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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS PRIORITY ONE.

June 12: Annual Eucharistic Congress at the Georgia Convention Center.

September 30: Deacon Michael Kennedy at St. Michael's in Gainesville will celebrate 25 years as a deacon on Sept. 29. There will be a Mass and reception on September 30. Time and place to be announced.

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2004

September 24-26: Annual Retreat for deacons and wives at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center.

October 9, 8:30 a.m.: Annual Convocation of Deacons and Wives at the Cathedral of Christ the King.

December 19, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.: The Archbishop's Christmas Reception for deacons, candidates and wives.

Please enter these dates on your calendar now and do not schedule other events at these times. It is important that we gather as a community.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

March 11-14, 2004, The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, presents “Uncommon Faithfulness—The Witness of African-American Catholics.” Contact Information: Telephone: 574-631-5441, E-Mail: cushwa.1@nd.edu and on the internet at www.nd.edu/~cushwa.

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 21-July 30. Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary—A Summer Tradition: Offerings in Scripture, Systematics, Liturgy, Theology and Liturgical Music. For more information: Telephone: 800-361-8318. E-mail: mbanken@csbsju.edu. Website: <http://www.csbsju.edu/sot>.

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.

August 1-4: National Diaconate Institute of Continuing Education (NDICE) Convention 2004. The conference this year is being held at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information regarding 2004 convention and scholarships contact: Deacon Bob May, 651-330-6188 or via e-mail at dcnmayndice@cs.com.

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.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC is sponsoring pilgrimages for permanent deacons to Jamaica. The Haiti trips are suspended until the civil unrest is settled. 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.**

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.

If there are ten or more deacons and priests who are interested in one of these tours, arrangements can be made within the archdiocese. If you have such interest, please contact the Office of the Diaconate. **See Page 9 for scheduled trips.**

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In the event of the death of a deacon, or a deacon’s spouse, you should contact one of the following in the order listed:

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| Diaconate Office | 404-885-7407, 404-978-2776 | amitchell@archatl.com |
| Deacon W. Robichaux | 404-885-7822 | wrobichaux@archatl.com |
| Deacon G. Womack | 770-921-1021 | deacongaryw@netscape.net |

Personnel Matters

Deacon Bob Henrich has moved from the Diocese of Raleigh to the Diocese of Rochester.

Deacon Pat Gillespie has returned from North Carolina and is back at his original parish; St. James the Apostle in McDonough.

Deacon Bob Tipton has transferred from St. Patrick’s, Norcross to St. Monica in Duluth.

Deacon Bob Rich has transferred from St. James in McDonough to St. Philip Benizi in Jonesboro

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Did You Know? In the United States, 60% of chancellors are priests, 14% are sisters, 11% are lay women, 8% are lay men and 4% are deacons. (From the Cara Report, Vol. 9, No. 3, Winter 2004)

Recommended Reading: *Liturgical Ministry*, Winter 2004. Published by Liturgical Press, 937-837-1232. This issue contains interesting and informative articles on the Diaconate.

Huels, John M, J.C.D., *Empowerment for Ministry: A Complete Manual on Diocesan Faculties for Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers*; Paulist Press, Mahwah, N. J., 2003.

A good reference book for all ministers.

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St. Pius X in Conyers is looking for a deacon to speak at its annual Volunteers Dinner on May 21. The talk is to be ten to fifteen minutes in length and should be on a subject of interest to the general Catholic population. For more information contact Deacon Bill Brandt at 770-388-9906.

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		Nominations	Gary Womack
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Council Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2004

Chairman Whitney Robichaux called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PRESENT: Deacons Whitney Robichaux, John McManus, Pat O'Connor, Dick Conti, Gary Womack, Mike Mobley, Bruce Publicover, Stephen Bek, Bill Heinsch, Bill Speed.

Election Of New Officers:

The members present elected the following officers for a one-year term.

Chairman, John McManus

Vice Chairman, Whitney Robichaux

Secretary, Bill Heinsch

Old Business:

Whitney Robichaux, Steve Bek, and Ben Vigil will meet on Tuesday, January 13 to work on the Deacons Web Page. Their report will be forthcoming in February.

Discussion on a Deacons Endowment fund continues. It was generally agreed that it should be established as a 501 3-C to comply with IRS guidelines. John McManus will research this factor. John McManus, Mike Mobley and Bruce Publicover compose our committee on this project.

