

# THE BEACON

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



## From the Director

My Dear Brothers,

Isn't it remarkable how quickly time flies? My 85 year old mother recently said that the older you get the faster time seems to pass. She also shared some other pearls of wisdom about aging but honestly some of them are better left out of print! I truly love how age gives people the license to say what is really on their

minds.

This is the first issue of The Beacon for 2011. We have gone to a quarterly publication for a variety of reasons. The most significant is that we want to “beef up” the messages that we share and hopefully by having some additional time between issues we will get articles of real substance to help us in our ministry. I am also hoping that more of you will take the time to contribute!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Ordination ceremony in early February. I have had the pleasure of seeing some of our new deacons in action in the past month and they are still glowing with the joy that comes from the grace of the Sacrament of Orders.

Very soon we will have another gathering as our Mass of Recommitment and Convocation is scheduled for April 2 at the Cathedral of Christ the King.

We have a good program lined up and some exciting news to share at that meeting. Yes this is a teaser!

I just completed a two week hiatus from all of the activity of our chancery move and the initial preparations for this year's Eucharistic Congress. If I have missed any calls or mail please be patient with me, I will get back to you all soon.

In the next week we enter the Lenten season. I know how busy Lent is for our deacons but it is also a time when I hope and pray that each of you are able to take some time to reflect and reconnect with your spiritual life in preparation of the celebration of the Resurrection.

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 email to: [mwsmith@archatl.com](mailto:mwsmith@archatl.com)

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers in Christ:

January and February were filled with excitement and joy for the men in formation. We began early in January with the annual pre-ordination retreat. For those of you who recall steamy July days on retreat at St. Bernard Abbey, this retreat was a lot different from that! We arrived there the Sunday of the big snow storm. The silence of the environment actually helped and supported the silence of the retreat. Fr. Pedro Poloche was the retreat master and the focus of his conferences was the prayerful journey toward a stable, faithful and fruitful ministry filled with joy. The entire week was an enjoyable, fulfilling spiritual week. We were also fortunate that the electricity remained on during our entire retreat.



Soon after our return to Atlanta, Bishop Zarama celebrated Mass for the formation community at Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Mission for the Admission to Candidacy of the Class of 2015 and Institution of Acolyte for the Class of 2013. We wish to offer our thanks to Fr. Francis and the entire faith community for the diversity of the Mass and the warm hospitality that we enjoyed.

Also during January the Class of 2016 (that's right 2016!) began their formation journey as Aspirants. The class has 13 members from around the Archdiocese. The names of the men and their parishes may be found in an article within this issue of the *Beacon*.



Then as you know, on the first Saturday of February, Archbishop Gregory ordained 16 men to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral of Christ the King. These men, who nicknamed themselves MOXI (Men Of XI) are now actively serving in many parishes and communities. The Archbishop's homily challenged them to live up to the call they have received by ministering to the poor and the needy, assisting to ensure high quality liturgy, working for justice and proclaiming and preaching effectively. His homily was superb; if you would like a copy of it, please contact our office.

In late February, we completed the Information/Inquiry sessions and anticipate between 25 and 30 applications for admission to the Aspirancy phase of formation that will begin in 2012.

Lastly, later this year we will hold additional orientation sessions for deacons who are willing to serve as deacon mentors to the men in formation. All of the men currently have mentors but we would like to increase number of deacons that can serve as the men in formation change mentors and the overall number of aspirants and candidates increases.

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,



Associate Director of Formation [SSwope@archatl.com](mailto:SSwope@archatl.com)

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Congratulations to the men admitted to Aspirancy by Archbishop Wilton Gregory. They form the class of 2016.

If you know these men, please offer them your congratulations and support. We ask that you include the entire formation community in your prayers.

David Barron  
Gerry Crete  
Pete Harris  
Henry Henao  
Jack Herndon  
Thomas Kretzmer  
Larry Kropff  
Kapy Ngoy  
Robert Perri  
Tony Raffaelli  
Leon Roberts  
Paul Schueth  
Jim Skolds

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AQUINAS CENTER  
*of Theology*

**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](#)

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

Phillip Thompson  
Executive Director

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## 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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## *Homily Help*

<http://homilies.net>

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

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

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The Pontifical College Josephinum***

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or visit us on the web at: [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu)

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

***Continuing Education for Deacons***

Deacon Ray Egan will be conducting classes for the Diaconate Community. Some of the topics that Deacon Ray will be covering include:

**March 26th**

Marriage paperwork  
Bride & Groom form  
Marriage registration form  
Dispensation/permission form  
Affidavits for freedom To Marry  
Baptism Certificates

**April 30th**

License  
Letter of delegation  
Letters of notification  
Visum/Nil Obstat  
Convalidations

**May 21st**

Baptism  
Paperwork/Registration  
Valid Baptisms  
Baptism regarding Adoption  
Recording Baptism  
Conditional Baptism

**June 18th**

Liturgical responsibilities of a Deacon  
at Masses and ceremonials.

