

# Deacon Talk

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT



*Deacon Mike Chmielewski*

Greetings Deacon Family! Since our last publication a lot has happened in our deacon family. There has been excitement and joy as well as sadness and challenges.

On September 8 we welcomed seven new men and their wives into our diaconal family. There was a true sense of joy and excitement in the Cathedral and in the hearts of many that day. All seven appear to be off to a great start in their diaconal service and those I have seen since are still smiling.

In September we welcomed Dcn. Dale Nees as the new Director of Diaconate Formation. Dale has hit the ground running and has shown enthusiasm and excitement in his new role. Along with Dale, the new Aspirancy Class has 21 men

bringing great skills and gifts to the table.

In October, the Archdiocese sponsored the Amazing Parish Conference in downtown Milwaukee. More than 1,200 people attended the conference with nearly every parish in Milwaukee represented as well as many from around the country. Although not deacon specific, there were many deacons in attendance because of their roles in parish leadership. There was an optimism and a true openness to growing as effective disciples in the changing realities of Church.

We have also been touched with great sadness. We have grieved the deaths of two deacon wives, Judy Kabara August 9 and Betty Rooney August 20, as well as two deacons, Russ Missureli '81 and Gene Brah '94. Memorial Mass was a bit more poignant on October 28 as Don Kabara and Mike Rooney joined us in prayer along

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## DEACON SENATE

The Deacon Senate met on September 19, 2018 at the Cousins Center. Deacons present: Campbell, Wiese, Starke, Bowen, Nees, Schneider, Petro, Paczkowski, Nees, Chmielewski. Excused: Copson. Opening prayer led by Dale Paczkowski.

Our guest presenter was Randy Nohl of the Arch staff. Randy provided updates and information on Synod implementation progress, the upcoming Amazing Parish Conference, and plans for the 175th Anniversary year. It is important to note

that there are lots of things happening in and around the Archdiocese. As a deacon community, we have varied connections to many of these activities. It is our individual and community responsibilities to keep informed and to share as needed with our parishes.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved. Scott Campbell presented a very detailed budget / financial

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with some of their extended family. The Memorial Mass also marked the last "public" appearance of Dcn. Gene and wife Karen before his unexpected death on November 3.

Much like a family, we flow with all the emotions of life, the highs and the lows. As people of faith, we continue to reflect on life's events as God's plan and not ours. As ministers of service, we respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters with shared joy, shared sadness, and above all with faith in the presence of the Living God.

Peace to you all and your families especially as we approach the holidays. Hoping to see you all on December 26 as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate. We will gather for Mass at 11 a.m. and then lunch here at the Cousins Center. Watch for more details.

*Deacon Mike Chmielewski***► DEACON SENATE***(continued from page 1)*

report that noted a current account balance of \$8705.63. Annual dues (\$50) from all active deacons will be deposited in the next month. Scott will also be working on a breakdown of costs per event so we can better track our annual financial activities.

Dale Nees, attending his first Senate meeting as Director of Formation, gave a detailed account of current activities. There are four men in second year candidacy (class of 2020) and 19 men who started aspirancy (class 2022) this fall.

We received updated District reports. Memorial Mass plans are pretty well set by Districts 6, 10 and 13. We passed a Retention Policy statement directed toward maintaining financial records on a permanent basis.

In New Business, Dale Paczkowski indicated that the Archdiocesan

Pastoral Council has asked that parish deacons take the lead in catechizing extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist regarding a new policy guide coming out very soon. The Senate agreed to accept that responsibility. Also placed on the table was a review of the programming offered for the women of the diaconate. Mike Chmielewski has begun the process with a questionnaire sent to all the women asking for input.

President Scott Wiese's first report to the Senate was a reminder of our diaconal responsibility to be deacons of service and charity. We are to be present to the community!

The meeting closed with prayer at 7:45 p.m. The next Senate meeting is set for Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Cousins Center. Dale Nees will lead opening prayer.

*Deacon Mike Chmielewski***DEACON PERSONNEL BOARD**

The Deacon Personnel Board met on October 6, 2018 at the Cousins Center. In attendance: Dcns. Campbell, Gulig, Stanula, Nosacek, Chmielewski, and Fr. Herda. Excused: Dcn. Schneider.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Dcn. Gulig. The Minutes of the May 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Deacon specific issues were then discussed at length including: five covenant renewals, two retirements, and 10 overdue covenants with special circumstances. There was discussion about another 12 covenants in the renewal process but none with concerns.

