

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 24: Ordination of the class of 2001 at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 10:30 a.m. Vestments are white. Deacons who plan to vest for the occasion should notify the office of the Diaconate.

April 28: A day of reflection for deacons and wives at Holy Cross Church. The topic is "Theology of the Eucharist." The presenter is Fr. Gerard Austin, OP. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude approximately 1:00 p.m.

May 31: A SEMINAR ON SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR WIVES. An Introduction to Spiritual Direction" will cover some questions you may have, such as: What is Spiritual Direction? How Will it help me to grow closer to God? How often do you see a spiritual director? What is the cost? Do you meet in a group or individually with a director? The presenters are Sister Susan Arcaro and Sr. Barbara Young, Sisters of the Cenacle. They will answer these questions and many others you may have about spiritual direction. The time is approximately 9:00 until noon. The site will be announced later.

June 9: Ordination to the priesthood at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral.

July 14: Ordination to the priesthood at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral.

September 11: Admission to Candidacy, Class of 2002, Mary Our Queen, Norcross at 7:30 p.m.

September 14: Institution as acolytes, Class of 2003.

September 29: A day of prayer for women of the Diaconate community. The time is 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Presenters are the Cenacle Sisters.

October 12, 5:00 p.m. to October 14, 1:00 p.m.: Annual retreat for deacons and wives at Simpsonwood.

Additional events will be posted as they become known.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE

May 12-16: GENDER ISSUES IN THE CARE OF THE DYING AND BEREAVED: The 19th King's College Conference on Death and Bereavement, King's College Centre for Education about Death and Bereavement; London, Ontario, Canada. For additional information contact The Office of the Diaconate or Kings College at: E-mail: jmorgan@julian.uwo.ca or the web site at <http://www.wwdc.com/death/resources.html>.

June 11-July, 27: THE MARIAN LIBRARY: International Marian Research Institute, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. Courses are one week or two weeks. For more information contact the Office of the Diaconate or The Marian Research Institute: 937-229-4214. E-Mail johann.roten@udayton.edu. Web: www.udayton.edu/mary.

Dates of the Spring Program are February 26 – March 30.

July 1- July 27: Retreats International 2001 Summer Institute, South Bend, Indiana. Each week is separate and you may sign up for some weeks or for all four weeks. For more information contact the Office of the Diaconate or visit the Retreats International website at www.nd.edu/~retreats/. The e-mail address is retreats.retreats.1@nd.edu.

July 27- July 30: National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus annual meeting in St. Louis. For more information contact the Office of the Diaconate or Deacon Jerry Lett at 404-894-4428 or e-mail at jerry.lett@gtri.gatech.edu.

July 29- August 2: Annual conference of the National Diaconate Institute of Continuing Education, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.

August 2 – 5: Annual Festival Gathering of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, Simpsonwood, Atlanta, GA.

Additional opportunities will be posted as they become known. You are also invited to submit information on any educational opportunities that may be of interest to the community.

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We welcome Deacon Kolodziej and his wife Lynn, from the Diocese of Charlotte. Keith is assigned to St. Peter Chanel in Roswell.

Deacon Bob Henrich has relocated to the Diocese of Raleigh and has been recently assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes in Raleigh.

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The Council of Deacons met for the first time on January 10. The minutes of the meeting are included with this issue of *The Beacon*.