



From the Chancellor's Chair

My Dear Brothers,

In a week many of us will gather with family and friends and join the rest of our country to celebrate Thanksgiving. Each of us has so much to be thankful for and I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know how grateful I am to have the privilege of serving each of you and your families as the Director for the Permanent Diaconate.

Just this past week the men who were ordained in February of this year gathered for our post ordination event. We try to do this several months after ordination for a couple of purposes. One is to get the men and their wives together again, something all of us struggle to do once we enter into our ministries. A second and just as important reason is to get some idea of how they are doing now that they have been involved as ordained clerics for some time. I especially like to ask the wives of the men, “How is he doing?” The answers vary but one thing all of us seem to struggle with is balance in our lives. It's often very hard to say no to the many requests that we receive but we must remember to never say no to the requests that come from our wives and families.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving one of the most important things that each of us can do is to take the time to sit down with our family and let them know just how important they are to us. We cannot be fulfilled in our diaconal vocation if we neglect our first vocation as husbands and fathers.

I pray that all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

As we begin the season of Advent I hope each of us can spend some time preparing our hearts and minds and lives for the celebration of the Incarnation.

Know that I am here to serve you and that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep our entire community in prayer!

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Dennis

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Our **Committee on Wives and Families** is trying to communicate with your wives. If you would please send their e mail to: PCurry@archatl.com



FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers in Christ:

As the liturgical year winds down it is a time to reflect on the year gone by and look forward to the new beginning that the year ahead will provide. The structured classes for the men in formation came to an end on Saturday, November 20th and they have returned to their families, jobs and parishes free from the cares of studying for tests and writing papers for the next 8 – 9 weeks. This year our formation classes in each semester began a week earlier so that we would conclude the full academic year prior to Thanksgiving. It is an adjustment that the men have heartily embraced so we will keep in place for 2011.

The past year has been a good one for the formation community. Our candidates are busy increasing their involvement in social justice ministries, seeking out new deacon mentors and remaining involved in their parish and community ministries. Our dedicated faculty members have devoted countless hours to the preparation of the class as well as presenting to the men, reading papers and grading tests. I thank them for their generous service to the men and the Church.

Looking forward, there are 16 men who have now completed their formation classes and are awaiting their pre-ordination retreat in January and subsequent ordination in February. Joining the original 15 men in the class of 2011 is a man who has had a long formation with a large measure of joys and sorrows. Freddie Barrueta was originally in the class of 2009 and following the death of his beloved wife Raquel, Freddie took two years off from formation. In August he and his pastor requested that he be readmitted to formation and our Archbishop welcomed him back. Freddie has joined the class of 2011 and will be ordained with them in February.

The Information/Inquiry sessions began again this past Thursday. We had almost 40 men attend this first session with their wives. This group of men represents a wide range of cultural backgrounds, ages and parishes across the Archdiocese. I would ask that in addition to praying for the candidates in formation, you also include the men seeking information about the diaconate in your prayers.

Please mark your calendars for a couple important events early next year. First, the Admission to Candidacy and Institution of Acolyte will take place on January 20th at 7:00pm at Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church. Then just two weeks later, on February 5th at 10:30am at the Cathedral, the men of the class of 2011 will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. Please consider attending both of these Masses.

Thank you for the support and prayers you have provided for the men in formation and all of those involved in forming them. Please let me know if you have any questions about our formation program or if I may be of any assistance to you at all. You remain in my prayers.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Swope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Associate Director of Formation SSwope@archatl.com

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THE
AQUINAS CENTER
of Theology

New Aquinas Center Website: <http://www.catholicstudies.emory.edu> New URL and almost everything is new. See videos by prominent speakers like Archbishop Wilton Gregory and informational videos and interviews on the Catholic Studies Minor and the Atlanta Catholic Business Conference. There is also a lot of new information about our programs, our Dominican heritage, and a new parish education initiative. See how you can bring Emory scholars to your parish.

For the latest programs at Emory click here: [Catholic Studies Program](#)

Parish Education Speakers

Want a world-class speaker for your parish for free? It is easy and we will advertise the program in the *Georgia Bulletin*. Go to: http://aquinas.emory.edu/programs_parish.html

I hope you are enjoying your fall. I look forward to seeing you at one of our events.
Many thanks for your support.

Phillip Thompson
Executive Director

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Homily Help

<http://homilies.net>

<http://www.deacbench.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.frtommylane.com/homilies.htm>

DISTANCE LEARNING

STEP, Satellite Theological Education Program, University of Notre Dame,
Website: <http://step.nd.edu> or Call toll free at **1-866-425-7837** for more information.