The Post Ordination Formation schedule was discussed. The second session of the 2016 class was held on June 2 with many positive comments. The third required session is scheduled for June 1, 2019 focusing on service of charity. The Board discussion suggested looking at a "best practices" approach with some of our more "seasoned" deacons. The first Post Ordination Formation session for the 2018 class is scheduled

for June 15, 2019 and will again focus on "Being / Becoming Deacon." Dcn. Dan Kehrer will again lead the discussion using the book "Heart of a Deacon" (the book was a gift from the Deacon Council at ordination).

Fr. Herda continued our on going discussion about long range planning, parish configurations, and how deacon assignments might be impacted. Also discussed was a plan to provide an orientation to new priests and new pastors about the ministries and roles of Permanent Deacons.

Dcn. Gulig reminded the Board of the importance of confidentiality in our discussions. He also added that we add a formative / reflective piece to our meeting prayer. The group liked the idea and Dcn. Nosacek offered to lead a reflective prayer at our next meeting scheduled for January 26, 2019 at 9 a.m.

*Deacon Mike Chmielewski*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"I am a deacon!" Whenever I say those words, a feeling of joy and excitement still comes over me, along with a fair amount of disbelief! I sometimes shake my head and wonder if God really knew what he was doing when he poured out the Holy Spirit on me through the hands of Archbishop ListECKI on September 8, 2012. Who, me? Herald of Christ? Washer of feet? Icon of Christ the Servant? Yet, here I am, a deacon.

It is with that same sense of joy, excitement, and disbelief that I begin serving as President of the Deacon Senate. Our journeys certainly take us on interesting paths! So let me introduce myself by telling you a little bit about my journey to this point.

In early 2006, my wife Jenny and I were in our 21st year of marriage and life was going well. I was about a year into a new job, Jenny was working part time, and we were raising our two teenaged children, Ben and Emilee. We lived in Grafton and I was involved at our parish, St. Joseph, as a lector and Eucharistic minister. I also taught youth ministry classes and was an adult leader on youth retreats and mission trips. Jenny and I worked together as FOCCUS facilitators helping engaged couples prepare for marriage. One Sunday morning before Mass, Deacon Richard (Dick) Govek approached me and asked that fateful question: "Have you ever thought about becoming a deacon?" I was surprised, but I had to admit that the thought had crossed my mind.

Seeds of faith and action had been planted and nurtured throughout my life. My parents were faithful churchgoers. I had a great education and faith experience at St. Peter Claver School and Parish in Sheboygan. Jenny was my high-school sweetheart and she came from a faith-filled and supportive family.

We went to St. Norbert College together, got married, and started a family. My job took us to Florida and Georgia and then back to Wisconsin. Throughout this time, we were always members of good Catholic faith communities that called us to active participation and service. Each of the parishes we joined after we were married had one or two active deacons, so I knew a bit about what deacons did – and being a deacon had crossed my mind.

But, was this my calling? Life was so busy, I just started a new job and, despite my church activities, I was far from being a saint. I told Dick I would think about it, expecting to go home and tuck that conversation away in a drawer where it would be lost and forgotten.

Before I tucked that conversation away, I told Jenny about it. I expected her to say something like, "A deacon? Really? Are you serious?" She didn't. She simply looked me in the eye, smiled, and said, "I can see you doing that." Maybe, just maybe, the Holy Spirit was at work!

Now, I am a deacon. I serve at St. Joseph Parish in Grafton, continuing a diaconal tradition there that dates back over 40 years. This parish community nurtured

those seeds and taught me so much about ministry and service. Jenny and I live in Grafton with our daughter Emilee. Our son Ben and his wife Lauren will soon be moving into their first house in Sun Prairie. Jenny works in customer service in Mequon and I work as an Operations Controller in West Allis.

I look forward to serving as your president for the next two years. We have a great group of Senate representatives and officers, as well as a strong partner and advocate in Deacon Mike Chmielewski, Director of Deacon Services. We are all committed to serving the deacons – and wives – as you serve the people in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and beyond.

