



The Cincture

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FROM THE VICAR FOR CLERGY



Fr. Jerry Herda

This is the time of year when all of the priests of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee should be gathering for our annual Spring Assembly, but our world has been turned upside down by the Coronavirus. This special edition of the Cincture includes some of the information you would have received at the assembly.

This Cincture also allows me the chance to say thank you for the work you have been doing during this time of social distancing. Many of you have become experts at live-streaming Mass or creating video podcasts. The different ways you have stayed connected with your people has gone a long way in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ.

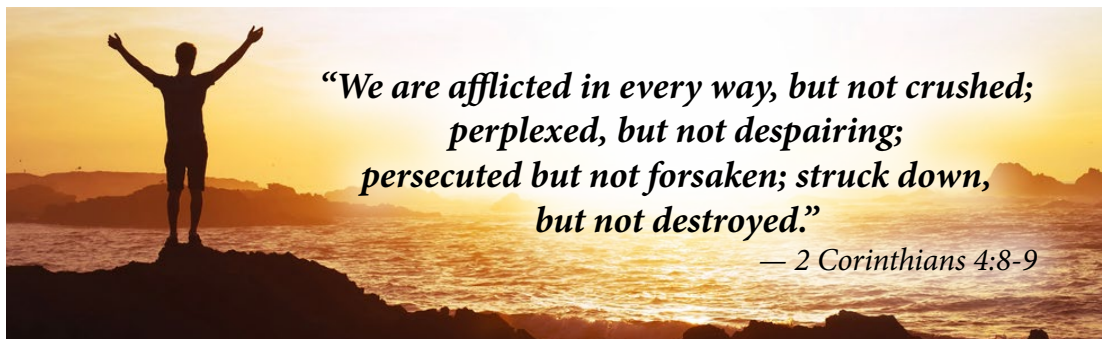
This has been a stressful time for many, both priests, parish directors and parishioners. You have handled it well. The challenges will continue, whether they be financial concerns or practical concerns about how we move forward. Trust in God is essential. We have lots of work ahead of us, funerals to be celebrated, Baptisms to be done, RCIA candidates and catechumens

to be received into the Church, Confirmations and First Communions to be rescheduled. Might I suggest that you be gentle on yourself and ease yourself back in to the workload. I would also suggest asking for help, there are plenty of senior priests and priests in special assignments, like myself, willing to help.

Finally, there are so many lessons we can learn from these past weeks. My hope is that as we move forward, we appreciate the celebration of the Eucharist with a gathered assembly so much more, that we no longer take for granted the time we can spend with family and friends, that we show our appreciation for the doctors and nurses, for the teachers, for the grocery store workers, the restaurant staffs and the farmers that we took for granted for so long.

In this Easter Season, may God the Father protect us and keep us in good health, may the Risen Lord Jesus give us hope as we face an uncertain future, and may the Holy Spirit guide our steps with each decision we need to make. Amen! Alleluia!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jerry Herda*



“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”

— 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION

DIACONAL IDENTITY AND MISSION



Deacon Dale Nees

In many ways, I think that the COVID-19 pandemic can help cultivate a deeper, more theological understanding of the diaconate. We know that if the role of the deacon is defined in terms of its functions, then the idea of social distancing becomes more of a problem than an opportunity. Sadly, far too many people focus on what a deacon is authorized to do versus who he is...his identity. It is typical that as men and, if married, their wives start on the Aspirant Path of diaconal formation, they will often relate the many instances during their inquiry that family, friends, and parishioners framed their future value in terms of what they may *do* for the Church. However, in order to understand the diaconate, there must exist “a primacy of identity over mission such that identity always precedes mission.” If we get lost in functionalization we miss “the beauty and grandeur of sacred service as an incarnational mystery rooted in divine love in which the deacon becomes what he is, the person of Christ the servant.”

Deacon Dominic Cerrato offered nine themes that I would like to share as a springboard for further theological reflection, that may in turn, suggest some of the pastoral implications during the

pandemic:

1. The Deacon Is a **Complex Man** – the deacon must incorporate both the sacred and the secular. While in the secular dimension of his life, he is to reveal his diaconate implicitly. He must live an integrated life that leads to an integrated ministry that responds to what is happening today.
2. The Deacon Is a **Man of Mystery** – he seeks not to possess the mystery, but to be possessed by it. His character should be devoid of egoism. He must appreciate what obedience calls him to.
3. The Deacon Is a **Bilocating Man** – by virtue of his calling, he must move feely between the sacred and the secular and be accountable to both.
4. Diaconal Identity is **More about Being than Doing** – deacons cannot afford to risk losing their identity when they are not doing their “diaconal stuff.” Our mission must flow from our identity and not elevate the pragmatic aspects of sacred service over and above the theological aspects.
5. The Deacon **Brings about Greater Communion** among the People

of God – diaconal ministry must assist the bishop’s ministry by co-ministering with the pastor and other ministers in effectively responding to the needs of the community.

