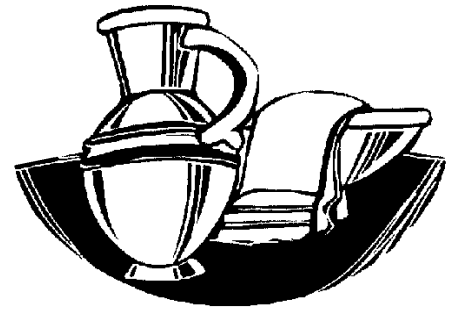


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To: Deacon Community
From: Deacon Mark Machuga
Subject: Monthly Newsletter
Date: March, 2021



Upcoming Deacon Events for 2021

Last year was a difficult year for the spiritual and social events of our deacon community. I had to cancel our Regional Meetings, the St. Lawrence Feast Day celebration, and the St. Meinrad retreat. We did have our Maria Stein retreat, but attendance was smaller than usual.

I anticipate that 2021 will be better. Here are some of the plans as I see them at this time for the upcoming year:

Regional Meetings to Begin Again in the Fall

I will not be scheduling the Spring Regional Meetings. I think the pandemic and the guidelines from the State of Ohio will not allow it. However, I do plan to hold the Fall meetings in November. I'll be publishing the dates and locations as we get closer.



St. Lawrence Feast Day Celebration

I am moving forward with plans to hold our annual St. Lawrence Feast Day Mass and dinner. It is scheduled for **Saturday, August 7 at Ascension Parish in Kettering**. Deacons, men in formation and wives will be invited to attend the 5 p.m. Mass at the parish, followed by dinner. Please put a placeholder on your calendars.

Retreat Schedule

St. Meinrad Retreat



Deacon Michael Brock was in contact with the St. Meinrad Archabbey regarding the September retreat status. While today the abbey remains closed, they do expect to be open for September. So even though they are on a month-to-month assessment basis, Michael is going to begin the reservation process. The abbey has 32 rooms. Reservations are on a first come basis. Spouses are

welcome.

If you would like to have a room reserved, please send an e-mail to Deacon Michael Brock at dcnbrock.mh@gmail.com.

- ❖ September 16-18, 2021 (5-retreat sessions from Tues PM to Thur AM)
- ❖ St. Meinrad Archabbey
- ❖ Retreat Master – Fr. Eugene Hanson

Maria Stein Retreat

The annual deacon retreat at Maria Stein is scheduled for October 15-17, 2021. Our Retreat Master this year will be Fr. Nathan Crowley, who is a well-known EWTN contributor and founder of Eagle Eye Ministries and the Saint John Institute. He is an engaging and passionate speaker, writer, and retreat leader.



- ❖ October 15-17, 2021
- ❖ Spiritual Center at Maria Stein
- ❖ Retreat Master – Fr. Nathan Crowley

Continuing Formation Opportunities

Virtual Spiritual Enrichment Series: “Project Rachel: Ministering to Women Following an Abortion” with Kara Ross

Project Rachel, the Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have had an abortion experience, was founded in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in 1994. It is a network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. Kara Ross is the Associate Director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Kara will introduce us to women who have had



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an abortion and are willing to share their experience with us, so that we can be more compassionate ministers to women who may be in a similar situation.

It will be held on **Monday, April 12 at 7 pm, via Zoom**. No need to RSVP – Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to all deacons.

Homiletics Refresher: “Preaching at Weddings and Funerals”

Deacon Dave Shea is giving a special “breakout” session for the deacons who are currently taking Homiletics II. This session will concentrate on preaching at weddings and funerals. Deacon Dave would like to extend the invitation to any deacon who would like a refresher on this homiletic topic.



It will be offered via Zoom on **Saturday, April 17 from 9 – 11 a.m.** If you would like to attend, please send an e-mail to deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org and I will send the Zoom meeting link to you.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery Discount Program for Archdiocesan Deacons

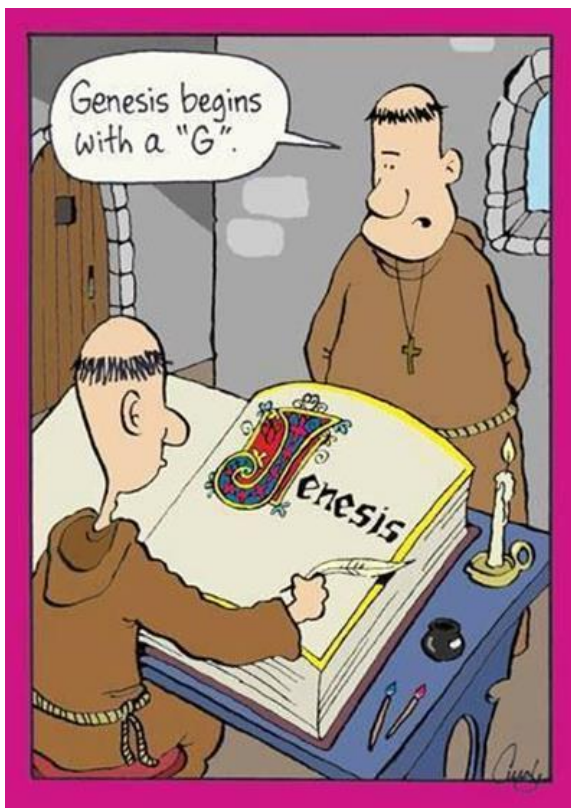


Thomas Jordan, the Director at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, has informed me that the cemetery has created a **new discount policy** for deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Beginning immediately, a deacon and his wife will receive a **15% discount** when they make their final arrangements at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. You may contact Gate of Heaven Cemetery at (513) 489-0300 extension 262.

Necrology – April

April 3, 1985	Deacon Harvey Baur	Ordained 7/3/82
April 5, 2019	Elisa Mascorro	
April 7, 2001	Deacon Paul Weitzel	Ordained 7/28/79
April 13, 1996	Deacon Robert Arbogast	Ordained 6/25/83
April 13, 2020	Eileen McCray	
April 15, 2005	Eulita Bensman	
April 16, 2020	Eileen Vilaboy	
April 19, 1991	Deacon Francis Laengle	Ordained 9/25/76
April 29, 1999	Clara Wabler	
April 29, 2018	John Parker	Ordained 6/22/1985

This Month's Humor ...



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