



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

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AUGUST 2005

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2005

**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

**August 19-20, 2005: National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved:** National Training and Conference, St. Louis, MO. For more information telephone 314-638-2638 or E-mail at [NCMBreave@aol.com](mailto:NCMBreave@aol.com).

**November 17-19, 2005: National Parish Life Center's** annual parish convention for parish priests, deacons, and parish staff. The convention will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Fort Worth, TX. For more information contact the Center at 212-431-7825 or FAX at 212-274-9786.

**2006—June 30-July 22: The Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, New Orleans** is offering degree, certificate and continuing education programs. The programs are designed to prepare those of all cultural backgrounds to engage in effective ministry in Black communities.

For further information and clarification please contact Sr. /Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P. or Ms Netanya Watts Hart at 504-520-5138/504-520-7691 or e-mail [IBCS@xula.edu](mailto:IBCS@xula.edu). You may view the Institute's web page at [www.xula.edu/IBCS/](http://www.xula.edu/IBCS/)

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## **FOOD FOR THE POOR PILGRIMAGE DATES 2005**

August 11-14	Jamaica	October 27 – 30	Haiti (Catholic clergy retreat)
September 15 – 18	Haiti	November 10 – 13	Haiti
October 13 – 16	Jamaica	December 8 – 11	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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**Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Course Announcement**

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

**Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Course Announcement**

Archdiocese of Atlanta Family Life Office  
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Genie and James Monaghan  
(770) 869-1186  
St. Michael's Catholic Church  
Atlanta, GA

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
August 21  
Sept. 18  
October 16

Jeff and Theresa Howard  
(770)932-6185  
Prince of Peace Church  
Buford, GA

August 25  
Sept. 22  
October 27

Trung and Julie Tran  
770=931-4602  
St. John Newman  
Lilburn, GA  
10:00 – 12:00 noon  
August 20  
Sept. 17  
Oct. 22  
Nov. 19

Scott and Janet Bucley  
678-344-6630  
St. Marguerite D'Youville  
Lawrenceville, GA

August 29  
Sept. 26  
Oct. 24  
Nov. 14

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**OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST**

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

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Seven deacons and one wife represented the archdiocese at the recent NDICE conference at Xavier University, Cincinnati. The theme of the conference was "The Identity of the Contemporary Deacon: Formation and Relationships." The talks and workshops were very informative and interesting. Tapes of some of the proceedings will be available. Regional leaders might consider using these in your regional gatherings.

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Deacon Jerry Lett, Mrs. Lett and Deacon Alfred Mitchell also attended the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus Convention in Miami. Subject of the convention was "Healing By the Waters." The title was derived in part from the location; The Marriott Biscayne on Biscayne Bay. The Caucus is dedicated to working within the Church to improve the spiritual, theological, educational and ministerial growth of its members and members of the Black community.

Deacon Dunn Cumby of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City was elected as the Caucus' first deacon president.

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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 [amitchel1@archatl.com](mailto:amitchel1@archatl.com).

Any of the retreats offered at Ignatius House and the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers will satisfy our retreat requirements.

A copy of the registration form for this year's retreat is included with this issue of *The Beacon*. August 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the early registration discount. Register before then and save you or your parish some money. Early registration also helps in dealing with Simpsonwood.

Our presenter this year is Fr. Jim Goode, O.F.M. Fr. Jim is a dynamic and charismatic speaker who is in great demand. In addition, Archbishop Gregory will be with us on Saturday morning for the Eucharistic Celebration.

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A recommended site for ideas on daily homilies is located at [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html). Give it a try. I think you'll like it.

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*A resourceful missionary fell into the hands of a band of cannibals. "Going to eat me, I take it," said the missionary. "You wouldn't like me." He took out his pocketknife, sliced a piece from his leg, and handed it to the chief. "Try it and see for yourself," he urged. The chief took one bite, grunted and spat. The missionary lived happily on the island for 50 years. He had a cork leg.*

Bennett Cerf from Reader's Digest  
Anecdotes for all Occasions

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COUNCIL OF DEACONS  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA  
**Archbishop Wilton Daniel Gregory**  
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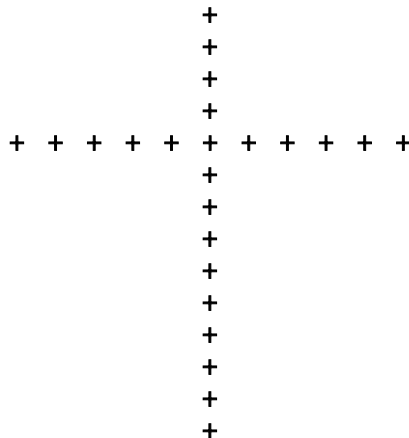
<u>YEAR REP.</u>	<u>REGIONAL REP.</u>	<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON</u>
1-5 Dennis Dorner	1. Ron Carr	Servant Ministry     Ray Egan
5-12 Bob Rich	2. Bill Heinsch	Spiritual & Growth
12+ Whitney Robichaux	3. John McManus	Women's Activities
	4. Mike Jones	Social Activities     Vacant
	5. Vic Huynh	Public Relations
	6. Dick Conti	and Archives         Vacant
		Calling Post         Gary Womack & Bruce Publicover
		Nominations         Gary Womack
		Diaconate Works     Ray Egan
		Outreach             Bill Heinsch

The Council did not meet in June and July

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**A Boston parishioner was bemoaning the fact to the late Richard Cardinal Cushing that there seemed to be so few saints among us in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. "Well, let's give thanks for that," said the Cardinal. "Saints are all right in heaven, but they're hell to live with on earth.**

**Art Linkletter from Reader's Digest  
 Anecdotes for all Occasions**



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*

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

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

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