

# APRIL 2002

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPECIAL EVENTS PRIORITY ONE.

April 27: WIVES DAY AT THE ST. STEPHEN CENTER. The Center is located at 2971 Butner Road (Blessed Sacrament Parish). The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon. Those wishing to do so, may bring a bag lunch. Social time will follow the session.

The topic is "Being a Deacon's Wife—Is it Ministry or Misery." The presenters are Mike and Ruth Jones, Linda McCarthy and Sandy Tracy. This should be an interesting session. Please contact Kathy Hampton at 770-631-7043 or e-mail: BILLKATHAMPTON@CS.COM.

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Several deacons have indicated they are not receiving *The Beacon*. *The Beacon* is sent to your parish via the Friday mailings from the Catholic Center. The parish is supposed to distribute it to you.

Beginning with the next issue we will use e-mail to distribute *The Beacon* to any of you who wish to receive it that way. This MUST be an affirmative decision on your part. That is, you must notify the editor that you wish to receive *The Beacon* via e-mail.

We will then set up a special address file for transmitting *The Beacon* ONLY. NO OTHER MAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA THIS SPECIAL BEACON ADDRESS LIST. YOUR ADDRESS WILL NOT BE PUT ON ANY OTHER LIST MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE.

This will help in two ways. It will insure your receiving *The Beacon* promptly and regularly, and it will save postage for the office.

The archdiocesan retreat for deacons and wives this year is on October 4-6 at Simpsonwood. The presenter is Fr. Linus de Santis, O. F. M. Conv.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE

##### KINGS COLLEGE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION ABOUT DEATH AND BEREAVEMENT.

20<sup>TH</sup> international Conference on Death and Bereavement May 11-15.  
"Grief Across the Life Span—Dealing with Hurt, Grief and Loss in Changing Times."

E-mail: [jmorgan@julian.uwo.ca](mailto:jmorgan@julian.uwo.ca) --Website: <http://wwdc.com/death> --Tel: 519-433-3491 (Canada)

**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.** These are not vacation tours.

The 2002 Pilgrimage schedule is as follows:

*April 16 – 19	Haiti	Sept. 17 – 20	Jamaica
May 7 – 10	Haiti	Sept. 23 – 27	Nicaragua
June 3 – 7	El Salvador	November 4 – 8	Nicaragua
June 4 – 7	Haiti	November 5 – 8	Haiti
*July 16 – 19	Haiti	Nov. 12 – 15	Jamaica
Sept. 10 – 13	Haiti		

\*Preferred pilgrimages for priests and deacons. Other dates are available.

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.

June 17-21: The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute on Sacred Scripture, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Course offerings: (1) *The Psalms, Poetry Prayer and Scripture; the Colossians: Post Pauline Matter.* (2) *The Fourth Gospel: A Summons to Belief Without Seeing; and* (3) *The Letter to the Colossians: Post Pauline Matter.*  
For more information: visit the web site at: [www.georgetown.edu/ssce/htm](http://www.georgetown.edu/ssce/htm) or E-mail: [harri nge@georgetown.edu](mailto:harri nge@georgetown.edu).  
Tel ephone: 202-687-5832/5719

June 16-29: Annual Summer Festival of the School of Sacred Storytelling, Jemez Springs, New Mexico. For more information contact the Office of the Diaconate or Pam Maben at [pammaben@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pammaben@ix.netcom.com). Tel ephone-1-503-641-5611.

July 24-27: Want to know more about biblical storytelling and using it as a preaching tool? Attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Biblical Storytelling Festival Gathering at Simpsonwood in Norcross. For more information: e-mail: [nobsint@nobs.org](mailto:nobsint@nobs.org). Web: [www.NOBS.org](http://www.NOBS.org) or telephone at 1-800-355-6627. For a brochure contact the Office of the Diaconate.

July 28-31: Annual convention of the National Diaconate Institute of Continuing Education (NDICE) at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

Scholarships are available: Contact Deacon Bob May at [dcnmayndice@cs.com](mailto:dcnmayndice@cs.com).

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**OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST:**

April 15-21-Vocation Awareness Week in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

June 1-Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi and Eucharistic Congress. Georgia International Convention Center.

