9/26/76
Aug 19, 2019	Deacon Jacob Jernigan	Ordained 6/20/87
Aug 19, 2019	Linda Roemer	
Aug 21, 1999	Deacon George Kelly	Ordained 9/26/76
Aug 22, 2019	Deacon Ed Reising	Ordained 9/26/98
Aug 23, 1990	Deacon William Barum	Ordained 9/26/76
Aug 23, 2013	Deacon Robert Glassmeyer	Ordained 11/17/90
Aug 27, 2019	Deacon Hal Belcher	Ordained 9/29/01
Aug 30, 2008	Deacon Joseph Schultheis	Ordained 9/26/76

This Month's Humor ...



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