University of Dayton <http://www.udayton.edu/>

Felician College <http://www.felician.edu/online/>

Catholic Distance University <http://www.cdu.edu/>

Master of Pastoral Studies-St. Leo Online Programs <http://www.saintleo.edu>

[The Catholic Deacon by Deacon James F. Papillo](#)

This website is intended to provide a useful resource for obtaining information about the Roman Catholic faith, the Roman Catholic Church and the Permanent Diaconate.

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Distance Learning Program for the Diaconate The Pontifical College Josephinum

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Available classes are listed on the next two pages:

PA 631 DE: Principles of Catechesis **New This Semester!** As a person of faith and a Deacon, you continually catechize all of those around you. This course assists both new and experienced deacons to raise this catechesis to the conscious, thoughtful level. Our focus for this twelve-week course will be the realization that the authentic and on-going growth in knowledge and faith for all of those entrusted to the catechetical care of the Church is paramount. This course looks at how to both form and inform God's faithful in the Catholic faith – engaging both the head and the heart. We explore the balance struck toward this goal over the history of Christianity. The readings, forums, and deliverables are particularly designed to allow deacons to find that balance for themselves and for their ministry. Course outcomes include:

1. Familiarizing and enabling deacons to understand and use the long and rich history of catechesis in the Church to ensure effective catechetical ministry in a modern setting.
2. Differentiating various means and tools of catechesis.
3. Discussing the most recent ecclesiastical pronouncements and resources of the Church regarding catechesis.
4. Explaining catechesis and the catechism of the Catholic Church more effectively to the faithful, using the images and religiosity of widely disparate faith traditions while remaining faithful and supporting the Magisterium. The facilitator for this session will be **Deacon Joseph O'Donnell** Ph.D. of the Diocese of Sacramento, California, a deacon of long experience in Religious Education including RCIA programs.

CL612 DE: Canon Law for Deacons This course has been especially designed for deacons and provides an in-depth analysis of those specific canons with which Deacons may become involved. This twelve module course is divided into four broad themes: An overview of this history, purpose, operation, and interaction within the Code of Canon Law; in-depth discussion and analysis of those Canons which are operative in pastoral (parish) settings; Canons relating to the sacramental life of the Church, and those Canons which relate to marriage, including those of interest to those involved in Tribunal work. Designed and facilitated by **Monsignor Michael Osborn, JCD**, of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI, this course has been developed in response to many requests from the members of the National Association of Diaconate Directors, and from deacons throughout North America.

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PA951 DE: Good Practices in Parish Administration This course provides priests,deacons and parish administrators with a comprehensive overview of civil, legal and financial issues which may be encountered in a parish setting. It also provides a structured overview of various scenarios likely to be present in a parochial setting, and does so in both the context of civil and canon law. Topics addressed include: overview of civil law, contracts, negligence and premise liability; land use and zoning, employment law, worker's compensation and unemployment compensation; civil law regarding marriages and families, festivals, bingo and games of chance; casinos, game-nights and liquor liability, tax exempt status, confidentiality and privileged communication; protection of children, and financial management. This course has been developed and reviewed by experienced attorneys, accountants, and pastors. **Father Patrick Manning** of Walsh University returns as our very popular facilitator for this session.

PA931DE: Hospital Ministry for the Deacon: This course introduces participants to the role of the hospital chaplain. Basic responsibilities and day-to-day tasks are discussed in detail. Participants will be required to frequently visit hospital, work with a chaplain as a mentor, complete assigned tasks relating to clinical visits, read assignments, and complete reflection papers. A vision for pastoral care of the ill and frail will be developed by focusing on Church teaching, the dignity of human life, the power of prayer, and the need for thorough and prayerful preparation by the deacon.

PA 868 DE: Pastoral Counseling for the Deacon This course presents basic counseling theory, processes and skill development, focused on assessment, listening, and goal setting. This course briefly outlines various emotional/mental disorders which may assist the non-professional counselor to make appropriate assessment and professional referral. This course is specifically designed for those deacons in pastoral settings who have come from other disciplines, and aims to introduce students to a variety of tools, strategies, and methodologies. Special emphasis will be placed upon helping the deacon recognize some common issues and problems which they are likely to encounter. Personal counseling styles will be addressed as a means of enabling each participant to understand his or her own strengths and weaknesses in a pastoral care setting. This course will permit the deacon to identify the critical differences between pastoral care and professional counseling, particularly as it relates to the nature and limits of the pastoral counseling task. This course will also assist the deacon to understand the elements of the counseling process and gain experience of elementary counseling interventions through practice and role-play, and to help learners to understand their own personal style of relating and its influence on the counseling process. This course will also introduce deacons to a wide range of helpful resources relating to pastoral care and counseling. This class will be facilitated by **Deacon Bob McCormick**, a retired educator and deacon of long service in the Diocese of Rochester, NY.

