



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

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JUNE 2005

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2005

June 4—Eucharistic Congress

September 10—Mass of Recommitment and Deacons Convocation—9:00 a.m.—  
Cathedral of Christ the King

September 23-25—Annual Retreat at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat  
Center. The director this year is Reverend James Goode, O.F.M.  
Archbishop Gregory will be with us on Saturday morning. You are expected to be  
there too.

December 11—Archbishop’s Christmas Reception—2:00-4:00 p.m. The reception  
this year is at St. Catherine of Siena, 1618 Ben King, Rd., Kennesaw 30144.

Your presence is requested. Please do not schedule events that conflict with  
these dates and times.

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

June 20-24: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Institute on Sacred Scripture offers the following sessions:

Jeremiah: Preacher of Grace, Poet of Truth—Carol J. Dempsey, O.P., professor of Biblical Studies and Theology at the University of Portland, Oregon.

Physician, Painter, Artist, Historian: Luke and His Gospel—Hans-Josef Klauck, O.F.M., Professor of New Testament Literature at the Divinity School and the Humanities Department of the University of Chicago.

A Life Worthy of God: 1 and 2 Thessalonians—Alan C. Mitchell, Director of the Summer Institute on Sacred Scripture and Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Georgetown University.

All courses are offered at the Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.. For further information contact the Office of the Diaconate or Georgetown University at 202-687-5832/5719 or via e-mail at [harringe@georgetown.edu](mailto:harringe@georgetown.edu).

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June 19-30: The Atlanta Institute of Christian Spirituality--An Extension of Spring Hill College is offering two one-week sessions. For more information contact Ann Bailey at 404-252-4513, Ext 228 or via Email at [abailey@hscatl.com](mailto:abailey@hscatl.com) or visit the website at [www.shc.edu/aics](http://www.shc.edu/aics).

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June 20—July 29: Theology by the Lake: A Summer Tradition: Saint John's School of Theology, Post Office Box 7288, Collegeville, MN 56321-7288. For more information: Telephone – 1-800-361-8318. Email: [bduffy@csbsju.edu](mailto:bduffy@csbsju.edu). Website: [www.csbsju/sot](http://www.csbsju/sot).

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June 26-July 16: 2005 Institute for Adult Spiritual Renewal at Loyola University, Chicago, Lakeshore Campus. For further information contact the Office of the Diaconate or **After April 1**, Contact Retreats International at 10 Pearson Street, Chicago, IL 60611: Phone 312-915-7970 or visit the website at [www.retreatsintl.org](http://www.retreatsintl.org). Through March 31 telephone contact can be made at 574-247-4443.

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July 10-21: College of Saint Elizabeth: The Thirteenth Annual Spirituality Convocation and The Ninth Annual Summer Institute:

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July 17-20: **National Diaconate Institute of Continuing Education at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH.** The theme of this year's conference is "*The Identity of the Contemporary Deacon: Formation and Relationships.*" The keynote address on Sunday evening will be delivered by Bishop Frederick Campbell, chair of the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate. For more information, check out NDICE's web page at [www.ndice.org](http://www.ndice.org) or call the Office of the Diaconate for a brochure.

Deacon Bob Rich of St. Philip Benizi is treasurer of NDICE. If you are interested in attending the institute please contact the Office of the Diaconate. Perhaps, we can make car-pooling arrangements.

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**FOOD FOR THE POOR PILGRIMAGE DATES 2005**

July 14 – 17	Haiti	October 27 – 30	Haiti
		(Catholic clergy retreat)	
August 11-14	Jamaica	November 10 – 13	Haiti
September 15 – 18	Haiti	December 8 – 11	Jamaica
October 13 – 16	Jamaica		

**NOTE: The first day of each pilgrimage is a visit to the FFP Deerfield Beach, FL office. The group flies to the country of destination on the second day.**

**Customized pilgrimages can be arranged for groups of 12 or more. If none of the above dates is suitable for you, please contact the Office of the Diaconate about arranging a special trip. THIS OFFER IS OPEN TO DEACONS AND PRIESTS.**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR PAYS ALL EXPENSES.** In return it requests that you preach at least once about your experience.

