



“...Your light must shine before men so that they may see the goodness in your acts...” Matthew 5:16

OCTOBER 2004

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. We will recognize Mike's service at the convocation on October 9.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2004

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

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.

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

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.

The Catholic Distance University: Offers a Master's Degree in Religious studies. It also offers a Catechetical Diploma and courses for continuing education. For more information call toll free—1-888-254-4CDU. E-Mail: cdu@du.edu or online at www.cdu.edu.

October 11-13: Bridging Faith and Health: *The Role of the Church* Presented by the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. **Contact Information:** Office of Church Ministries Education, 211 Bishops Hall, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta 30322. Telephone—404-727-4587. E-mail: continuing_ed@learnlink.emory.edu. Online: www.candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/OCME/

November 18-20, 2004: The National Pastoral Life Center presents ***The Catholic Parish: Global and Local—A Light for the World***. Registration: Before October 17, \$295 per person, \$285 for two or more from the same parish/group. Add \$10 to each registration after October 17.

February 28-March 11, 2005: The American College, Catholic University of Louvain, presents ***Sedes Sapientiae***, A two-week program for permanent deacons and deacon candidates. Cost is \$1400.00 plus transportation. Additional information can be obtained via e-mail at admissions@acl.be or via the internet at www.acl.be.

Note: Deacon Alfred Mitchell is seriously considering attending this course. If you are interested in going also, please contact him at 404-885-7407.

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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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 09/28/04
Dates subject to change



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.

Personnel Matters

Deacon Larry French has returned to the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

COUNCIL OF DEACONS
 ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA
 Archbishop John F. Donoghue

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

Chairman: John McManus
Vice Chairman: Whitney Robichaux
Secretary: Bill Heinsch

<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

Council Meeting Minutes: September 13th

Chairman John McManus called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Bill Speed opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRESENT: Deacons John McManus, Whitney Robichaux, Bill Heinsch, Bill Speed, Mike Mobley, Gary Womack, and Alfred Mitchell

Old Business:

Discussion continued concerning the deacon web site. John McManus is working on setting up an independent web site. Progress is being made and we should be able to see a demonstration by the next meeting. Region reps should submit the questionnaire for the deacon website form to the deacons in their respective areas and have them returned to be included in the website.

Concerning the Deacon's Foundation, John McManus had a meeting with the archbishop to discuss the proposal. Also attending that meeting were Whitney Robichaux and Monsignor Paul Reynolds. The archbishop was very receptive to what we are trying to accomplish and suggested that we look into establishing a credit union for all deacons so that the accrued interest would cover our needs.

At that meeting the archbishop approved the realignment of the deacon regions to be implemented in 2005.

Dick Conti was not present to report on the status of the February dinner-dance.

The Convocation Mass is scheduled for Oct. 9th (Sat) at 9:00 am at the Cathedral. The agenda is the same as last year with a brunch provided after Mass. We will discuss further details at our next meeting.

John McManus reported that Deacon Bill Dietwig, Executive Director, Secretariat for the Deaconate to the US Conference of Bishops, is targeted to be the guest speaker at the February Dinner Dance.

John McManus distributed the Pastoral Faculties for Deacons from other dioceses. Council members are asked to read the information so that we can discuss them at the next meeting.

Bill Heinsch is completing the renewal application for our council's membership to NADO and will fax the application to Alfred Mitchell for payment of the fees.

Reports of Regions: Tabled

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

New Business: Tabled

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.

The September meeting was adjourned.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEACON WEBSITE

The long-awaited establishment of a diaconate website is moving ever closer to becoming a reality. In order to accurately complete the data entry regarding each permanent deacon, we are requesting that each deacon complete this questionnaire to the extent each deacon feels appropriate and submit the completed document to the Council Chairman, Deacon John McManus, by Email at jmcmamus@mcmanus-law.com, or by mail to his home address of 2362 Old Ivey Walk, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. The completed documents should be sent no later than September 2, 2004, although earlier completion and submission would be appreciated.

Please answer the following questions as fully as you deem it appropriate knowing that this information will be placed on the new diaconate website and be available for review by anyone visiting that site:

NAME: _____ Wife: _____

Parish assigned: _____

Address of parish assigned: _____

Contact phone number: Day: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Date of ordination: _____

Diaconate Ministries¹: _____

Civil Occupation²: _____

Brief Biography of deacon: _____

Other information deacon desires to include: _____

We would appreciate copies of any homilies that you wish to submit that may be useful to other deacons. Therefore, if you have Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, Special Occasion [like 9/11; Mother/father's Day, etc], or other homilies that we may publish, we will include them in the appropriate resource section of the web site.

¹ We will establish a directory of ministries like prison ministry, nursing home ministry, etc so deacons with similar interest throughout the diocese can communicate with each other.

² We will establish a list of occupations so that people may refer business to deacons in those areas.