As we welcome another class of Deacons on September 8, please take a moment to recall your own journey to the diaconate. May we all be renewed in our calling to be Icons of Christ the Servant, sharing his love and compassion in service, especially to the poor and the marginalized. Let us boldly declare, "I am a deacon!"

*In Christ the Servant,  
Deacon Scott Wiese*

## KNOW YOUR DEACON

A little different approach in this edition. At the deacon retreat this year, Bishop Schuerman led us on reflection of the Deacon Saints. The Friday evening session was entitled, "Deacon Saints in the New Testament" referring to St. Stephen (Acts 7) and St. Phillip (Acts 8). For reflection – prayer – journaling Bishop Jim offered the following which I now repeat, both for you who

were on the retreat, and those not:

In your liturgical and service work, how have you upheld the dignity of all people, no matter their race, color or socio-economic background?

As people with jobs and professions in the secular world, in what ways have you brought your special witness as ordained ministers of the Church into your workplace and community?

## FEELINGS OF JOY AT ORDINATION

Hello fellow deacons and deacon wives. I am one of the seven members of the Class of 2018 that had our Ordination Mass at the Cathedral on September 8. While many of you attended and participated, I write this not to recap the day so much as to recount the many emotions I felt that weekend.

Early in my formation, I complained in our theological reflection class that I just did not experience many emotions and it would be hard to find a topic each week. I did indeed find enough to write about and over time have become more sensitive to God at work around me and what that did in my heart.

This last year of formation has been particularly full of emotion as my step father passed in January and my younger brother had a very close brush with death in February. While both had strong feelings of sadness, they prepared me for the intense feelings of joy on my ordination weekend.

On that weekend I had made the conscious decision to show my feelings and if I was happy, I would smile and let it be known. That was easy when hosting out-of-town family for dinner Friday night. It was a bit more challenging when our car had an error message on the way to the Cathedral Saturday morning for a deflated tire. I stopped at a Speedway and got change to fill the tire only to lose the cap. Fortunately, I found someone else's cap on the ground. God you are good. You will make this day work out.

Upon arriving at the Cathedral, I was overcome with surprise and amazement. There were so many parishioners, family, and friends there. I could not help but smile. As I walked back to the vesting room, I saw even more. I began to choke up in joy and even unworthiness. Why are they all here?

I only regained some of my composure when my diaconal spirit reminded me, "It's not all about you, Doug." Yes, I realized that for parishioners of St. Joseph, this was the first ordination of a permanent deacon that our parish has ever had. This is their celebration, too! With that the burden inside me lifted.

Our group prayer in the vesting room helped to calm my nerves. Deacon John Ebel was so wise to lock us up for those few quiet moments. Then we were on. I felt a bit nervous as I went to the head of the line. Since when does "G" get to be first in alphabetical order? The other candidates' mantra was simply "Follow Doug." This meant I better get it right. This brought some stress, but the songs began, the procession started, and seeing even more friends brought back the smile.

During Mass we had to present ourselves about four times before the Archbishop. I thought I knew where to go for each one. At the very first one, I led the group forward. Then, I



heard a loud whisper, "Doug, that's too far. Come back here." Deacon Mark, the emcee for us candidates gently guided me back to my proper spot. I felt embarrassed and worried that I messed up the start of that rite. Then it happened. I looked around. I saw the Archbishop reading the next prayer. I saw the other candidates in their spots. That was it. I messed up. Mass continued. I was ok. They were ok. All will be well. (Thank you, Julian of Norwich!) My smile got bigger than ever. Peace descended upon me and only encouraged my joy.

The whole Mass continued as one joyous celebration. We as Catholics truly know how to celebrate. The music we selected was better than I imagined as the archdiocesan choir, the orchestra, and the standing-room only congregation filled the cathedral with the strains. The prayers, the rites, the incense, and the bishops all made this a powerful experience even if I was not one of those being ordained. I was in awe of our Church and her Rites.