SP 611 DE: The Spirituality of the Deacon With particular emphasis on the formation and ministry of permanent deacons in the United States, this course correlates the sources, principles and practices of sound spirituality with the fundamental truths of Catholic faith, with the reality of human nature as redeemed and graced, and with practical aspects of spirituality in diaconal ministry. It highlights development of sound spirituality in the context of the Church and emphasizes the need for, and spiritual benefits of, ongoing integration of spiritual reading, personal prayer, private devotion, liturgical worship, and pastoral practice throughout a deacon's ministry to the faithful. We are fortunate again to have **Monsignor Christopher Schreck, PhD, STD**, of the Diocese of Savannah, GA as our facilitator for the Spring 2011 term.

For More Details Or To Register, Please Contact Us At:

1-877-9DEACON (1-877-933 2266) E-mail us at: deacons@pcj.edu

or visit us on the web at www.pcj.edu

All are encouraged to forward this message to those deacons who may not have ready access.

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Cathedral of Christ the King

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The following continuing education opportunities are being offered to all deacons:

November 20th Tribunal procedures and recertification as Case Sponsors.

December 4th We will be wrapping up with a general discussion surrounding any other items that need to be reviewed or topics suggested by the attendees.



Writing **JUSTICE**

Our monthly justice communiqué has just received a new name, **Writing JUSTICE**. This title lends meaning to our enterprise on several levels. In our news brief, we continue to write about justice. By doing so, we hope to inspire our readers to right justice by confronting injustice. Taking our cue from Catholic Social Teaching, our aim is to defend the just rights of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized. Finally, we intend to motivate each other and our readers to live out our sacramental calling, to pursue the rites of justice.

We hope that this month's issue of **Writing JUSTICE** is a blessing and inspiration for you. If so, our publication has served its purpose. If you feel led to pursue a specific path to justice, please let us know. We at Parish & Social Justice Ministries stand ready to partner with you on your journey.

-Heidi M. Tauscher, Ph.D./J.D./M.Div.

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Federal Legislative Updates and Action Alerts:

Catholic Charities USA - <http://capwiz.com/catholiccharitiesusa>

Catholics Confront Global Poverty - <http://www.crs.org/ccgp>

Justice for Immigrants - <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.shtml>

Writing JUSTICE is a monthly sampler from Parish & Social Justice Ministries with information regarding justice and advocacy issues and events. [Parish & Social Justice Ministries](#) is a program of Catholic Charities Atlanta providing resources for awareness and action, emphasizing the "concrete practice of love." Please [click here](#) to "like" Parish & Social Justice Ministries on Facebook.

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In response to the massive earthquake and Cholera Epidemic in Haiti, Catholic Relief Services has set up 3 ways to donate to the relief efforts:

1. Via check to **Catholic Relief Services - P.O. Box 17090 - Baltimore, MD 21203**. The memo portion of check should clearly state Haiti Earthquake.
2. Via cell phone by texting **RELIEF** to **30644** and follow the prompts to chose the dollar amount.
3. Via internet by visiting: www.crs.org

Justice for Immigrants: The national Catholic campaign for comprehensive immigration reform, has launched a campaign that calls for comprehensive immigration reform legislation. To take action, please visit the web site: [Justice for Immigrants](http://JusticeforImmigrants)

Fr. Kevin Peek is a priest in our Archdiocese Stationed in Afghanistan with the US ARMY.

Blessed friends,

Some I have had the opportunity of talking with directly; others are hearing this for the first time. I have been deployed to Afghanistan in an emergency status to fill in for a Chaplain that was killed here recently. I will be here for ten months, in a region that is highly dangerous and hazardous in many ways to my Soldiers and the local populace. We are here to make life better for the locals, and we have our work cut out for us. My men and I are greatly in need of your prayers: prayers for protection, for perseverance, and for hope and courage in the face of the challenges we face. I am asking that each of you commit to some time of prayer, either daily or weekly, with some specific prayer or scripture verse you will pray and reflect on, in our behalf. If you so accept, I ask that you send those verses/prayers so that we can know them and join in as well. If your prayer or verse changes, please update that with an email—even if it is a different one every week/day. My goal, vision and hope through this project is not just to surround my men with a prayer hedge or protection, but to get all of us praying more and taking time to acknowledge the presence and purpose of God in our lives. Thank you in advance for your support!

