

# OCTOBER 2001

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPECIAL EVENTS PRIORITY ONE.

October 27: A Deacon Appreciation Day hosted by the Serra Club of North Metro.  
Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Place: New St. Stephen Center at 2971 Butner Road, S. W., Atlanta. This is the site of the old St. Joseph Village.

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November 24: 11:30 a.m.  
Dedication of the new St. Stephen Center at 2971 Butner Road, Atlanta. Archbishop Donoghue will preside at the dedication. All deacons, wives and candidates and wives are invited. A map with directions to the Center is included with this edition of The Beacon

retreat for deacons and wives at Simpsonwood.

October 15: Institution as Reader, class of 2004. Sts. Peter and Paul, Decatur at 7:30 p.m.

October 13: Corrections and parole training for service to inmates in state prisons. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 624 West Ponce de Leon, Decatur, Ga. Training is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee, cold drinks and dessert will be provided.

October 19-20: Life in the Eucharist Seminar/Retreat at the Cathedral of Christ the King. October 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m., registration at 6:30. October 20 at 8:30 ending with Mass at 5:30 p.m. Lunch and Workbook are provided. Registration fee is \$15.00 To register call Juanita and Joe Altschuler at 770-923-7523.

November 9-11: If you miss the October Retreat, you can make one at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton. This retreat is sponsored by Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Men's Club. For more details contact Deacon

October 12, 5:00 p.m. to  
October 14, 1:00 p.m.: Annual

Alfred Mitchell.

November 19: The Diaconate Class of 2003 will be instituted as acolytes at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish at 7:30 p.m.

December 2: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Our annual Advent/Christmas reception at the Archbishop's residence. Those in formation and their spouses are invited.

*Additional events will be posted as they become known.*

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE

November 8-10: The Annual Parish Leadership Conference: "Leadership for the Future!"

Leadership for the World! Baltimore Maryland.

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 is a pilgrimage scheduled to Jamaica October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 strongly encouraged to sponsor a project in their parishes. For more information contact the office of the Diaconate.

The Council of Deacons met on September 10. A quorum was not present, hence, there are no minutes for September.

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OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST:

The Annual Deacons and Wives Assembly was held on Saturday, September 15 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The Mass of Recommitment preceded the Assembly. Archbishop Donoghue was the principal celebrant. Copies of the Archbishop's homily and his remarks at the assembly are included with this issue of *The Beacon*.

The fall issue of *Church Magazine* contains a very informative article on the do's and don'ts of presiding. The author is Michael R. Prendergast, editor of *Today's Liturgy* and liturgy specialist at Oregon Catholic Press in Portland, Oregon. The article is written for priest-presiders, but I think deacons will find it helpful also.

There is still 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.

**RETREAT REMINDER:** Due to a cancellation, there is one room available. If you delayed in registering, you may have this room if you act immediately. Contact the office of the Diaconate by telephone (404-885-7407) or e-mail ([amitchell@archatl.com](mailto:amitchell@archatl.com)).

