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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS PRIORITY ONE.

October 4-6: Annual retreat for deacons and wives at Simpsonwood Retreat and Conference Center. Father Linus de Santis, O.F.M. is this year's retreat master.

If you haven't already sent in your registration, you should do it now.
Don't Wait!!

October 19: ANNUAL DEACONS AND WIVES ASSEMBLY: We will gather in the morning. The exact time and place will be announced later. Please try to avoid scheduling baptisms, weddings and other events during this time.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Saturday, June 23, 2003: Seventh Annual Eucharistic Congress

CONTINUING EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE

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:

*July 16 19	Haiti	November 4 – 8	Nicaragua
Sept. 10 – 13	Haiti	November 5 – 8	Haiti
Sept. 17 – 20	Jamaica	Nov. 12 – 15	Jamaica
Sept. 23 – 27	Nicaragua		

*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 39th 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 or E-mail: 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@i x.netcom.com. Tel ephone-1-503-641-5611.

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education is presenting “**SMART MARRIAGES –Happy Families**” in Washington, D. C. , July 11-14, 2002. Mary Ellen Hughes, archdiocesan director of family concerns endorses this highly and recommends it for deacons.

For more information contact the Diaconate Office or www.smartmarriages.com.

July 24-27: Want to know more about biblical storytelling and using it as a preaching tool? Attend the 15th Annual Biblical Storytelling Festival Gathering at Simpsonwood in Norcross. For more information: e-mail: nobsi nt@nobs.org. Web: 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.

Schol arshi ps are avai lable: Contact Deacon Bob May at dcnmayndi ce@cs.com.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST:

December 15–Archbi shop’s Recepti on for deacons, wi ves and candi dates: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.–**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH. Please note the si te change.**

ASSIGNMENT CHANGES:

Pat Gillespie has moved to Moyock, North Carolina in the diocese of Raleigh. He does not have an assignment there yet.

Ben Gross, St. George, Newnan has retired.

Bart DeSandre has been assigned to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Brother Clay Patterson, IHM, has been transferred to South Carolina.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine through their weakness. In their afflictions, let them never be crushed; in their doubts, never despair; in temptation, never be destroyed; in persecution, never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father. By the same Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she, who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit and for the glory of God the Father,
Amen!!