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Archdiocese of Atlanta Family Life Office

**Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Course Announcement**

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 To register, please call or email the instructors listed below. For additional information about Natural Family Planning please call Lynn Crutchfield at the Family Life Office: (404) 885-7450.

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There will be a 4-course series of Natural Family Planning offered in April. (Sympto-Thermal Method) To register, please contact the instructors listed below. For additional information about Natural Family Planning please call Lynn Crutchfield at the Family Life Office: (404) 885-7450.

Trung and Julie Tran  
(770) 931-4602  
S1. John Neumann Church  
Lilburn, GA  
Education Bldg, Room 103  
10:00 - 12:00 noon

July 16  
June 11

Jake and Sandy Weiers  
(770) 964-7380  
Sharpsburg/Peachtree City  
Time - To Be Announced

June 30  
July 28

Chris and Carrie Borgerding  
(770) 205-0429  
S1. Brigid Church  
Alpharetta, GA  
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
June 12  
July 10

Daniel and Aline Sanchez  
(770) 352-0488  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
Smyrna, GA  
Basic Spanish Class  
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

June 5  
June 19

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### **OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST**

**June 22-July 2: Pilgrimage to Italy with Archbishop Gregory as he receives the Pallium from the Holy Father.** The cost is \$3,589 pr person, double occupancy. Add air tax estimated at \$135. For more information contact the Office of the Diaconate.

**The Diaconate Web Site** is up and running. Please visit at [www.atlantadiaconate.org](http://www.atlantadiaconate.org).

The following is a message from Deacon Whitney Robichaux re **Additional Bulletin Board Guidelines:**

This is not to be used as a general discussion tool (if that type of use is of interest, let us know and we will work with you. We think this can be handled with the "discussion" board of the web page).

However, there are times when we would like to have information distributed to all deacons. We have been sending things to Alfred, but Alfred is only one person, and he does travel some and there are times he is not in the office. He is not in the office on Fri., Sat., Sun., or Mon. So, if something comes up on those days, it could be at least 4 days before information is distributed. This gets extended on the days when he is travelling or on vacation.

It would be good to use this feature to send messages that others should be aware of, the illness or death of a deacon or family member, etc. If a person sends a message of this type and feels there might be

updates, it would be appropriate to include a note that future updates will be forthcoming and anyone wanting to continue to receive these updates should respond to the sender of that fact. The sender would then send updates to those who want to follow the stream of follow up messages.

Let me know of any concerns with this process or of any discussion board topics you would like to have included on the Web Page.

I hope you find this service beneficial.”

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Deacon Larry West, formerly assigned to St. Peter’s in LaGrange, has been transferred to Jacksonville. Deacon Larry is originally from the Diocese of Charleston.

### **The Catholic Community Has a New Financial Partner**

Catholics in metro Atlanta have had one of the “best kept secrets in town” with their very own financial institution – the Greater Atlanta Catholic Federal Credit Union. Originally founded in 1971 as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Credit Union, this small financial cooperative was open to eight other Atlanta parishes and members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Through the years, GA Catholic FCU offered savings and loan services but realized that in order to effectively serve the financial needs of their membership, they would need to offer a wider range of services and better delivery channels. So, GA Catholic FCU began to develop a plan.

Located in a tiny office on North Druid Hills Road, GA Catholic FCU’s volunteer board of directors and their one full-time employee, Anne Dorris, realized that they needed to take action. And, their best course of action seemed to be affiliating with another, larger credit union with additional resources to expand service offerings to their members. After “shopping” metro Atlanta Credit Unions, nearby Georgia Federal Credit Union was selected.

Georgia Federal Credit Union is the largest educators Credit Union in Georgia with 13 branch locations and \$375 million in assets. Originally chartered in 1958 as the DeKalb County Teachers Federal Credit Union, GFCU already had a number of Catholic schools in their field of membership – such as St. Pius and Marist – and their commitment of community service appealed to GA Catholic FCU. A merger was arranged in the late fall of 2004 and Anne Dorris became a full-time employee of GFCU, with the title of GA Catholic Division Liaison. The Board of Directors for the Catholic Credit Union became an Advisory Board for GFCU, and they are meeting periodically to give direction and guidance to GFCU on how to best serve the Catholic Community of metro Atlanta.