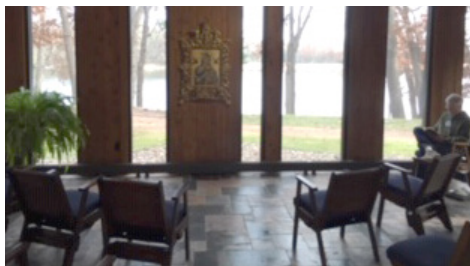
The rest of Mass and the ordination continued well, and I was at peace. There were no surprises until an unexpected rush of emotion at the offertory. While we had talked through everything at the rehearsal a week earlier, I had not anticipated the situation in which I found myself. I was standing at the altar next to the archbishop awaiting my wife Catherine to bring up the ciborium. Without thinking, I began to tear up instantly. The last time I stood like this was at our wedding 33 years ago. What a delight to watch her coming up the aisle again with many family and friends witnessing yet another sacrament.

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## DEACON RETREAT

From Thursday, November 1 through Sunday, November 4, 60 Brother Deacons from the Milwaukee, Madison and Superior Dioceses attended the annual Deacon Retreat which was once again held at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Bishop Jim Schuerman was our Retreat Director. Our topic for the retreat was reflecting on some of the “Deacon Saints.” On Friday evening, Bishop Schuerman shared insights and background on two of the Deacon Saints in the New Testament – St. Stephen and St. Phillip. On Saturday morning, we looked at two of the Deacon Saints of the early Church – St. Lawrence and St. Vincent of Zaragoza. On Saturday afternoon, we looked at the Deacon Scripture Scholar and Hymnist – St. Ephraim of Syria. On Sunday morning, we concluded with the Deacon who Bishop Schuerman called the Deacon of Radical Conversion – St. Francis of Assisi. Along with learning about these “Deacon Saints”, Bishop Schuerman provided us with some very thought provoking questions for reflection after each of the sessions which we not only discussed at the end of each session but then had time to reflect on personally after each session.



*Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine at Redemptorist Retreat / space for prayer!*

Deacons Dennis Petrie and John Mezydlo did a great job of setting up the retreat program to not only provide the great sessions delivered by Bishop Schuerman, but allowed sufficient time for private reflection. All of us had time to walk the outdoor Stations of the Cross, spend prayer and reflection time in the beautiful Our Mother of Perpetual Help Shrine, or walk the beautiful grounds while in quiet reflection. We also had an opportunity to gather and pray the rosary together, to attend a Communal Penance Service along with Individual Confession as well as Mass each day.

All-in-all, it was a very wonderful opportunity to gather with Brother Deacons from across several dioceses to pray, learn, reflect and renew ourselves as servants and ministers of Christ

Jesus. Thanks to Bishop Schuerman, Deacons Petrie and Mezydlo, and all others who played a role in this great retreat experience. I know many of us are excited to see what great things will be planned for us next year!

*Blessings to All,  
Deacon Jeff Copson*

## VATICAN II AWARDS



*Deacon Dan Kehrer'92 and wife Carmella receiving Vatican II Award, November 8, 2018.*

## ► DIACONATE ORDINATION

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To top off the wedding connection, as part of the recessional I then met up with Catherine at the altar and proceeded arm in arm smiling at even more friends and parishioners that we had not noticed earlier. Some had noted that we seemed to be glowing and that is just how we felt.

It was a tremendous ordination Mass. Upon its completion I felt both joy and disappointment as our class of seven scattered in all directions to celebrate. We had spent over 210 class days together in four years of formation. We then spent five days living and praying together in our ordination retreat at Benet

Lake. Now we were being sent forth to become the deacons each of our individual parishes need.

Praise God for all the support and encouragement I received on Ordination Day. May I be blessed with the grace to follow my call to ministry of the word, altar, and service. May I overcome the feelings of inadequacy as I fumble some of my lines, prayers, or actions and wonder why they don't just get a “real deacon.” I am reminded that the primary objective on my first-year covenant is simply, “learn to be/become a deacon.” May I be patient with myself as I remember the love and support I have received along the way and on that very special day.

