

Office for Diaconate Formation
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Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center



The Servant

From Deacon John's Desk

Dear Friends of the Diaconate,

With the same excitement that the promise of a bright summer day brings, I am excited to announce that Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI has chosen nine of our aspirants to move forward in diaconate formation. Our new candidates-elect and their wives will gather for the first time as a new formation community at the Siena Center in the last weekend of August to make their "Oath of Freedom & Commitment to the Diaconate" in preparation for the celebration of the *Rite of Candidacy* on September 12, 2015 in Mater Christi Chapel at the Archbishop Cousin Catholic Center.

In this issue you will find a "quick look" at The **Deacon Formation** program in anticipation of the upcoming admission process to begin January, 2016. Be sure to hand a copy of the newsletter to any man you think might make a good deacon and needs to hear the call of the Lord through your invitation!

We are in the process of preparing to roll out an exciting and innovative invitation/recruitment process for admissions. It begins with a re-branding of the ODF with our new logo and tag line (**Diaconate Formation: Where love becomes service**) and will feature six deacons of the archdiocese in their unique, integrated sacramental life (sacred/secular) of the diaconate. In September, parishes will receive a series of colorful posters, electronic bulletin inserts, descriptive brochures, and, using Facebook and Twitter feeds, the faithful of the Archdiocese will be directed to our newly updated website for all things diaconate! Dates, times, and locations of our regional **Inquiry for Discernment programs** (a six session program for men and their wives' designed to facilitate discernment to apply for diaconate formation) will be found, as well as other interesting facts and details about the vocation of deacon.

And lastly, classes for the new semester begin on September 1st which is the start of the last year of formation for the men in the Class of 2016 who anticipate ordination in September 2016!

Deacon John A. Ebel, Director



Preview of our new logo!



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John Paul II recalled "Deacons, both married and celibate, to serve God's People by their witness to the gospel value of sacrificial love, a quality of life too easily dismissed in today's society." For those whom the Lord calls and whose lives' give such a witness, the ODF is the place to continue your journey.

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Diaconate Formation Program: A quick look

A day in the Formation Program / Un día en el Programa de Formación

The Diaconate Program in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is structured around the “four dimensions of formation”: intellectual, human, pastoral and spiritual. It is a four year program with every year having three trimesters: September–November, January–March, and May–July, with recess from classes in December, April and August. Each trimester aspirants/candidates meet every Tuesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and for six Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturdays doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the day begins with *Morning Prayer* from the *Liturgy of the Hours*, an important aspect in the formation life of the aspirants/candidates.



At 5:30 p.m. the formation community gathers again to end the day with *Evening Prayer*. The aspirant, upon becoming a candidate, will learn to preside at prayer. The aspirants, candidates or their wives, if married, share in proclaiming the readings from the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

Las puertas abren a las 7:30 AM. La Liturgia de las Horas es parte esencial de la vida del Diácono. Nuestro programa comienza con la Oración de la Mañana y termina con las Vísperas. Cuando el Aspirante se convierte en Candidato, el comienza a dirigir las oraciones. Las lecturas son hechas por los Aspirantes, Candidatos o sus esposas si son casados.

Following morning prayer, the community has time to gather for a cup of coffee and a snack before going to their first class of the day. (There are two classes on Tuesdays evenings). The faculty, all of which hold terminal or masters degrees, are recognized as experts in their respective subject areas. Classes are taught at a college level using adult learning strategies.

Luego de la Oración de la Mañana, los estudiantes se reúnen para un café y merienda; luego van a sus respectivos salones y toman la primera clase del día. (Ellos tienen dos clases los Martes). Nuestra facultad son maestros y doctores en teología y liturgia. Nuestras clases son presentadas en un proceso de aprendizaje a nivel de colegio



Mass is an essential part of the day and the “source and summit” of the life and process of becoming a deacon. The “Mass of the Day” is celebrated on Saturdays. All of the liturgical roles, theology, spirituality, pastoral application and rubrics are taught and experienced as part of the learning experience for the future deacons.

La Misa es una parte esencial del día como centro de nuestra vida y como un proceso de aprendizaje para los futuros Diáconos. La Misa que se celebra es la del día para sábado. Todos los momentos de la liturgia son también una experiencia de aprendizaje para los futuros Diáconos.

After Mass, the community has a period of adoration and personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Candidates, instituted as Acolytes, expose the Sacrament and lead the prayers. The community makes use of this time for prayer and/or devotions (Rosary, meditation, contemplation or *Lectio Divina*).

Después de la liturgia, ofrecemos un tiempo de adoración y oración personal. El Candidato instituido como Acólito, expone el Santísimo Sacramento y dirige al grupo en oración. Los estudiantes tienen este tiempo para la oración o devociones personales, tales como el Rosario, Meditación, Lectio Divina, etc.



Programa de Formación al Diaconado: Una mirada rápida

In the afternoon, after lunch, workshops are held that address the various aspects of human, pastoral and spiritual formation. Our staff and personnel from the archdiocesan offices offer the resources and tools necessary for ministry. It is also the time where the men are prepared for pastoral ministry experiences through societal and parish-based field placements.

