

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 15: A SPECIAL EVENT
PRIORITY ONE.

THIS IS THE DATE OF THE SECOND ANNUAL DEACONS' AND WIVES ASSEMBLY. THE ARCHBISHOP WISHES ALL DEACONS TO BE PRESENT. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PASTORS OF THIS AND RESERVE THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.

This will be an all-day event, which will include our assembly and Mass of Recommitment.

Further details will follow.

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.

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

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 25-29: 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.

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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

strongly encouraged to sponsor
a project in their parishes.

For more information contact the office of the Diaconate.

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:

A message from Kathy Hampton, Chair of the Women's Activities Committee: Ever wonder about a support system for deacons' wives? Now we have the opportunity to develop such a system. The Wives Activities Committee is part of the Council of Deacons. This committee is charged with the educational, spiritual and social activities for the wives. We need YOUR help. Please contact me at 770-631-7043 or via e-mail at uga1219@yahoo.com to volunteer your time and talent to this worthwhile committee. Together we can organize this committee to help all the wives.

September 29 is the next event planned for wives.

In its June meeting the Calling Committee of the Council recommended adopting a new method of contacting members of the Diaconate community. It is called "Call Posting" and is a free service that allows us to contact all deacons by telephone almost simultaneously. The message is preceded by a short (about ten-second) commercial message. If you receive such a call, don't hang up immediately. Wait to see what follows the commercial.

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: There are about 20 rooms left. If you plan to attend and have not registered, you need to do so immediately. I must give Simpsonwood a room count no later than July 12. If your name is not on the list I submit, there may not be a room available for you.

DON' T PROCRASTINATE ANY LONGER.