Monsignor Stephen Churchwell is Chairman of the Catholic Advisory Board of GFCU and he is impressed with the resources and effort that is being targeted to the Catholic market. “From the beginning of our affiliation with GFCU, they have committed significant resources to Catholic causes and event sponsorship, and they are forming a Catholic parish representative network to provide better access to programs, such as their community speakers bureau.”

If you haven’t heard a lot about Credit Unions in the Catholic Community in the past, that will definitely be changing. One of the last acts Archbishop Donoghue performed, before his retirement, was petitioning the National Credit Union Administration to offer Credit Union service to all members of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Georgia Federal Credit Union just received approval on February 1 to serve all members of

the Archdiocese of Atlanta, which includes parishes in 69 counties. So, you may notice that GFCU is already beginning to advertise in The Georgia Bulletin, as well as Catholic parish bulletins.

Some of the services available to Archdiocese members will be pc home banking, e-statements, online bill pay, a 24 hour telephone teller information line, free direct deposit checking, consumer and mortgage loans, investment accounts and much more. For additional information about Georgia Federal Credit Union, you may visit their web site at [www.gfcuonline.org](http://www.gfcuonline.org) or contact Anne Dorris at (770) 493-4328, extension 6826 or by e-mailing [adorris@gfcuonline.org](mailto:adorris@gfcuonline.org). GFCU has also kept the former GA Catholic FCU website of [www.gacatholicfcu.org](http://www.gacatholicfcu.org).

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**ANOTHER RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:**

If you are unable to make the Archdiocesan retreat for deacons and wives, there is another opportunity for you to satisfy your retreat requirement. The Men’s Club of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Decatur is offering a retreat for men November 18-20. The cost of the retreat is approximately \$120.00. The retreat is being held at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton. Hoschton is about 50 miles north of Atlanta on I-85. For more information please contact Deacon Alfred Mitchell at 404-885-7407 or via e-mail at [amitchell@archatl.com](mailto:amitchell@archatl.com).

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*The Living Pulpit,*

This journal is published quarterly and is an excellent homiletic resource. Each issue covers a theological subject from a variety of perspectives. The current issue deals with the Resurrection. The next issue will deal with *Covenant*. Past issues are available on line to subscribers, and have dealt with such subjects as Suffering, Worship, Wisdom and Creation.

Each issue also contains an in-depth review of a recent theological book and quotations on the subject of the respective issue.

I have found the *Living Pulpit* to be very helpful in preparing for lectures, retreats, homilies and in some of the stories I tell as a part of my presentations. If you’re interested in continuing education, I recommend checking it out.

*The Living Pulpit, Inc.* 40 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042-3357. Phone 973-233-1900 . E-Mail: [staff@pulpit.org](mailto:staff@pulpit.org) . A year’s subscription is \$39.00.

Deacon Alfred Mitchell

COUNCIL OF DEACONS  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA  
**Archbishop Wilton Daniel Gregory**  
**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 Dennis Dorner	1. Ron Carr	Servant Ministry Ray Egan
5-12 Bob Rich	2. Bill Heinsch	Spiritual & Growth
12+ Whitney Robichaux	3. John McManus	Women's Activities
	4. Mike Jones	Social Activities Vacant
	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: May 2, 2005**

Chairman John McManus called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Vic Huynh opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRESENT: Deacons John McManus, Whitney Robichaux, Bill Heinsch, Ron Carr, Mike Jones, Dick Conti, Alfred Mitchell, Loris Sinanian, Dennis Dorner, Vic Huynh, Bob Rich, and Monsignor Reynolds,

**Old Business:**

**Web Site:** John McManus reported that he has received no feedback or content, as requested at the last meeting, regarding the new website, and he encouraged all region representatives to provide any content they can to help build the web site, such as helpful links, special occasions, and ministry involvement. The site will be useless unless we all get involved in its operation.

