



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

JANUARY 2006

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE DIACONATE COMMUNITY IN 2006

February 1: Admission to Candidacy for the Formation Class of 2010 at St. Stephen Martyr Church in Lilburn 7:30 PM

February 4: Ordination to the Order of Deacon for the Formation Class of 2006, 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Deacons vest in white for this occasion. If you plan to be in the procession please arrive no later than 10:00 a.m.

February 27: Institution of Reader & Acolyte for the Formation Class of 2009 at Prince of Peace Church 7:30 PM

June 17: Eucharistic Congress

September 23: Mass of Recommitment at the Cathedral of Christ the King at 9:00 a.m.

October 6-8: Annual Retreat for Deacons and Wives at Simpsonwood Retreat and Conference Center. Archbishop Gregory is the presenter.

December 10: Archbishops Reception for Deacons and Wives 2:00-4:00 Location TBA

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

My Dear Brother Deacons,

I write this to you as I begin my new role as Director of Deacon Personnel for the Archdiocese. As I shared with Archbishop Gregory when he told me that I had been selected for the position, I am truly humbled and honored.

Sitting in Alfred Mitchell's office and stepping into the position he held for fifteen years could be a bit intimidating. Alfred, in his usual gracious way has made the transition very smooth. I hope to build on the good work that he did and continue to serve you all as your new Director.

This new year and my new role presents a myriad of opportunities. Last week I had the blessing of joining our soon to be ordained Class of 2006 on their Pre-Ordination retreat. It was only a couple of years ago that I was anxiously anticipating my own ordination. I share the excitement and enthusiasm that each of these good men will bring to their ministry as Deacons.

I look forward throughout this year to have an opportunity to meet with each of you in your parishes. I want to know what kinds of ministries our Deacons are involved in and how we can be of greater service to the People of God here in our Archdiocese. In April I will be attending my first National Association of Deacon Directors for their meeting in Denver. It will be good to hearing how other diocese are developing their Deacon Programs.

Please know that I am here to serve you. You can reach me by phone at 404-885-7407 or by e mail ddorner@archatl.com

I ask for your prayers as we begin this new venture. You all are also always in my prayers.

In His Service,

Deacon Dennis

Metropolitan Tribunal

Archdiocese of Atlanta
680 West Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1984

11 January 2006

To All Priests and Deacons

Dear Colleague:

In my first week as Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, it is a joy to write to you not only to offer my gratitude to Archbishop Gregory for welcoming me to this wonderful city and archdiocese, but also to update you on the transitions in our Tribunal.

As you know, the Metropolitan Tribunal is in the midst of change. In the literal sense, the Court has moved back into the Catholic Center. In a broader sense, we are undertaking a comprehensive review of procedures, publications, and correspondence. All of this is directed toward the twin goals of serving the Church with fidelity to procedural law and jurisprudence, and reaffirming a ministry characterized by justice, equity, and compassion.

I beg your patience as we complete the physical move of the Court offices and staff. New forms and procedures, and new opportunities for canonical formation, which you will see evolving in the coming months, will assist us in offering efficient service with consistent quality.

I also ask for your input into how best to serve the clergy and faithful of this archdiocese. The Metropolitan Tribunal has enjoyed a well-deserved reputation of excellence over its decades of existence, yet there are opportunities for improvement. Those who built and maintained the quality and integrity of this Court as *Officialis* or Judicial Vicar in the past have my esteem and gratitude for establishing a solid platform on which to build at this time.

When you are in the Catholic Center, please feel free to stop by the Metropolitan Tribunal on the second floor. Likewise, I hope to meet you personally at events and gatherings in the coming months. More immediately, I invite you to send to me or to our new Tribunal Director, Cathy Gilligan, JCL, your constructive and positive suggestions for improving this Court's service, at either of the following addresses:

wking@archatl.com

cgilligan@archatl.com

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will direct and prosper the renewal of the Metropolitan Tribunal. Please also assure any concerned parishioners that delays caused by the present changes are short-term. May God bless your ministry and those whom you serve.

Yours fraternally,

(Very Rev.) William J. King, JCD
Judicial Vicar

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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. You may view the Institute's web page at www.xula.edu/IBCS/

November 2-13, 2006: Highlights of St. Paul's Second and Third Missionary Journeys. A lecture series at sea on the studies of St. Paul's life and teachings. Visit Corinth, Athens, Thessalonika, Kavala, Dikili, Perganum, Ephesus and Patmos.

For more information contact Deacon Dennis Dorner at the Office of the Diaconate. Phone: 404-885-7407 or via e-mail at ddorner@archatl.com.

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

The Second Annual Canonical Retreat for 12-Step Clergy will be held at Ignatius House, Monday, May 1 through Friday, May 5, 2006. For more information contact Fr. Stewart Wilber at 770-712-1692 or via e-mail at s.wilber@mindspring.com.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Victor Marulanda, who was scheduled to be ordained a Permanent Deacon on February 4th passed away Jan 2, 2006, of a heart attack in Texas.

