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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. The retreat presenter is Fr. Giles Conwill, Ph. D., a priest in the archdiocese of Atlanta.

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

June 13-18: St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary, 10701 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL 33436. Telephone 561-732-4424. “The Relationship Between Faith and Reason, and the Mission of the Deacons in the Church.” The seminar will be conducted by Doctor Antonio Lopez, Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the Seminary. For more information call the telephone number listed above.

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. The deadline for early registration is June 1.

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.

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PILGRIMAGE DATES 2004

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 04/14/04
Dates subject to change

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Diaconate Web page: The Office of the Diaconate has a web page under construction. Currently, the site only includes past issues of the *The Beacon*. Eventually it will include information on the formation program, personnel information such as a list of deacons by parish and alphabetically, and information on the Council of Deacons.

You may gain access to the page by entering www.archatl.com. That will bring you to the Archdiocese's web site. Across the top are a series of links. Click on the "offices" link and scroll down to "Permanent Diaconate." You are invited to submit information of interest to the Diaconate community for inclusion on the Diaconate web page.

Personnel Matters

Deacon Ben Gross has come out of retirement and is assigned to Holy Trinity in Peachtree City.

Deacon John Stroop has been granted permission to serve in Atlanta and in the Diocese of Pueblo, Colorado. John has been doing this for the past several years.

Deacon Prudencio Rivera has been transferred from the Mission of San Felipe de Jesus in College Park to Holy Family in Marietta.

Change in Office Hours: In June, July and August Deacon Alfred Mitchell will be in the office from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

Homiletics Resources

Homilies Alive

www.homiliesalive.com/

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino: Index to Fr. Joe's Spiritual Letters

www.st.ignatius.net/pastor.html

Lectionary.org

www.lectionary.org/

Sermons & Sermon - Lectionary Resources

www.rockies.net/%7Espirit/sermon.html

Word - Sunday.com

www.word-sunday.com/

Deacon Bob's Homily Archive & Resource Link <http://pirate.shu.edu/~mcgovero/Miscellaneous/homilyarchives.html>

Valuable Resources

Catechism of the Catholic Church

www.vatican.va/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm

Liturgy of the Hours

www.liturgyhours.org/

Vatican II Documents

www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vaticancouncil/index.htm

Deacon's Net

www.deacons.net/

Directory for the Ministry & Life of the Permanent Diaconate www.deacons.net/Directory/directory.htm

GIRM - General Instruction of the Roman Missal

www.usccb.org/liturgy/current/revmissalisromaniem.htm

The following was passed on to me from Deacon Pat O'Connor.

Subject: Fw: FW: New Credit Card Scam

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I checked this with www.snopes.com and www.truthorfiction.com and it's for real.

Subject: Credit card scam

My husband was called on Wednesday from "VISA", and I was called on Thursday from "MasterCard".

It worked like this: Person calling says, this is <name>, and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by <name> bank. Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?

When you say "No". The caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". Caller continues... "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 800 number listed on your card 1-800-VISA and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control #" (Then gives you a 6 digit number). "Do you need me to read it again?"

(Caller then "needs to verify you are in possession of your card). Turn card over. There are 7 numbers; first 4 are your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are in possession of the card. These are the numbers you use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. Read me the 3 numbers". Then says "That is correct." I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions? Don't hesitate to call back if you do.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number.

But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA security department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was put on our card. Long story made short, we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA card, and they are reissuing us a new number.

What the scam wants is the 3-digit PIN number. By the time you get your statement, you think the credit is coming, and then it's harder to actually file a fraud report. The real VISA reinforced that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information!

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a "Jason Richardson of MasterCard" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

Please pass this on to all your friends, by informing each other, we protect each other.

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There are no Council meeting minutes for the month of May. There were not enough members present to constitute a quorum. The next Council meeting is Monday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.