**Faculties:** The faculties document had been sent to Monsignor Reynolds for review and submitted to the archbishop. John McManus stated that he has received unofficial word that section seven needed to be reworked and then the proposal submitted to the Archbishop. John is hoping to receive a formal response so we can address any concerns or issues.

**Deacons' Foundation:** No response yet from Msgr. Churchwell as of the time of the meeting. Tabled until the next meeting.

**Educational Guidelines:** Each region rep reported on the feedback they received from their region members. All regions agreed that educational guidelines were necessary and that they needed to be reasonable and easily accessible. It was agreed that the educational program for deacons needed to be formalized and approved by the Archbishop as a requirement for all deacons. Various plans for education were discussed, such as courses at the St. Stephen Center, programs in conjunction with Regional meetings, collaborative discussions, freestanding classes, university or institute classes, study days, and renewal courses. Some suggested topics were Catechism of the Church, spirituality, theology, scripture, homiletics, and other classes pertinent to the life of a deacon. It was agreed that this requirement is not to be punitive, and it should be a vehicle for pastors to help deacons to improve their ministries and abilities. A Motion was made and carried that the Council accept the proposal distributed by Alfred Mitchell, but that was defeated by a 6-3 vote. It was then decided that we needed some kind of combinations of the current and the proposed guidelines. Deacons Whitney Robichaux, Loris Sinanian, Dennis Dorner, and Alfred Mitchell were assigned by the chairman to review the proposals proffered and draft a new proposal for educational guidelines and circulate it among Council members by mid-July for a formal review and vote in August.

**Outreach Program:** In response to the Archbishop's interest in deacon's becoming involved in prison ministry, Mike Jones asked Tom Sylvester, a deacon very involved in prison ministry, to come and talk to the Council about prison ministry. Tom Sylvester's comments on prison ministry were very enlightening for the council members. His presentation was very detailed on how to start a prison ministry, including many of the "do's and don'ts", some of the pitfalls, great joys, and the spirituality of the ministry. He talked of the differences between jails and prisons, and between male and female facilities. In talking about returning prisoners to society, he suggested using halfway houses or conversion centers. The Council greatly appreciated his insight and hopes to utilize that insight in developing and/or encouraging deacons to become involved in this important ministry.

**Committee Vacancies:** John McManus expressed concern that, in spite of requests at the Council and Regional levels, no deacons have either volunteered or proffered ideas to solve the problem of vacancies in committee positions. Whitney Robichaux volunteered to oversee the hospitality for the Recommitment Mass. The Council still needs to find a volunteer to coordinate the Archbishop's Christmas Reception for the deacons and their wives. Bob Rich volunteered to work with Ray Egan on the Bereavement Committee. The chairman renewed his request to get deacons and their wives involved in these activities.

**New Business:** John McManus suggested that the Council consider restructuring regional boundaries again to allow more participation in regional meetings. It is clear from comments received by the chairman that many deacons are not attending meetings because of the great distance that is required to be traveled to make a meeting. John's proposal is to design smaller and have more regions. This would eliminate the huge geographic size of many of our regions. John will discuss this matter with Gary Womack and hopes to have a draft proposal of new regional alignments ready for discussion at the next meeting in August.

**Reports of Regions:** Region reports focused on the continuing education guidelines feedback, as stated above.

**NOTE:** The next council meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. It was decided that the council would not meet in June or July. The May meeting was adjourned.

RETREAT REGISTRATION-2005  
SIMPSONWOOD RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2005

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 2005**

**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.**

**DO NOT MAIL THE CHECK TO THE ARCHDIOCESE'S P. O. BOX**

**If payment is received by August 15, 2005 the cost of the retreat is \$375.00 per couple and \$275.00 for a single.**

**The commuter rate is \$115.00 per person for the weekend.**

*If payment is received after August 15, 2005 the cost of the retreat is \$400.00 per couple and \$300.00 for a single.*

*The commuter rate is \$115.00 per person*

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**For Office Use Only:**  
Check received from Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2005 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Sent \_\_\_\_\_, 2005