



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

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DECEMBER 2004

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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](mailto: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](mailto:cdu@du.edu) or online at [www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu).

**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](mailto:admissions@acl.be) or via the internet at [www.acl.be](http://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**

**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.

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: November 1st**

Chairman John McManus called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Gary Womack opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRESENT: Msgr. Paul Reynolds, Deacons John McManus, Whitney Robichaux, Bill Heinsch, Mike Mobley, Gary Womack, Vic Huynh, Dick Conti, Loris Sinanian, Ray Egan, Ron Carr.

Old Business:

Discussion continued concerning the deacon web site. John McManus asked that all council members access the new deacon website - - [www.atlantadiaconate.org](http://www.atlantadiaconate.org) . Explore the site for its set up, functionality and structure. He is seeking input and feed back from each member.

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 and with Msgr. Reynolds to discuss this further.

The Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation Mass and meeting were discussed. All were hoping to see more deacons participate at the mass, the annual retreat, and the Deacon's Appreciation Day. The council members suggested that region representatives discuss with their region members the Convocation

Mass, Deacon Appreciation Day and the Annual Retreat and report back to the council ideas and suggestions to improve the future events.

Dick Conti reported that the plans continue for the February dinner-dance, to be held on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Northwest near the intersection of I-285 and I-75. Plans will be finalized to have Deacon Bill Dietwig, Executive Director, Secretariat for the Diaconate to the US Conference of Bishops to be the guest speaker at the February Dinner Dance. Dick will e-mail a copy of the menu to the council members. He is also planning a silent auction. The cost should be between \$32 – \$41 per person.

Further discussion continued concerning the Pastoral Faculties for Deacons. The draft proposal will be forwarded to council members by Bill Heinsch. Each member is to send their input back to Whitney Robichaux. Address the comments in three parts 1) faculties, 2) permissions and 3) reimbursements. The council would like to have a document ready for presentation at the December meeting.

**Reports of Regions:** Tabled

Region 1:

Region 2:

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

**New Business:**

Bill Heinsch is to get with Alfred Mitchell on the status of the ballots for the open council posts.

The Ray Egan, Bereavement Committee, presented changes to the program to be included in the new web site for notification as well as the CallingPost. John McManus, Gary Womack, and Whitney Robichaux will be the call center focal point.

Due to the late hour two agenda items were tabled until the next meeting:

- a. Moving the council meeting site to regions
- b. Have planned training and schedule for 9 Saturdays each year.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**The November meeting was adjourned.**