

FEBRUARY 2003

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS PRIORITY ONE.

Tuesday, June 17, 2003: Jubilee Celebration for Deacons George Angelich, Walt Bedard, Dick Narey and John Shoemaker at Holy Cross Church, 3175 Hathaway Court, N. E., Atlanta. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please mark this important date on your calendar and come out as we honor these men who have served the Church so well for twenty-five years.

Future editions of *The Beacon* will profile each of these men.

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Saturday, June 21 2003: Seventh Annual Eucharistic Congress

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Institute for Pastoral Studies, St. Joseph's College of Maine is offering courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels that may fit the needs of deacons. One of the degrees offered is a Bachelor of Arts in Adult Religious Education. The institute is fully accredited.

For more information contact Rita LaBruzzo, D. Min, Director. The web site is www.sjcme.edu/gps, e-mail at rlabruzz@sjcme.edu or telephone at 1-800-343-5498, ext. 7990.

AQUINAS CENTER OF THEOLOGY AT EMORY UNIVERSITY is offering a series of lectures and workshops beginning February 27 and ending April 8. There is no charge. For further information contact the Office of the Diaconate (404-885-7407) or the Aquinas Center at 404-727-8860.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY is sponsoring a study week for deacons January 31-February 2. Cost is \$160.00. For further information please e-mail Sr. Janet Sullivan at jsullivan@svdp.edu or call Mrs. Lowery at 561-732-4424, Ext. 150.

May 25-28, 2003: International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Title of the conference is "Honoring the Past – Living in the Present – Anticipating the Future." For more information telephone 608-785-6504 or on-line: www.uwlax.edu/conted

IMMERSION IN SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE sponsored by the Southeastern Pastoral Institute, June 22-July 10. Cost of the three-week course is \$1310. This includes room and board. For more information call 305-279-2333.

ALL COME BEARING GIFTS: National Migration Conference 2003. Sponsored by Migration and Refugee Services and Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. For more information or to register: Visit www.usccb.org/mrs or call 202-541-3352.

SATELLITE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (STEP) offered by The Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame. STEP provides quality theological education to pastoral ministers and other adult Catholics across the country. Courses are conducted via the Internet. For more information visit STEP at <http://step.nd.edu>; E-mail at icl@nd.edu or call toll free at 1-866-425-7837.

FORMATION MATTERS

October 7 7:30 p.m.: Institution as Reader and Acolyte for the Class of 2006. Site to be announced.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

ASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFERS, RETIREMENTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA
COUNCIL OF DEACONS
Archbishop John F. Donoghue

Episcopal Delegate: Msgr. Paul Reynolds
Director of Deacon Personnel: Alfred Mitchell
Director of Formation: Loris Sinanian

Chairman: Pat O'Connor Vice-Chairman: Whitney Robichaux Secretary: Mike Mobley

<u>YEAR REP.</u>	<u>REGION REP.</u>	<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON</u>
1-5 Bill Speed	1. John Stroop	Servant Ministry Tony Cuomo
5-12 Mike Mobley	2. Bruce Publicover	Spirituality & Growth Sam Mure
12 + Whitney Robichaux	3. Lou Hettel	Women's Activities
	4. Bill Jindrich	Social Activities Dick & Penny Conti
	5. Al McHugh	Public Rel.&Archives Tom McGrane
	6. Pat O'Connor	Calling Mike Mobley
		Nominating Gary Womack
		Diaconate Works Ray Egan
		Outreach John McManus

Meeting Minutes
Dec. 9 2002

Deacon Pat called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Deacon Alfred Mitchell led the opening prayer

Those in attendance:

Deacons:

Pat O'Connor, Mike Mobley, Alfred Mitchell, Whitney Robichaux, John Stroop, Bruce Publicover,

Bill Speed, Lou Hettel,

Committee Chairperson's:

Gary Womack, John McManus,

Those excused: Loris Sinanian, Bill Jindrich, Al McHugh, Dick and Penny Conti,

Monsignor Paul Reynolds, Episcopal Delegate

Absent: Tony Cuomo, Ray Egan, Sam Mure, Tom McGrane,

Presenting Visitor: none

A quorum was met

Region Reports

Region Representative's

1. John Stroop No Report
2. Bruce Publicover No Report
3. Lou Hettel No report
4. Bill Jindrich No Report
5. Al McHugh No Report
6. Pat O'Connor Deacon Pat said he is set for the next meeting in Jan. 2003

Committee Reports

Committee's: _____ Chairperson: _____

A. Servant Ministry (Deacon Tony Cuomo) Deacon Tony was absent and there was no report

- B. Spirituality & Growth (Deacon Sam Mure) Deacon Mure was absent and there was no report
- C. Women's Activities No chair for this committee at this time, Deacon Pat said he has not contacted anyone to ask about serving on this committee.
- D. Social Activities (Deacon Dick & Penny Conti) Dick and Penny are out of town and there was no report.
- E Public Relations & Archives (Deacon Tom McGrane) Tom has sold his house and moved to Tenn. Deacon Pat said we would need a new Chairperson for this committee.
- F Calling (Deacon Mike Mobley) nothing to report
- G. Nominating (Deacon Gary Womack) nothing to report
- H. Diaconate Works (Deacon Ray Egan) no report, but Whitney said he was doing much better.
- I Outreach (Deacon John McManus) Deacon John said he had a good response from the Deacon's, he is now trying to get people who want to go on a trip to head it up, things are moving forward.

Under Old Business;

- Deacon Assembly Oct. 19 2002; Deacon Pat asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting and they were approved.
- Regions 1, 3, and 5, ballots & responses. Deacon Alfred said that all the ballots went out and we are now waiting for the responses from the region's members. All ballots must be received by Dec. 31 2002 to be counted.
- Deacon's Assembly Oct. 18th 2003, Deacon Pat said we had the Cathedral and all other space needed reserved. Deacon Alfred said he would check to make sure that the date is on the Archbishops calendar.

New Business;

- Deacon Pat asked if the member's of the council had an names to recommend for the open Chairpersons of committee's. Deacon Mike suggests putting together a brief article for the Beacon and asks for volunteer's, all agreed.
- Deacon Pat reminded everyone that the terms of officers expire in Jan.
- Deacon Loris had asked that the council be informed that there will be 15 men ordained next year, Jan. & Feb. and that 19 aspirants will be entering the first year's formation and that 22 men will be entering as aspirants.
- Open Discussion; Deacon John Stroop asked about getting more Deacons involved in supporting each other and the different events that we have. Deacon Gary said he was ashamed of the turn out for the funeral of one of the Deacons wives that only seven Deacons's showed up. Deacon Alfred Mitchell said that only 89 people Deacon's and Wives had responded to the invitation to the Archbishops Reception for Deacon's and Wives this weekend. A long discussion took place and all members were ask to pray and think about this before the next meeting and try to have some suggestions for ongoing formation and fraternity.

Recorded & Submitted:

Secretary Deacon Michael Mobley

Next meeting;

Jan. 20 2003

Feb. 3 2003

March 3 2003