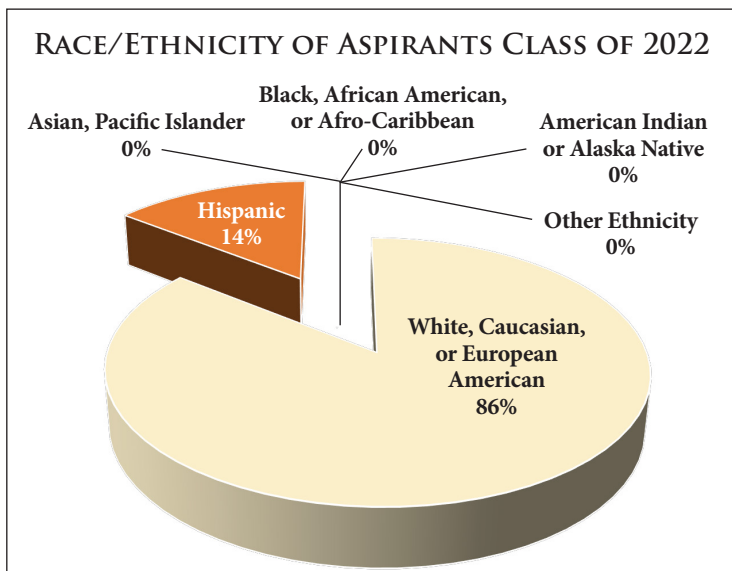
*Deacon Doug Gundlach,  
St. Joseph Parish, Racine*

## DIACONATE FORMATION

Greetings Brother Deacons and Wives,

My role as Director of Diaconate Formation began officially on September 4, 2018. Two months later it is important for me to express how grateful I am for the many hours spent in July and August with Dcn. John Ebel, Manuel Maldonado and Charmaine Pfeifer preparing me for the first day of class. The time was well spent, and made the leadership transition much smoother. It was a generous gift of experience and wisdom I will always remember fondly and treasure as the work of initial formation moves forward.

We were delighted to welcome 21 new aspirants and their wives 20 in September. For reference, that is about one third higher than the national average size of 16, according to the most recent CARA Report. This is a number I would love to continue to see grow every two years. The Race/Ethnicity of this cohort, as seen below, shows that some people are not represented. We need to explore this more.



The average age of our aspirants is 52 (min. is 44, max. is 62), which is over 10 years older when compared to earlier cohorts within the United States. While this does trend nationally, according to the CARA Report, those born after 2006 first seriously consider becoming a deacon at age 37. We would like to dispel any notion that applicants have their families raised already. With better catechesis, we have an opportunity to promote beginning formation earlier.

On October 20, Robert L. Mitchell (Julie), Kurt A. Peot, Peter M. Rebholz (Julie), and John P. Shaughnessy (Beverly), were instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte. We were honored to have Bishop James T. Schuerman preside.

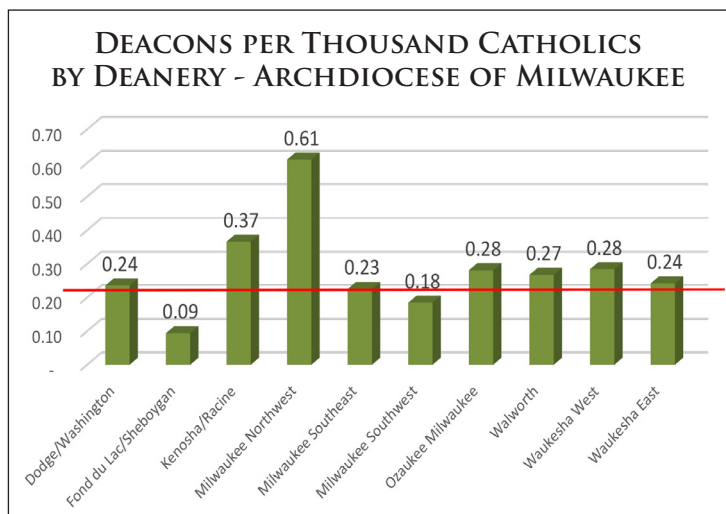
About 43% of the aspirants already have a Spiritual Director. That

number will be 100% by the second trimester. I have compiled a list of approved Spiritual Directors for the men, and Faith Companions for the wives.

I would also like to see every aspirant have a deacon mentor. The National Directory expects that, as Director of Formation, I oversee the process. But it is possible for a deacon to mentor a small group when asked. I hope you will consider this important.

One series of Discernment Sessions has been completed by Dcn. John Mezydlo and his wife, Rita. We are looking forward to more Regional Discernment Sessions in winter, late winter, spring and summer. Please be vigilant in encouraging those who possess the characteristics of a deacon, according to the National Directory, to attend with their wives (if married).