It is the committee's understanding that Chicago and Milwaukee already have some form of Endowment Fund for Deacons in force. The committee will gather info from these organizations.

Reports Of Regions:

Region Three: Met the first week in January at the home of John McManus. They combined a social with their meeting. Attendance was very good and meeting participation was positive. Home meetings may be the answer to good attendance.

Region Six: Scheduled for next week.

No other reports.

New Business:

Gary Womack furnished each member of the committee with an up to date list of deacons, broken down by Region, Parish and Date of Ordination. Discussion continues on re-arrangement of Regions.

Whitney ask that any death or serious illness of a Deacon should be reported, first to the Regional Chairman, then to John McManus our Chairman and then Gary Womack or Ray Egan. Calling Post would get the info out to all Deacons. *This comment should be published in the "Beacon".*

The January meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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Council Meeting Minutes: February, 2, 2004

Chairman John McManus called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Opening Prayer: Dick Conti opened the meeting with prayer,

PRESENT: Deacons John McManus, Whitney Robichaux, Alfred Mitchel, Pat O'Connor, Dick Conti, Gary Womack, Mike Mobley, Stephen Bek, Bill Heinsch, Vic Huynh, and Msgr. Paul Reynolds

Old Business:

Whitney Robichaux and Steve Bek reported that they had met with Ben Vigil to work on the Deacons Web Page. They plan to have a secure directory for info to get to individual deacons without revealing personal data. Deacon information is needed for input.

Alfred Mitchell will provide the deacon e-mail addresses. A form will be devised to allow individuals to 'opt out' of the Web Page. Also digital pictures will be requested of each deacon and, if desired, their wives. The Web Page is expected to be up and running

60 days from the when the deacon council provides the content to include on the site, beyond just an outline.

Discussed the status of the distribution for the Bereavement Program, outlined by Ray Egan. It was decided that it will be distributed by placing it on the new Web Page, Alfred Mitchel will provide Steve Bek with a copy of the program.

Gary Womack reported on the findings of the committee investigating establishing new Deacon Region Boundaries. It was decided that each representative take the data presented home, study the data, and be prepared to make comments and vote at the March meeting on this issue.

Discussion on a Deacon's Endowment fund continued. John McManus, Mike Mobley and Bruce Publicover had met and presented a proposed incorporated fund to be established as a 501 3-C to comply with IRS guidelines. It was compared and contrasted to the Chicago and Milwaukee Endowment Funds for Deacons. Discussion persisted at great length on the purpose and scope of the fund. The council approved a motion by a vote of 4-1 with one abstention to allow the Chairman to forward the documents presented to the Archbishop for his comments. Msgr. Reynolds also suggested that the Chairman contact the Archbishop's secretary and make an appointment for a personal meeting after the 'Archbishop has had a chance to review the material presented. Msgr. Reynolds further commented that if the Archbishop approved of moving forward with this program, the materials would need to be sent to the CEO of the Archdiocese as well as outside legal counsel for the Archdiocese. The Chairman agreed to send the materials with a letter to the Archbishop later in the week and make an appointment with the Archbishop as suggested.

Mike Mobley recommended that the fund be named in memory of; "The Good Samaritan" Michael A. Capozza Fund. He suggested that since Deacon Michael Capozza laid down his life to help strangers, this would be a way to recognize one of the attributes we are all called to aspire too. No decision or discussion followed this recommendation.

Reports of Regions: Postponed due to the late hour.

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The February meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

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March	16 - 19	Jamaica (Tuesday to Friday)
April	20 – 23	Haiti (Tuesday to Friday)
April	27 – 29	Jamaica (Tuesday to Thrsday)
May	14 – 16	Haiti (Friday to Sunday)
June	4 – 6	Jamaica (Friday to Sunday)
July	16 – 18	Haiti (Friday to Sunday)
September	10 – 12	Haiti (Friday to Sunday)
October	15 – 17	Haiti (Friday to Sunday)
November	5 – 7	Haiti (Friday to Sunday)
December	3 – 5	Haiti (Friday to Sunday)

NOTE: Customized pilgrimages can be arranged for groups of 12 or more on dates you specify.

NOTE: If Haiti is unstable, the scheduled pilgrimages there will be changed to Jamaica.

Updated 02/08/04
Dates subject to change