



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

JANUARY 2005

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2005

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.

CLARIFICATION: Deacons will not vest for the Masses on January 10 at the Cathedral or at the Installation Mass on January 17. As soon as I know, I will let you know what the dress is for the Mass with the archbishop on January 27 at St. Brigid.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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.

The following is provided for your information and guidance:

CONTINUING EDUCATION GUIDELINES:

II. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

A. In order to enhance the life of faith and further the quality of their diaconal ministry, permanent deacons are required to participate in a program of continuing education and spiritual formation.

B. Each permanent deacon is expected to earn a minimum of seventy-eight (78) clock hours of continuing education in a two-year period.

C. Evaluation and approval of all continuing education courses shall be the responsibility of the Office of the Diaconate with the advice and consent of the episcopal delegate.

D. Hours of continuing education shall be reported on a special Continuing Education data form supplied for this purpose and forwarded to the Office of the Diaconate within two weeks of completion of , course, or no later than June 30 of each year. An acknowledgment form will be returned to the deacon.

E. The Office of the Diaconate will periodically provide information on available courses and spiritual growth programs and will encourage permanent deacons to attend. Spouses of deacons will also be encouraged to participate whenever possible.

III. CATEGORIES

A. CATEGORY 1 - Renewal/Spiritual Formation

1. Requirements: A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours within a two-year period.
2. This category includes days of prayer, retreats or spiritual reading

B. CATEGORY 2- Formal Studies

1. Requirements: A minimum of eighteen (18) clock hours within a two (2)-year period.
2. Formal studies may include course work in theology, scripture, liturgy, pastoral ministry, spirituality and/or other approved subjects that contribute to ministerial competence. The Office of the Diaconate will sponsor an annual course in this category in response to expressed needs. To be classified in this category, the course, program or area of study must be characterized by all of the following:

- a. It must be taken through an accredited college, university, or institute sanctioned by the Archdiocese of Atlanta (e.g. Office of the Diaconate, Springhill College, The Aquinas Center at Emory University, LIMEX, or through an approved correspondence program, or with an instructor previously approved by the Office of the Diaconate).
- b. The permanent deacon must earn a passing grade or provide evidence of having satisfactorily completed the course.
- c. Studies in this category are reported on the Continuing Education Data Form.

C. CATEGORY 3 - Informal Studies

1. Requirements: A minimum of eighteen hours within a two-year period.
2. Informal studies include auditing courses at any of the colleges and/ or institutes listed in Category 2 (See Section B 2a above) as well as attendance at workshops, seminars and conferences that do not require anything from the participant beyond attendance.
 - a. The permanent deacon may not be absent from a significant portion of the program and still claim credit.
 - b. Studies in this category are reported on the Continuing Education Data Form.

D. CATEGORY 4- Practicum

1. Requirements: A minimum of eighteen hours within a two-year period.
2. This category includes:
 - a. Personal study of books, major articles or other reading materials, viewing video tapes or films, or listening to audio tapes that have a close relationship to one's ministry.
 - b. Preparation work for teaching a class, preparation for conducting a retreat, day of recollection, etc. and preparation for other related ministerial responsibilities.
 - c. Practicum in this category is reported on the continuing education data form.

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

News Release: Following is an excerpt from a recent news release from the University of Dayton.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON OFFERS NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR RELATIVES OF DEACONS: PROGRAM FUNDED BY GIFT FROM ANONYMOUS DONOR

DAYTON, Ohio -- While the number of Catholic priests in the United States continues to decline, the number of permanent deacons is on the rise.

To support the growing ranks of this ordained ministry, the University of Dayton (Ohio) is offering \$4,000 undergraduate scholarships for the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of permanent deacons up to \$20,000 over five years. The scholarship will be added to any other scholarships for which prospective students may be eligible. The first awards will be given for the fall 2005 semester. The deadline for application is April 1, 2005.

The program is funded with a \$500,000 gift from an anonymous donor who values Catholic higher education.

For more information about the University of Dayton and the deacon scholarship program, call 800-837-7433 or visit admission.udayton.edu.

For media interviews, contact Fran Evans, vice president for advancement, at (937) 229-2900.

Five-Year Anniversaries in 2005

1980 25 Yrs	1985 20 Yrs	1990 15 Yrs	1995 10 Yrs	2000 5 Yrs
Briesch	Myers O'Neill	Bevacqua Gourgues Gross Henrich Kelsey Lett MacDonald McHugh Stagg Tollett	Jansen Kolodziej Korte Lange McCarthy, W. Meuninck Mobley Prawdzik Readdy Rich Roettinger Shuler Stone Weeks Whitmeyer	Beers Gillespie Hampton Huynh Mickle Speed Weiss

COUNCIL OF DEACONS
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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	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: December 6, 2004

Chairman John McManus called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Mike Mobley opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRESENT: Msgr. Paul Reynolds, Deacons John McManus, Whitney Robichaux, Bill Heinsch, Mike Mobley, Bill Speed. Gary Womack, Vic Huynh, Dick Conti, Loris Sinanian, Alfred Mitchell

Old Business:

Discussion continued concerning the deacon web site. John McManus asked that all council members access the new deacon website - - www.atlantadiaconate.org . Explore the site for its set up, functionality and structure. He is seeking input and feed back from each member. All region reps are communicate the existence of the website and to encourage its use to the members in their regions.

Concerning the Deacon's Foundation, John McManus sent sixty letters out to various dioceses to survey what each has done for a foundation. He has received many back and is in the process of preparing a new proposal for the archbishop.

Dick Conti reminded all of the Archbishop's Christmas Reception on December 20th at St. Andrews . Dick stated that it would be a good menu and a sit down meal. Gary Womack stated that he would put out a CallingPost message reminding all of the event.

Dick Conti reported that the plans continue for the February deacons' banquet and dinner-dance, to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, February 18th 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. The council voted on a charge of \$50 per couple for the event. In addition, there will be a cash bar. Since there will be a silent auction, the council is planning that the proceeds from that will cover the additional expenses. If anyone so desires, rooms can be reserved at \$78 per room. It was pointed out that this event will be on a Friday during Lent, so fish will be included on the menu.

Further discussion continued concerning the Pastoral Faculties for Deacons. It was decided that all members should draft questions and comments to Bill Heinsch by December 16th. A meeting was then tentatively scheduled for the 20th of December to review in depth the faculties and questions or comments. (This meeting was later cancelled.)

Reports of Regions:

Region 1: Absent

Region 2: Meeting in January.

Region 3: Met last month and had a discussion on a Just War by Steven Beers and a social afterwards.

Region 4: Vacant

Region 5: Meeting planned for February 2005.

Region 6: Meeting scheduled for January 15th, 2005 and they will have a guest speaker.

New Business:

Alfred Mitchell reported that the ballots for the elections for next year are being sent back and counted, and the election should be finalized as stated in our by-laws.

The council discussed the necessity of continuing education and training for deacons as required by policy. It is hoped that in the January meeting members can bring proposals to be discussed.

NOTE: The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. **NOTE**

The December meeting was adjourned.

A Special Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Archbishop's retirement gift. Following is an accounting of what was collected and how it was expended:

Total Contributions Received		\$1,350.00
Expenditures:		
Cash Gift	\$900.00	
1 Year's Car wash & detailing	400.00	
Medal	35.00	
Money Order Charge	8.00	
Total Expenditures		<u>1,343.00</u>
Balance		7.00