6. Deacons Are Called to **Be with Jesus** – deacons must continue to be with Christ as he continues his mission.
7. Diaconal **Service Is Cruciform** – diaconal ministry “bears a distinctive conformity to the cross of Christ.”
8. **Jesus’ Redemption Work Is the Foundation** for Diaconal Graces – both identity and mission are salvific.
9. The Deacon Is **Permanently Available** – which lies not so much in being physically present. But instead, represent a kind of constant disposition of lasting accessibility.

How we handle any crisis tends to reveal our character. “Where mission is a ‘sacrament’ of identity...the deacon, himself, is an outward visible sign that points beyond itself and makes present that which he signifies, Christ the servant.”

*With Fraternal Charity,
Deacon Dale Nees*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND FUNERALS DURING COVID-19

Reminder if you have a funeral and/or burial of a person who has died from COVID-19 please contact Fr. Jerry Herda at (414) 588-4441 to discuss the proper protocols.

We have put together a list of “younger”

priests willing to do the Anointing of the Sick for anyone who is not comfortable with going out during this pandemic. Please contact Fr. Jerry Herda and he will assist in finding one of these priests.

If you receive a request for an anointing

of a covid-19 patient, the first point of contact is to see if the hospital has a priest chaplain who is able to do the anointing. Ascension Healthcare has trained two of our priests, Fr. Andrew Linn and Fr. Angel Anaya, to serve as back-up to hospital priest chaplains.

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 JUBILARIANS!

CLASS OF 1950 (70 YRS)

Edward Carroll
Eugene Winkler

CLASS OF 1955 (65 YRS)

James Ernster
Richard Hart, OFMCap
Kenneth Herian, SJ

Melvin Macoskie

Robert McGlinn
(Archdiocese of Chicago)
John Richetta

CLASS OF 1960 (60 YRS)

Most Reverend Richard Sklba
Brian Braun, OFMCap
Richard Lorenz, SAC
Bruce Schute, SAC
Leonard Stunek, OFM
William Whalen
M. John Wymelenberg, SJ

CLASS OF 1970 (50 YRS)

Richard Aiken
Thomas Boede, SJ
Walter Boehme, SJ
David Cooper
T. George Gajdos
Ralph Gross
Alan Jurkus
William Kurz, SJ
John Laurance, SJ
Thomas Lijewski
Richard Liska
Kenneth Mich
John Scheer, SAC
Gregory Serwa, SAC
Thomas Sweetser, SJ
John Yockey

CLASS OF 1980 (40 YRS)

Joseph Kochu Dominic, SAC
John Holly, OFMCap
Joseph Jagodensky, SDS

Joseph Koyickal, SAC
Mark Molling
Peter Schuessler, SDS

CLASS OF 1995 (25 YRS)

Kevin Kowalski
Romanus Nwaru
Augustin Orosa, MI

CLASS OF 2010 (10 YRS)

John Burns
Antony Thomas
Erich Weiss, LT CHC
Matthew Widder
Charles Wrobel
Abraham Yoo, MSC

CLASS OF 2020

Carlos Alberto Londono Alvarez
Joseph Patrick Magnor
Edward Joseph Sanchez
Justin Weber

RETIREMENTS

Well done, good and faithful servants!

Dennis Budka • Daniel Sanders • Donald Thimm • Charles Zabler

David LaPlante (Archdiocese of Omaha)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord . . .

Reverend John R. Kern – 15 March 2019

Reverend Theodore Hottinger, SJ – 22 April 2019

Reverend John Pantuso SDS – 26 April 2019

Reverend Thomas Bielawa SDS – 22 May 2019

Reverend Henry B. Maibusch, OSA – 20 June 2019

Reverend Michael J. Slattery, OSA – 18 July 2019

Reverend Anthony G. Klink – 23 July 2019

Reverend Wayne W. Bittner – 28 July 2019

Reverend James Ryan, SJ – 28 July 2019

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Olszyk – 7 August 2019

Reverend James Fitzgerald, SJ – 12 September 2019

Reverend Jonathan Haschka, SJ – 3 October 2019

Reverend Kenan Siegel, OFMCap – 11 October 2019

Reverend Roy A. Mateljan – 15 October 2019

Reverend Glen Sayers SDS – 25 October 2019

Reverend Richard J. Schlenker – 5 November 2019

Abbot Andrew Garber, OSB – 12 November 2019

Reverend James P. Vojtik – 8 December 2019

Reverend John A. Schmitz – 27 December 2019

Reverend Louis Busemeyer, SJ – 26 January 2020

Reverend Edward Monroe, CSSR – 27 January 2020

Reverend Russell F. Tikalsky – 29 February 2020

Reverend Thomas Wittliff – 12 March 2020

IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS

1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
4. Don't let a little dispute injure a great relationship.
5. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
6. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
7. In disagreements deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
8. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
9. If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
10. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.



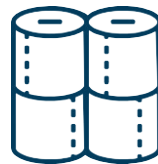
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10 WAYS TO MANAGE ANXIETY RELATED TO COVID-19



Control what you can – try to be positive in your thoughts, behaviors and attitudes.



Don't let fear drive decisions. Resist the “pack mentality” that results in actions such as hoarding supplies.