As you can see there is a variation on the chart of Deanery Statistics on Diaconal Presence in the Milwaukee Archdiocese measured in Deacons per One Thousand Catholics.



Suspecting that distance may be a factor, we have dipped our toes into piloting some distance learning for Intellectual Formation. An aspirant who was obligated to travel out of town for work, affecting three Tuesday night classes, was permitted to use equipment that allowed him to visually communicate with the instructor and class, and vice versa. While just a pilot at this stage, one can't help but wonder whether such strategies will make it feasible for more applicants to come from the outskirts of the archdiocese.

It's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the first trimester, and yet, as the song says: "We've only just begun." I ask for your continued prayers for the entire formational community, including aspirants/candidates and their wives, all faculty and staff.

*With Fraternal Charity,  
Deacon Dale Nees*

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## REST IN PEACE

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† **Deacon Russell A. Missureli** died on October 26, 2018. He was born on November 13, 1920 in Racine, WI. He graduated from St. Catherine High School in Racine in 1938. He served in the U.S. Army 1945 until his honorable discharge as a Tech Sergeant in December of 1946. Russ owned and operated his own liquor distributing business, Marquette Distributing, for many years. He was very active in the business community in Racine.

Russ married the love of his life, Helen, on 11/29/1941 at Sacred Heart Parish in Racine. They had one son, Russell Jr., born in 1949. Both Helen (7/1/08) and Russell Jr. (in the last 10 years) preceded Russ in death. Russ is survived by his grandson Andrew, of Winters, CA, and granddaughter Andrea, of Madison, as well as his daughter in law Suzanne of Madison.

Russ began his diaconate formation in 1979 at St. Francis Seminary. He was ordained a Permanent Deacon on

6/13/1981 by Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. He served his entire diaconate ministry in Racine. He was originally covenanted at St. Patrick Parish and also spent some time at St. Rose and St. Richard Parishes before serving his last 16 years at St. Edward Parish. Additionally, Russ was covenanted with St. Mary Medical Center for much of his diaconal service. In addition to serving at the altar, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching the Word, and baptizing; Russ' true passion was ministering to the patients at St. Mary's Hospital. He was an on call chaplain for over 35 years responding to needs at any time of the day or night. When he prayed with patients at the hospital, he often left them with a "rosary ringlet." He told me he had distributed thousands of them, and very often people on the street or the store would greet him and pull out the rosary ringlet in appreciation.

Visitation for Dcn. Russ was held on

Sunday 11/4 1-3 p.m. at the Maresh-Meredith Acklam Funeral Home in Racine. Additional visitation was held on Monday 11/5 at 10-11 a.m. at St Edward Parish, Racine. Mass of Christian Burial began at 11 a.m. with Fr. Allen Bratkowski presiding and Frs. Bill Dietzler, Richard Molter, and John Vianney Muweesi concelebrating. Bishop Richard Sklba was in Choir and offered the final commendation. Fr. Dietzler offered the homily reminding us that we are invited to be the hands of Christ, a task that Dcn. Russ did very well! This deacon was honored to assist at the altar and offer the committal prayers at Calvary Cemetery in Racine.

Thirteen deacons and wives prayed with family and community for Dcn. Russ at the Mass. Clearly Dcn. Russ was very well respected and loved not only at St. Edward Parish but also at St. Mary's Hospital and much of the Racine community. May he rest in Peace!

*Deacon Mike Chmielewski*

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## MEMORIAL MASS 2018

Memorial Mass 2018 was held on October 28, 2018 at Lumen Christi Parish in Mequon. About 100 deacons, wives, and widows gathered for prayer and fellowship as we remembered all those deacons and wives who are now at the feast in heaven.

Bishop Haines was the presider for the Mass with Fr. Dan Sanders (Pastor) and Fr. Matthew Jacob (Associate) concelebrating. Lumen Christi Deacons Tony Monfre and David Grambow assisted at the altar.

Bishop Haines' message was appreciative of the long standing diaconal presence here in the Archdiocese. His message reflected on the Gospel image of the healed Bartimaeus following Jesus on His way. Bishop also reflected on the image of the first reading from Jeremiah; God

welcoming all the faithful from the ends of the earth; the blind, the lame, and those weeping. The Bishop envisioned our deceased deacon family as those leading this immense throng into God's kingdom.