Deacon Vic Huynh's father, Mr. Peter Huong Huynh passed away on December 29, 2005.

Deacon in Formation Albert Feliu's father, Leopold Feliu, passed away on December 23, 2005

Father Phil Grant passed away on the 28th of December after struggling with cancer for some time. Phil was a member of the 2004 Formation Class but then was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Charleston SC and ordained last year.

Deacon Ralph A. LaMachia has been granted faculties and assigned to The Church of the Good Shepherd in Cumming, Georgia.

Deacon Keith Kolodziej has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He is assigned to The Church of Saint Peter Chanel in Roswell, GA.

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The following note came in from Deacon Bill Lakin regarding his appointment as Chaplain to the Boy Scouts of American for the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Subject: Deacon Bill Lakin - Assignment by the Archbishop

Dear friends of Scouting:

I am honored, ecstatic, and humbled in receiving the appointment to be the Chaplain of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting. I accept this assignment because of such a vital Youth Ministry Program being taught to our youngsters (Boys & Girls) by extremely talented competent Counselors, both men & women throughout the Archdiocese. I wish to give special thanks to Our Archbishop, Our Vicar General & all the members of the Archdiocesan Committee on Scouting. I ask for your prayers, support, and guidance as I begin to work with everyone. I am, humbly

Yours in Christ & Mary.

Deacon Bill Lakin

May Our Lord bless you & yours in a very special way.

Deacon John Stroop shared the following:

The prayers of a righteous person are powerful.

The results of random biopsies taken from my bladder in December resulted in one of the samples being diagnosed as cancerous. So I'll begin 6 weeks of new treatments next week in Colorado then have further testing here and in Atlanta.

Your prayers are requested and appreciated greatly.

John

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Llamados A Ser Uno: A one day marriage preparation course conducted in Spanish will be offered at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. The dates are February 25, May 20, August 19 and November 4. Child care is not provided. Information and registration materials can be obtained by telephoning 770-216-0371.

P R E C A N A 2006
A One Day Workshop for Engaged Couples

All Sessions are held at the Catholic Center.

Phone: 404-888-7819

Time: 9:00 a.m. -- 4:05 p.m.

Cost: **\$95.00 per couple (non refundable)**

January 7 and 28

February 11 and 25

March 11 and 25

April 1 and 29

May 6 and 20

June 3 and 10

July 15 and 29

August 12 and 26

September 23

October 7 and 21

November 4

December 9

REMARRIAGE WORKSHOP 2006

**A One-Day Workshop for Couples Forming a Marriage
After the Death of a Spouse**

All Sessions are at the Catholic Center.

Phone: 404-888-7819

Time: 9:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

Cost \$95.00 per couple

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 22

May 13

June 17

July 22

August 19

September 16

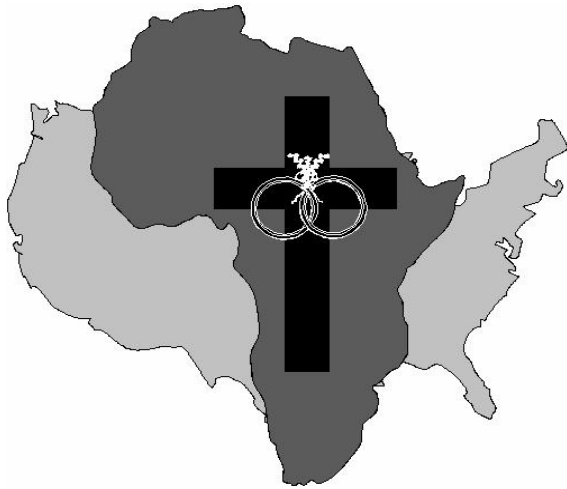
October 14

November 11

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An African-American Pre-Marriage Program

“THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE”



Presenters: Deacon Fred Sambrone
Mrs. Connie Sambrone

Sponsored By: Family Life Office
Archdiocese of Atlanta

Date: **February 25, 2006** (Saturday)

Location: Lyke House-The Catholic Center
Atlanta University Center
809 Beckwith Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$95.00 per couple (Non-refundable)

For additional information contact:

Connie Sambrone 770-631-0420

Family Life Office 404-888-7819

“*The Greatest Of These Is Love*” is a program which explores those areas which are important and necessary in helping a marriage to sustain, to survive and to succeed in an environment of love, unity, understanding and commitment.

This program is for couples contemplating marriage, engaged couples, and married couples desiring to attain a balanced approach to a sound Christian marriage.

Please **COMPLETE** the registration form below and attach a check made payable to **Family Life Office**.

Mail check and registration form to:

Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta
Family Life Office
680 West Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1984

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Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

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(City) (State) (ZIP)

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

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E-mail address _____

E-mail address _____

Religion _____

Religion _____

Single _____ *Engaged _____ Married _____ (Number of years) _____ (Number of children) _____

*Engaged couples may use this program as their marriage preparation program.

Name of parish: _____ Wedding Date: _____

Name of your priest: _____