Remember the big picture. Continue normal activities to the extent possible.



Do small but important things to care for your mind and body.



Model calming behaviors, especially with the children in your life.



Monitor your alcohol intake. When people are distressed, it can be become easy to slip into problems or relapse.



Limit the flow of “late-breaking news” to avoid becoming overwhelmed.



Exercise from your home if you can do it safely. Yoga and light stretching are helpful too. A few minutes of meditation make a difference in your outlook.



Rely only on information sources that are credible and trustworthy.



Stay home as much as possible. While practicing physical social distancing and isolation, try to stay in contact with friends and family by phone and video calls.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE PRIEST PLACEMENTS FOR SUMMER 2020

Please Note: Formal Announcements of most of these assignments have not yet been made at the parishes.
Effective date of most of these will be August 4, 2020, but some variations will exist depending on local circumstances.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Priest</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Parish Size</u>
Pastors/Administrators			
• Holy Apostles	Arul Ponnaiyan	New Berlin	6,384
• LaSagrada Familia (October)	Javier Guativa	Dominican Republic	
• Lumen Christi	Matthew Jacob	Mequon	6,692
• St. Alphonsus	Kevin McManaman	Greendale	8,262
• St. Agnes	Joy Thachil, SAC	Butler	2,076
• St. Joseph	Andrew Kysely	Big Bend	2,673
• St. Francis de Sales	Raymond Guthrie	Lake Geneva	2,643
• St. Benedict	Mark Danczyk	Fontana	2,451
• Sr. James (Part-Time)	Robert Betz	Franklin	1,269
Shared Pastorate/Administrator			
• St. Robert/Holy Family	Enrique Hernandez	Shorewood/Whitefish Bay	3,174/2,971
• St. Lucy/St. Sebastian	Thomas Vathappallil, MCBS	Racine/Sturtevant	3,427/584
• St. Killian/St. John	Britto Suresh Vedam	Hartford/Rubicon	3,248/685
• Holy Name of Jesus/St. Clement/ St. Dominic	Mark Brandl	Sheboygan	3,230/1,841/2,469
• Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Paul/ St. Augustine/I.C.	Philip Schumaker	St. Francis/Milwaukee	295/672/575/778
• St. Rita	To be announced soon	West Allis	907
Associate Pastors			
• Lumen Christi	Stephen Buting	Mequon	6,692
• St. Alphonsus	Patrick Magnor	Greendale	8,262
• LaSagrada Familia	Thomas Naidu	Dominican Republic	
• Divine Mercy	Harry Buzbuzian	South Milwaukee	6,049
Shared Associate Pastors			
• St. William/St. John Neumann St. Mary/St. Joseph	Matthew Widder (<i>Parochial Vicar</i>)	Waukesha	4,560/1,671/ 3,282/3,397
• Holy Family/Our Risen Savior/ Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Edward Sanchez	Fond du Lac/Eldorado/ North Fond du Lac	14,857/253/389
• Holy Family/Our Risen Savior/ Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Alejandro Umul, FMM	Fond du Lac/Eldorado/ North Fond du Lac	14, 857/253/389
• St. Anthony/St. Hyacinth	Erick Cassiano, FMM	Milwaukee	3,673/3,054
• St. Frances Cabrini/ Immaculate Conception	Carlos Londono	West Bend	5,023/2,415
• St. Robert/Holy Family	Andrew Infanger	Shorewood/Whitefish Bay	3,174/2,971
• Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Paul/ St. Augustine/I.C.	Jon Jenkins	St. Francis/Milwaukee	295/672/575/778
• St. Katharine Drexel/St. John the Baptist St. Columbkille/Holy Family	Onildo Orella, FMM	Beaver Dam/Clyman/ Elba/Reeseville	4,070/243/ 238/219

THROUGH THE YEARS



▲ Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in St. Francis, photo date unknown



▲ St. Patrick Parish in Thompson (Erin), photo taken in 1917.



▲ St. Clare Parish, Wind Lake, photo taken in 1969, original church building

ALL OF OUR PRIESTS BY AGE

Senior Priests

Years Old	Number of Priests
90 – 99	10
80 – 89	45
70 – 79	78

Active Priests

Years Old	Number of Priests
60 – 69	65
50 – 59	33
40 – 49	23
30 – 39	25
25 – 29	11

Oldest Priest
Fr. Edward Eschweiler
98

Youngest Priest
Fr. Steven Buting
27

In the 2019 Annual Vicar of Clergy Assessment, priests were asked to provide any recommendations for books they have read. Below are some suggestions.



- White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson
- Not in God's Name by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

PRIEST *Wellness Day*

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Ascension Health Center, Wauwatosa.
Stay healthy and happy.

ACTIVE & SENIOR PRIESTS

Together Retreat

October 5-9, 2020

*Redemptorist Retreat House
Oconomowoc*

Presenter: Fr. Richard Fragomeni



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Fall Day FOR PRIESTS & PARISH DIRECTORS

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center.

SAVE *the* DATE



37th Annual Spring Assembly of Priests

May 3 - 5, 2021

The Abbey Resort, Fontana, WI



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