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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS
PRIORITY ONE.

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 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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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.

Men's Retreat: Saints Peter and Paul Parish is holding its annual retreat for men on November 12-14 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The retreat is open to all

men in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. For more information contact Deacon Alfred Mitchell at 404-885-7407 or Mr. Val Dorsey at 404-241-7535.

Help Needed: Deacon Bill Lakin (St. Joseph/Athens) could use help on Saturdays in July and August at Boy Scout Camp Rainey, near Clayton Georgia. Bill needs help with Communion Services on Saturday evenings around 7:30 p.m. If you can help you may e-mail Bill at nunlak@netzero.com.

The Serrans have designated October 23, 2004 as Deacon Appreciation Day. They will host a luncheon for aspirants, candidates, deacons and wives at the St. Stephen Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Personnel Matters

Deacon William (Bill) McKenzie has been hired as the Director of Religious Education for Mary Our Queen in Norcross. Deacon Bill's assignment is now at Mary our Queen. He was formerly at Christ Our Hope in Lithonia.

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

COUNCIL OF DEACONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA
 Archbishop John F. Donoghue
 Msgr. Paul Reynolds-Episcopal Delegate
 Alfred Mitchell-Director of Deacon Personnel
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Chairman: John McManus
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<u>YEAR REP.</u>	<u>REGIONAL REP.</u>	<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON</u>
1-5 Bill Speed	1. Mike Jones	Servant Ministry Ray Egan
5-12 Mike Mobley	2. Bill Heinsch	Spiritual & Growth
12+ Whitney Robichaux	3. John McManus	Women's Activities
	4. Vacant	Social Activities Dick&Penny Conti
	5. Vic Huynh	Public Relations
	6. Dick Conti	and Archives Vacant
		Calling Post Gary Womack & Bruce Publicover
		Nominations Gary Womack
		Diaconate Works Ray Egan
		Outreach Bill Heinsch

There are no Council meeting minutes for the month of June. The Council is not meeting in June and July. The next Council meeting is Monday, August 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral.

**RETREAT REGISTRATION-2004
SIMPSONWOOD RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2004**

Deacon's Name _____

Wife's Name (if attending) _____

Name Preference on Name tag: Deacon _____ Wife _____

Parish _____

To ensure proper credit (this is very important) make your check payable to:

Archdiocese of Atlanta/Deacons' Retreat 2004

Mail your check and registration to:

**Archdiocese of Atlanta
Office of the Diaconate
680 West Peachtree St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308**

Note: Please advise your parish business managers that checks which are not properly made out or which do not include "Office of the Diaconate" in the mailing address may result in your check's being misdirected.

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If payment is received by August 15, 2004 the cost of the retreat is \$350.00 per couple and \$250.00 for a single.

The commuter rate is \$100.00 per person for the weekend.

If payment is received after August 15, 2004 the cost of the retreat is \$375.00 per couple and \$275.00 for a single.

The commuter rate is \$110.00 per person

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For Office Use Only:

Check received from Deacon? _____ Parish? _____ Date _____ 2004 Amount \$ _____ Check No. _____

Receipt Sent _____, 2004