



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

NOVEMBER 2004

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2004-2005

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

February 18, 2005—7:00 p.m.: Dinner Dance at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest, 200 Interstate Parkway, N.W. (Intersection of I-75 and I-285). Deacon Bill Ditewig, Executive Secretary, Bishops’ Committee on the Diaconate will be the speaker.

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.

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.

Stationery Products for Deacons: Barton-Cotton of Baltimore has introduced a line of stationery products for deacons. The products include a Deacon Cross Note Card, Deacon Cross Holy Card, St. Stephen Card and a Ministry of Service Note Card. For more information call 800-638-4652 or FAX 800-807-2954.

The CARA Report: There are now 144 parishes in the U. S. that are directed by deacons. This is an increase of 121 since 2000.

Personnel Matters

Nothing new to report in this issue.

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

YEAR REP.

1-5 Bill Speed
 5-12 Mike Mobley
 12+ Whitney Robichaux

REGIONAL REP.

1. Mike Jones
 2. Bill Heinsch
 3. John McManus
 4. Vacant
 5. Vic Huynh
 6. Dick Conti

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Servant Ministry	Ray Egan
Spiritual & Growth	
Women's Activities	
Social Activities	Dick&Penny Conti
Public Relations	
and Archives	Vacant
Calling Post	Gary Womack & Bruce Publicover
Nominations	Gary Womack
Diaconate Works	Ray Egan
Outreach	Bill Heinsch

Council Meeting Minutes: October 4th

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, Gary Womack, Mike Jones, Dick Conti, Loris Sinanian and Alfred Mitchell

Old Business:

Discussion continued concerning the deacon web site. John McManus continues his work with the website provider. The personal information questionnaire needs to be filled out by all deacons and be given to their region reps as soon as possible. The website is planned to include a map with the counties in each region, the parishes in each county, and the deacons assigned to each parish. It will also have a section listing each ministry and the deacons working within that ministry for use in networking.

Concerning the Deacon's Foundation, John McManus stated that he met with Ann Dorris, the director of the Georgia Catholic Federal Credit Union. This credit union is for all Catholics. Based on this meeting it was decided that our joining the credit union would not accomplish what we had hoped it would. John plans on scheduling a meeting with the archbishop to discuss this further.

The realignment of the deacon regions will be presented to all the attendees at the Convocation Mass. A motion was made and unanimously approved that Mike Jones will be the region rep for Region Four and a new election will be held for Region One.

Final details were discussed for the Convocation Mass scheduled for Oct. 9th (Sat) at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral.

Dick Conti reported that the plans continue for the February dinner-dance, tentatively scheduled for February 19th. 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.

Further discussion continued concerning the Pastoral Faculties for Deacons from other dioceses. Whitney Robichaux volunteered to draft a proposal to be distributed to the council members for the next meeting.

Reports of Regions: Tabled

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

New Business:

Alfred Mitchell discussed that there is a twenty-five year service award pending for Forrest Driesch, who is living in Arizona but is incardinated to the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The council decided that we will send him a plaque.

Based on a recent question concerning the rite of baptism, that sprinkling is not appropriate at baptism. The following two quotes support this comment.

Can 854 states: "Baptism is to be conferred either by immersion or by pouring; the prescripts of the conference of bishops are to be observed."

CCC 1239 last 2 sentences: "Baptism is performed in the most expressive way by triple immersion in the baptismal water. However, from ancient times it has also been able to be conferred by pouring the water three times over the candidate's head."

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m.

The October meeting was adjourned.