

AUGUST 2003

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS PRIORITY ONE.

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October 3-5: Annual Archdiocesan Retreat for deacons and wives at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center. The retreat presenter this year is Fr. Peter Jandacek, M.S., parochial vicar at St. Oliver Plunkett, Snellville.

October 18: Annual Deacon Assembly, 8:30 a.m., Cathedral of Christ the King.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

October 19-21, 2003: The National Black Child Development Institute's 33rd Annual Conference: "Overcoming the Barriers: Achieving Excellence and Success." Hyatt Regency New Orleans at the Superdome. For more information call 1-800-2234 or 202 833-2220 or visit www.nbcdi.org.

November 13-15: The National Pastoral Life Center presents Annual Parish Convention 2003: "**Time to Come Together,**" at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. For More Information: Telephone-(212) 431-7825; e-mail at conferences@nplc.org or online at www.nplc.org.

January 19-30, 2004: FIFTH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE/RETREAT TO CENTRAL AMERICA: FOR BISHOPS, PRIESTS, DEACONS AND BROTHERS:

Visiting the Shrines of the Martyrs. Guided by Father William Donnelly, MM, Regional Superior of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Central America. Contact: Mary Ann Roper, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Post Office Box 302, Maryknoll NY 10545-0302. Telephone 941-7590, Ext. 2449. For more information please visit www.maryknoll.org/society/mm_pilgrim.htm

April 25-29, 2004. National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Annual Meeting and Expo. Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Further information can be obtained at 202 636-3826 or nccl@nccl.org.

June 27-July 17, 2004: Institute for Black Catholic Studies of Xavier University of Louisiana. The Institute is designed to assist all who minister to Black Catholics to develop a more meaningful and effective ministry in the Black community. For more detailed information contact The Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University of Louisiana, 1 Drexel Drive, Box 49A, New Orleans, LA 70125. E-mail address is ibcs@xula.edu. Telephone: 504 485-5138 or 504 483-7691.

July 1-4, 2004: The National Catholic Deacon Conference in Baltimore. Md. Plan this as a part of your summer vacation. The conference is being held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. There will be family events throughout the convention.

Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP): Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame—2003-2004 Theology online. For more information: Telephone 574-631-5510; toll free 866 425-STEP; E-mail icl@ndu.edu. **STEP** provides a wide variety of adult formation opportunities.

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

FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC is sponsoring pilgrimages for permanent deacons to Jamaica and Haiti. There is no charge to the deacon. 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. Reminder: Check first with your pastor about the preaching.**

The tour schedule is as follows:

September 5-7	Haiti	October 10-12	Jamaica
Sept. 26-28	Jamaica	November 7-9	Haiti
		December 12-14	Haiti

If you are interested in any of these tours please contact Deacon Jack Pierce, Diaconate Coordinator at 954-427-2222, ext. 6130 or via e-mail at jackp@foodforthe poor.com



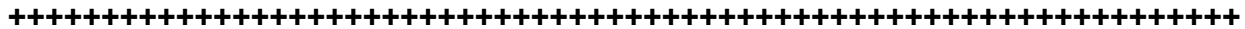
WIVES: The “Wives” Internet List Server offers you an opportunity to communicate with other deacons’ wives on a variety of subjects. Only wives of ordained deacons are allowed to join. The service is free. If you are interested send an e-mail with the following information: Name, e-mail address, husband’s name and year of ordination and diocese to: Irene Morton to this e-mail address: mrsmort@cox.net There is no charge to belong to the list.



November 14-16, 2003. Saints Peter and Paul’s Men’s Club offers a retreat for men at Carmel Retreat Center, Hoschton, Georgia. The theme of this year’s retreat is “Images of Jesus.” For more information call Val Dorsey at 404 241-7535 or Deacon Alfred Mitchell at 404 885-7407; amitchell@archatl.com.

Personnel Matters

Deacon Mike Mobley has been reassigned to Saint Stephen the Martyr in Lilburn. He has also been engaged as the parish’s director of religious education. Mike was previously at the Emory University Catholic Center.



