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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 2: Ordination to the priesthood at 10:30 a.m. at St. Benedict.

June 16: Annual celebration of The Eucharistic Renewal at the Georgia International Convention Center; 9:30 a.m.. Please call Mary Elkins (404-231-4568) and let her know if you plan to attend and participate in the procession.

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

July 20: The Pro-Life Committee of St. Joseph's, Marietta and Serra Atlanta are sponsoring a conference for clergy on the subject of *Humanae Vitae*. The conference is being held at Holy Cross Church. The conference will start at 10:00a.m. and end around 7:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided. For more information contact Robert Babecka at mail@thinkchastity.com.

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.

June 10-15: A Study Week for Permanent Deacons: Theology and Catholic Social Doctrine with Dr. Antonio Lopez: St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida. A flyer is enclosed.

June 5-29: Helping Deacons Become Effective Preachers: A Workshop for Trainers. St. John's School of Theology Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota. Call the Diaconate office for more information.

June 18-22: The 38th Annual Institute on Sacred Scripture, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

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.

strongly encouraged to sponsor a project in their parishes. For more information contact the office of the Diaconate.

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FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC is sponsoring pilgrimages for permanent deacons to Jamaica, Haiti, El Salvador and Nicaragua. There is no charge to the deacon. Currently there are pilgrimages scheduled to Haiti from May 1st to May 4th and to Jamaica October 9th to October 12th. These are not vacation tours. Deacons who go on the pilgrimage are required to commit to share their experiences by preaching in their parishes about what they saw and heard. They are also

The Council of Deacons met for its fourth meeting on April 7. Minutes of the meeting are included with this issue of *The Beacon*.

The Archbishop has sent a letter to all pastors advising them of recruiting for the next class of deacon candidates. If you know of men in your parish whom you think are good candidates; please discuss this with your pastor. The Archbishop's letter is dated February 16.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST:

E-Mail is a quick, inexpensive and easy way of communicating. This is especially so in the event of emergencies. If you have access to e-mail and are not receiving e-mail messages from me, that is so because I do not have your e-mail address. If you want to be on the e-mail mailing list, please send me an e-mail indicating this at amitchell@archatl.com and I'll add your name to the list.

WIVES: Registrations for the May 31 session with the Cenacle Sisters are going very slowly. Please let me know either way what your plans are. That way, we can plan better for this event.

There is a need for priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Retreat on October 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please ask your priest(s) about their availability for this sacrament. If they are willing and available send me their names and I will see to it that they get all the details.