

# SEPTEMBER 2000

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

September 7—Formation classes resume at St. Catherine of Siena in Kennesaw.

September 12—Admission to Candidacy, Class of 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrews in Roswell. Please come out and support our future deacons.

September 25—Deacon Jim Condill, coordinator of the Catholic Truck Stop Ministry will be in Atlanta to meet with Atlanta deacons who may be interested in this ministry. Time and place TBA. A brochure about this ministry is enclosed.

September 30—Deacon Assembly at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints in Dunwoody. The Archbishop will administer the Rite of Recommitment during the Mass.

October 13-15—Retreat for deacons and wives begins at Simpsonwood Retreat Center. It is still not too late to register.

December 16—Archbishop's Holiday reception for deacons, wives and candidates at the Archbishop's residence: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m..

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

Aquinas Center of Theology. See the enclosed brochure.

**The Parish Ministry Conference:** “Bold in Our Hope—The Many Gifts of Parish.” November 9-11, Holiday Inn Select, San Antonio, Texas. For more information call the Diaconate office or contact the conference organizers direct at 212-431-7825, E-mail:conferences@nplc.org.

**A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE:** John and Jackie Tardy are the new local coordinators for the Atlanta Community of Catholic Engaged encounter. They are looking for persons who may be willing to help engaged couples. They are looking for deacons who can help with presentations on January 20, 2001. The topics to be presented are “The Sacramentality of Marriage” and “How to Minister to Interfaith Couples.”

The Tardys can be reached at 404-869-4760 or E-mail at [jtardy@gateway.net](mailto:jtardy@gateway.net). You may also contact Dr. Scott McNabb at 404-816-7457 or E-mail at [sym3@cdc.gov](mailto:sym3@cdc.gov).

**DEACON POSTERS AND BROCHURES** : Tell the story about the Order of Deacon. To assist you the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate has prepared a Poster and Brochure about deacons. These can be used as effective teaching tools in RCIA, Vocation Week, parish gatherings and events, any group presentation. **A copy of the order blank is enclosed if you wish to order any of the brochures and posters.**

**THE CENACLE SISTERS** are assisting the Office of the Diaconate in establishing a program of spiritual development and growth for deacons' wives and widows.

**Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey form. Please see to it that your wife gets it. She may return it to me by FAX at 404-978-2778, E-mail at [amitchell@archatl.com](mailto:amitchell@archatl.com) or regular mail at: Office of the Diaconate  
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**This is important so, please see that your spouse gets this.**