Frkpeek@gmail.com

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His unworthy servant and yours,

Fr. Kevin T. M. Peek”

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✠ Please Pray for Us ✠



Deacon Gary Womack, Nov 3, 2010



John Duffield - illness



Earnest Shawcross, Oct 6, 2010 father of Steve Shawcross class of 2011



Father Martin Kopchik, Nov 10, 2010 Director of the Fransalians Spirituality Center



Debbie LaFreniere, wife of Deacon Jim LaFreniere



Deacon Keith Kolodziej's daughter, Mary Catherine who is having surgery



And those whom we promised to pray for ... Lord hear our prayers

If you have some one in need of our prayers contact please Mark Sholander at: msholand@bellsouth.net

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**PRECANA WORKSHOP
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

This workshop is designed for engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church. It is a one-day workshop beginning at 8:45 A.M. and ending at 4:05 P.M. The fee is \$110 per couple (non-refundable).

The following topics are covered during the workshop: communication, marriage sacrament, married sexuality, reconciliation and forgiveness, and married finances.

Couples should register several months before the desired workshop date. All workshops are held at the Catholic Center, 680 West Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. For additional information, please call 404-888-7819, or visit the Family Life Office web page [here](#)

It is important that couples should speak with a priest or deacon at their parish before registering for this workshop.

To register, please complete the registration form from the web site and attach a check or money order made out to the Family Life Office.

Mail the registration form with the check or money order to:

Family Life Office/PreCana
680 West Peachtree Street, NW,
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1984

Forms and dates available by clicking this link or at: <http://www.archatl.com/offices>



Dates for the 2010/2011 African American Marriage Preparation Programs

**February 19, 2011
August 6, 2011**

**April 30, 2011
November 12, 2011**

All programs are held at the Lyke House Catholic Student Center at the Atlanta University Center Complex, 809 Beckwith Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314, 9:00am until 5:00p.m. The fee for the program is \$110.00 per couple. Registration for the program is handled by the Office of Formation and Discipleship. Please contact Lynn Crutchfield at **404/885-7450**.

The program is for engaged couples and couples contemplating marriage.

The programs are presented by Deacon Fred Sambrone and Mrs. Connie Sambrone.

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Noteworthy Dates

DEACON CONFERENCES WITH ARCHBISHOP GREGORY

Do you have something you would like to discuss with your Archbishop?

These meetings require no appointment. The Archbishop will gladly meet with deacons on a first come, first serve basis on the following dates at the Chancery:

12/6/10 12:00 – 2:00 PM



Christmas Reception for the Deacons of the Archdiocese

At the Archbishop's Residence – Sunday, 2-4 pm Dec. 19, 2010



DEACONATE ORDINATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2011

Saturday, February 5th 2011 10:30 a.m.

Christ The King Cathedral



Institution of Acolyte Class of 2013 and Admission to Candidacy Class of 2015

Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Mission January 20th, 2011, 7 p.m.



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Airport Chaplains

The Atlanta Airport, the busiest airport in the world, is in need of Catholic Chaplains.

Do you have a few hours a month to spend helping out the lost or wondering?

For more information on Airport Chaplains in the US <http://www.nccac.us/news.htm>

For more information on volunteering your time in ATL contact Deacon Don Kelsey at deacdon@att.net

From the USBBC

A document from the USCCB entitled "Questions and Answers Regarding the Canonical Process for the Resolution of Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons". The following is a link to the document:

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-094.shtml>

Would You Like To Learn Spanish?

At St. Michael's in Gainesville, has opened up a learning center with the Rosetta Stone for those wanting to learn English last year. In thanksgiving for this, the Latino community purchased the Rosetta Stone for those who want to learn Spanish. If there are any deacons or deacons in formation that would want to use the St. Michael learning center here in Gainesville, contact me and I will get them their log-ins and passwords to use it. This is just for use in the learning center here at the parish of St. Michael, and doesn't have the on-line option.

Contact Ken Lampert @ kenlampert@bellsouth.net

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Atlanta, GA 30308

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Thanksgiving Day Jokes and Ideas

Why can't you take a turkey to church?
Because they use such FOWL language

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?
The outside

Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?
Yes - a building can't jump at all

At dinner when everyone says what they are thankful for, say, "I'm thankful I didn't get caught" and refuse to say anything more.

What's a Turkey's favorite song?
"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas".

Asked to write a composition entitled, 'What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving,' one student wrote, 'I am thankful that I'm not a turkey.'



What it really comes down to is a question of values... is a delicious, succulent turkey, baked to perfection, worth a few whacks on the nose with a newspaper?

It was just before Thanksgiving in Walmart, and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one.

In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, 'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'

'No, madam, 'he replied, 'they're all dead.'



What I am Thankful For:

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.
Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.

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