December 15-Archbishop's Reception for deacons, wives and candidates: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. -**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH. Please note the site change.**

**ASSIGNMENT CHANGES:** Ronald Comeau from St. Mary's in Rome to Holy Family in Marietta.

Deacon Lee J. Tollett from the Diocese of Galveston/Houston to the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Deacon Tollett's transfer is effective on April 7. He will be assigned to St. Mark, Clarksville.

Change of Address for Deacon Bill Speed: 5404 Hidden Harbor Landing, Gainesville, GA. 678-450-9522 (Home and Office)

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The April 6 presentation by Fr. Mark Wedig, O.P. will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Building at All Saints Church.

**THERE IS AN ADVANCE READING ASSIGNMENT. If you plan to attend, please notify the Office of the Diaconate and the assignment will be sent to you.**

## MINUTES OF 03/04/02 COUNCIL OF DEACONS MEETING

Deacon Pat called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Deacon Alfred lead the opening prayer

Those in attendance:

Council members and Episcopal Delegate

Deacons; Al McHugh, Pat O' Connor, Mike Mobley, Alfred Mitchell, Lou Hettel, Whitney Robichaux, Gary Womack,

Those excused: John Strop, Bruce Publicover, Bill Speed, and Loris Sini an.

Monsignor Paul Reynolds, Episcopal Delegate

Presenting Visitor;

Deacon Tom Mcgrane                      Chairman Public Relations & Archives  
Committee

A quorum was met.

- Deacon Pat said the first matter of business was the resignation of Walt Bedard, region four representatives, and a replacement for him on the Council. We then went through the roster for region four and came up with three names that Deacon Pat will contact to see if they would run for the vacancy. Deacon Alfred asked if any new deacons were in the region and Deacon Pat said yes one, and he had already contacted him about the spot, but he thought he would need some time to get to know things asked of him in his Parish before he could take on anything else. Deacon Alfred suggested that each newly ordained Deacon be sent a letter to welcome them into the Diaconal Community and make them aware of their membership in the council. Deacon Al made the motion and this was voted on and approved.
- Deacon Pat asked if everyone got their revised copy of the Constitution and By Laws, Dated 12-23-01? All have now received copies.
- Deacon Al said all is going well with the plans for Deacon Tom Zaworski's silver Jubilee Celebration, but he was disappointed with the response from Deacon's so far. He said this is a bigger undertaking than you might think, Deacon Mike said that Msgr. Reynolds at our last gathering had said that this is something that the Archdioceses might want to take over and plan as more and more Deacon's will be celebrating this event in the future.
- Deacon Gary asked who would be notified with the agenda for the meeting? Deacon Pat said that all the members should receive a copy before the meeting.
- Deacon Pat showed a copy of a sample Web Page for the Diaconate and some discussion followed, it was asked how to access the site, but it's not started yet.
- Deacon Lou read the two recommendations from the region four meeting and discussion followed. A motion was made to send region three a letter to thank them for their recommendations.
- Deacon Whitney asked if any notice was sent out about the ordination this past Saturday of transitional deacon's? There were only three Deacons' there.
- Deacon Tom asked about Insurance for Deacon's and if this could be put on the agenda.

- Deacon Alfred said that he asked for some funds in his budget for the council.
- Deacon Mike asked what the process for a Deacon who wants to retire is? Deacon Alfred said that he must write a letter to the Archbishop and request retirement.
- Deacon Mike asked if the newly ordained Deacon's could be given a copy of the Archdiocese Policy Manual, so they would know some of the rules and regulations. Deacon Whitney said there would be no problem with getting a copy of the manual but he thought there should be some class time for this in formation. Deacon Alfred said he had already requested time in the fall with the new classes, but he hadn't heard anything back as yet.
- A report from the Women's Activities Committee was handed out and plans are under way for a wives day April 27 at the St. Stephen's Center. The theme for the day; Being a Deacon's Wife is it Ministry or Misery? Our goal is to have each wife realize her call to ministry within her vocation as a wife.
- Deacon Whitney said that as of the last meeting he went to about the Eucharistic Congress Celebration set for June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Georgia International Convention Center, that only 8 Deacons had responded so there would be few seats reserved for Deacons.

Deacon Whitney closed meeting with prayer

Next Meeting;

April 1<sup>st</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup>