What are you doing to make yourself a better deacon? What are you doing in the areas of continuing education and spiritual development? Read through the Gospels and you will find that Jesus’ disciples spent considerable time in continuing education and spiritual development. Jesus, the master teacher, knew how important these are to the well-rounded disciple. It wasn’t all driving out demons, performing miracles and preaching. Time off for refreshment and renewal is important. If you are not involved regularly in continuing education and spiritual development, you are short-changing yourself and those that you minister to.

Take advantage of some of the continuing education opportunities listed herein. Sign up for the annual retreat if you haven’t made a retreat this year. Canon law requires it. More importantly, your ministry needs it.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA COUNCIL OF DEACONS

Episcopal Delegate: Msgr. Paul Reynolds

Director of Deacon Personnel: Alfred Mitchell

Director of Formation: Loris Sinanian

Chairman: Whitney Robichaux

Vice-Chairman: John McManus

Secretary: Lloyd Sutter

<u>YEAR REP.</u>	<u>REGION REP.</u>	<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON</u>	
1-5 Bill Speed	1. Lloyd Sutter	Servant Ministry	Ray Egan
5-12 Mike Mobley	2. Bruce Publicover	Spirituality & Growth	Sam Mure
12 + Whitney Robichaux	3. John McManus		
	4. Bill Jindrich	Social Activities	Dick&Penny Conti
	5. Vic Huynh	Public Rel.&Archives	Mike Balfour
	6. Pat O'Connor	Calling	Gary Womack
			Bruce Publicover
			Lloyd Sutter
		Nominating	Gary Womack
		Diaconate Works	Ray Egan
		Outreach	Bill Heinsch

MINUTES for Council Meeting of **June 2, 2003**, at Cathedral of Christ the King.

PRESENT: All, except Deacons O'Connor, Egan, Mure, Heinsch, and Balfour.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Deacon Huynh.

Agenda discussion items included:

- Region Representatives for Regions 1, 5 & 6 reported on pending activities.
- Discussion was had about developing a procedure for notification of deaths and serious illnesses involving a deacon or member of his immediate family. Consensus was that (1) deacon or his family should make the contact; (2) contact should be to Mac Fronek in the Archbishop's Office and Deacons Alfred Mitchell and Ray Egan, concurrently; (3) notice to parishes would be inserted in the Friday clergy mail. Upon receipt of notification of a death, Deacon Egan's committee will take appropriate action and the Council will send a card to the family of a deceased deacon.
- Discussion occurred with respect to remembrances for deacon's anniversaries. Consensus was that Womack Report would be reviewed for five and ten year incremental anniversaries, with Council remembering those involved with an anniversary card.
- Discussion occurred about a Council Budget as part of Deacon Mitchell's Archdiocesan Budget. Proposal was made that, if Region Representatives had any budget recommendations, they should submit them to the Council, with them being included in a proposal to Deacon Mitchell for inclusion in his budget.
- Suggestion was made that a "motivational" talk might be appropriate at one of each region's quarterly meetings each year, as well as consideration of regional "mutual assistance" programs to help those deacons with too heavy a workload.
- In response to a comment about continuing education, Deacon Mitchell said he would circulate to the Council for a "last look" the existing policies (which were submitted to the Vice Chancellor for inclusion in the forthcoming Policy Manual).

- Committee Reports were received:
 - Ray Egan submitted a bereavement committee document to the Council for comment, involving draft procedures for assistance with funeral arrangements of a deacon.
 - Dick Conti gave a report on the Jubilarian Mass & Reception arrangements.
 - Gary Womack indicated he would be calling all deacons about the Eucharistic Congress about 7 – 10 days ahead of time.
- Unanimous agreement was registered to the suggestion that no Council meetings be held during July and August.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, **September 8, 2003**, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral in Conference Room 2.

Motion to Adjourn having been made and seconded, the Vice-Chairman concluded the meeting after Deacon Conti offered the closing prayer.