En la tarde, luego del almuerzo, nuestros grupos toman una serie de talleres que se enfocan en la formación humana, pastoral y espiritual. Nuestro personal y el personal de la arquidiócesis ofrecen herramientas y recursos necesarios para el ministerio. Es también un tiempo donde los hombres se preparan para tener experiencia ministerial a través de los ministerios sociales y pastorales.



Personal reflection and faith sharing is a key component for a man to discern his perceived call to ministry. The men in formation share their experiences and the impact those experiences have on their discernment by participating in *Faith Integration Groups* and *Theological Reflection*. These processes help the individual to recognize whether or not formation is transformative and how the Lord is present and active to him.

La reflexión personal y el compartir de la fe son claves para descubrir la llamada al ministerio. En nuestro programa, los hombres comparten sus experiencias en la formación y ministerio a través de FIG (Grupo de Integración de Fe) y TR (Reflexión Teológica). Estos procesos ayudan al Aspirante y al Candidato a ver cómo la formación lo ha ido transformando y cómo descubrir la presencia y acción de Dios en su ministerio.

Formation offers a series of opportunities for the wives to be involved in their husband's transformative journey. There is time set aside for reflection and discernment as a couple (if married). Reflection days for aspirants and retreats for candidacy and ordination are moments in formation and discernment where the wives have an important role.

El programa ofrece una serie de oportunidades donde las esposas son partes de la formación de sus esposos. En nuestro programa también hay momentos de reflexión y discernimiento como parejas (si el hombre es casado). Día de Reflexión para Aspirantes, Retiro de Candidatura y Retiro para la Ordenación son momentos en la formación donde las esposas son parte importante.



Part of the wives participation in formation is attention to their own formation as a "future deacon wife." There is a comprehensive *Wives Formation Program* which focuses on the theological, human, spiritual and pastoral dimensions of formation. Presented on two Saturdays per semester, attendance in this program is required for the wives. In addition to their own program, wives may attend all classes and workshops, except for field placements and the men's theological reflection sessions.

Parte de la participación de las esposas en la formación de sus maridos es su propia formación como "futura esposa del diácono". Nosotros ofrecemos un Programa de Formación para Esposas comprehensivo y complete. Este programa se enfoca en la formación humana, espiritual y pastoral de la mujer. La participación de las esposas en esta parte del programa es mandatorio. Ellas pueden también participar en las clases de los martes o sábados, entendiendo que algunos de los momentos de formación son específicos para la preparación de sus esposos al ministerio ordenado.



Diaconate Formation Program: A quick look



When a man is accepted into formation, he is accepted to be formed for ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI chooses the men suitable to become deacons for the Church of Southeast Wisconsin based on the recommendation of a selection committee. The Archbishop is an active participant in the program, celebrating Mass and offering workshops for the aspirants/candidates.

Cuando un hombre es aceptado en el programa, él es aceptado para ser formado en la Arquidiócesis de Milwaukee. El Arzobispo Jerome E. ListECKI selecciona los hombres que el entiende son adecuados para convertirse en diáconos para la Iglesia del Sureste de Wisconsin. El es también una presencia active en el programa al estar presente para celebrar Misa y al ofrecer algunos talleres para los Candidatos.

Inquiry for Discernment Program—Fall 2015 Programa de Discernimiento Otoño—2015

Waukesha Area: (West): Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm

October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9

Place: Dcn. Dennis Petrie's home: 1115 Crystal Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005

To register contact: Dcn. Dennis Petrie 414-248-3042 or Dcn. Mike Finley 262-547-1977

Milwaukee Area: (North-East): Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm

October 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Place: Franciscan Room at St. Monica Church: 160 E. Silver Spring Dr. Whitefish Bay, WI 53217-4701

To register contact: Dcn. Mike Bowen 414-351-1707 or Dcn. Gary Nosacek 414-962-4997

Hartland Area: (West): Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm

October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10

Place: Dcn. John C. Mezydło's home: N76 W30890 County Rd. VV Unit # 1 Hartland, WI 53029

To register contact: Dcn. John C. Mezydło 602-885-1642 or 262-727-7092

Racine and Caledonia (South): Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm

October 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 11, 18

Place: St. Louis Church, 13207 County Rd. G, Caledonia, WI 53108

To register contact: Dcn. Bob Starr, Sr. 847-890-8671

NOTE: Participation in all six sessions is required for men interested in exploring a vocation to the diaconate (WIVES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS).

Sesión en ESPAÑOL en Milwaukee en Otoño 2015: Sábados de 9:00-11:00 AM

Septiembre 26, Octubre 10, 24 y Noviembre 7, 21

Lugar: Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center (Cousins Center por el lago)

3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235

Para registrarse contactar a: Dcn. Eugenio Ramirez-Murphy 414-263-6002 o

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NOTA: Es requerido la participación en todas las sesiones, si es casado, la esposa debe estar presente en todas las sesiones.

Our web address is:
<http://www.archmil.org/offices/Diaconate.htm>