The Mass included the usual recitation of all the deceased of the deacon family including the three deacons and six wives who died since Memorial Mass 2017.

The names were read after the proclamation of the Gospel. The Mass also included a very nice "Expression of Remembrance" candle light prayer after communion.

The meal prepared by Ferrante's of Mequon was a delicious lasagna dinner with all the trimmings. Great table fellowship by all offered a great opportunity to catch up on everyone's

busy lives. Unknown at the time, it was also the final public appearance of Deacon Gene Brah together with his wife Karen. In less than a week, we would be greatly saddened to learn of Gene's unexpected death.

A big thank you to the Lumen Christi family for their hospitality. Special thanks to Fr. Sanders and Fr. Jacob, the musicians and singers, the staff and volunteers who set up, cleaned up, and did all the behind the scenes work. Also thanks to the Lumen Christi Deacons; Joe Wenzler, Tony Monfre, and David Grambow, as well as the other members of Districts 6, 10 and thirteen, and the Ministers of Care committee who helped make the day a great day!

*Deacon Mike Chmielewski*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018:** Opening Mass for the one year celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Cathedral, 2 p.m.

**DECEMBER 26, 2018:** Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate, Mass with Archbishop ListECKI presiding, Mater Christi Chapel Cousins Center, followed by lunch in one of the dining rooms, 11 a.m.

**APRIL 5-7, 2019:** Women of the Diaconate Retreat

**APRIL 6, 2019:** Human Concerns Summit, 8 a.m. – Noon, ACC

**MAY 4, 2019:** Deacon Day 2019, St. Martin of Tours, Franklin (Districts 14, 15 and 16 planning) Presentation by Anne Haines, Director of Urban Ministry.

**JUNE 1, 2019:** Post Ordination Formation, Session 3, Class of 2016, ACC

**JUNE 15, 2019:** Post Ordination Formation, Session 1, Class of 2018, ACC

**SEPTEMBER 22-29, 2019:** Seven Days of Service sponsored by the Archdiocese

**OCTOBER 27, 2019:** Memorial Mass, planning by Districts 1,2,3; Fr. Jerry Herda Presiding

**NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019:** Deacon Retreat, Redemptorist Retreat Center

## Prayer Requests

Deacon Tony Martino `84 and wife Carole Ann

Florencia Blas, wife of late Dcn. Francisco `98

Deacon Roberto Fuentes `02 and wife Lorenz

Deacon Jay Wittak `05 and wife Susan

Deacon Dick Govek `92 and wife Dorothy

Deacon Baleriano Gonzalez `84

Deacon Ron Schneider `96

Donna Hying, widow of Dcn. Joseph `84

Ginny Schimmels, widow of Dcn. Tom `84

Judy Francois, wife of Dcn. Jim `83

Deacon Leon Zalewski `83 and wife Joan

Deacon Troy Major `02

Deacon Larry Normann `84

Phyllis Heideman, wife of Dcn. Willis `02

Dcn. Don Kabara `77

Dcn. Mike Rooney `88

Karen Brah, wife of the late Dcn. Gene `94

Deacon Richard Hiller `75

Deacon. John Libeck `78

Deacon John D'Alessio `98

Jeri Petro, wife of Dcn. Greg `12

Deacon John Monday `75 and wife Judy

Deacon Claude Kennedy `79

Marianne Anderson, sister of Dcn. John Gavin `07

### RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Betty Rooney, wife of Dcn. Mike `88, 8/20/18

Carole Drzewiecki, mother in law of Dcn. Tim Waldoch `18, 9/4/18

Tim Charek, 9/17/18

James Waldoch, father of Dcn. Tim `18, 10/3/18

Angela Kemp Monday, daughter of Dcn. John `75, 10/11/18

Dcn. Russ Missureli `81, 10/26/18

Dcn. Gene Brah `94, 11/3/18

### INDIGENT BURIALS:

Richard Eugene Denny Sr., 9/7/18

Lee Agnew, 9/7/18

Michael Iglinski, 9/20/18

Ann Marie Perkowski, 10/9/18



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