**Aug. 27th**

Wake Service.  
Pastoral support for families at the time of Death  
Funerals and Cremation Outside of Mass  
Bereavement programs

**Oct 15th**

Hospice care of a parishioner  
Viaticum  
Prayers of commendation  
Prayer in the presence of the body

**Nov. 15**

Review of the changes to the Sacramentary and working with the same.  
General discussion

Please mark these dates in your calendars. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Deacon Ray at [REgan@archatl.com](mailto:REgan@archatl.com)

All of the above classes will be held at the St. Stephen Center and will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm. On those dates where this continuing education coincides with our [formation dates](#) or click [here](#) for dates, you are welcome to join in for Morning Prayer at 7:40am and attend Mass at 8:00am. Attendance at these sessions will help to fulfill your continuing education requirement in Category 2.

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*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.

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

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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](http://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](#)

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✠ *Please Pray for Us* ✠

*Deacon Don Kelsey recovering from surgery*

*Elaine Gaudin, wife of Deacon Jim Gaudin who has been admitted to Athens Regional for observation and tests.*

*For the repose of the soul of Ann Suever, wife of Retired Deacon Dick Suever, who passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2011*

*For the repose of the soul of Anna Przybylek, mother of Deacon Francis Przybylek, who passed away February 15, 2011*

*Deacon Tom Metzger of St. Augustine who is recovering from surgery*

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

*Please check in regularly at <http://communique.archatl.com/> for those that might need our prayers.*

*If you have some one in need of our prayers contact please Mark Sholander at: [msholand@bellsouth.net](mailto: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. For additional information, please call: 404 920-7645 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.

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

***Dates for the 2011 African American Marriage Preparation Programs***

**April 30, 2011    August 6, 2011    November 12, 2011**

Registration forms and be found [here](#) should go to **Office of Formation and Discipleship/Pre-Cana** at 2401 Lake Park Drive SE, Smyrna, Georgia, 30080

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: 404.920.7631

Workshops are held at the Lyke House at the Atlanta University Catholic Center at 809 Beckwith Street, SW.

This program is for engaged couples and couples contemplating marriage.

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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:*

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dates: March 30, 2011  
June 8, 2011  
August 24, 2011  
November 30, 2011

Contact Mardessa Smith at: [MWSmith@archatl.com](mailto:MWSmith@archatl.com) for more information.

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### ***Mass of Recommitment and Convocation***

Will be held on April 2, 2011 at 9:00 AM  
at the Cathedral of Christ the King

Please RSVP Mardessa Smith at: [MWSmith@archatl.com](mailto:MWSmith@archatl.com) or 404-885-7445 prior to March 8, 2011  
if you plan to attend.

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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](mailto:deacdon@att.net)

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## **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>

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## **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 Deacon Ken Lampert @ [kenlampert@bellsouth.net](mailto:kenlampert@bellsouth.net)

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## *Deacon Faculties*

On several occasions recently questions have been raised regarding the faculties granted to deacons in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Some of the specific issues that have come up are:

### Baptisms

- Deacons have the faculty to baptize children up to the age of seven only unless specific permission is granted by the Archbishop and delegation from the Pastor of the parish where the baptism occurs.

### Anointing of the Sick

- The only valid minister of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a priest or bishop. Therefore, if a deacon were to simulate this sacrament, he would be subject to a just penalty as established by canon 1379.
  - *In some cases deacons have been known to use regular oils to anoint when visiting the sick or dying. **This is not permitted under any circumstances** and only goes to cause confusion and misunderstanding. Evidently some of our deacons are still anointing with oils. **This is reserved for the priest.** When asked to visit the sick, prayers and a blessing are appropriate. If the person requests, and is an active practicing Catholic, the Eucharist should certainly be accommodated.*

### Assisting at weddings outside the Catholic Church

- With permission and delegation a deacon can officiate at the wedding of a catholic outside of a Catholic Church. The wedding must occur in a sacred place. If the place in question is not a Catholic church, permission must first be obtained from the Tribunal.

### Assisting Marriages of Eastern Catholics

- A deacon **cannot** assist at a marriage of 2 individuals belonging to an Eastern Rite Church because he cannot give the nuptial blessing.

Below you will find a complete listing of the faculties that have been granted to all deacons with parish assignments in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Please note that there have been corrections made to both numbers 9 & 10 to correct a canonical error in the original document.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact :

Father Theodore Book, SLL, Director, Office of Divine Worship at [odw@archatl.com](mailto:odw@archatl.com)

Deacon Dennis Dorner, Director of Permanent Diaconate at [ddorner@archatl.com](mailto:ddorner@archatl.com)

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**FACULTIES GRANTED TO PERMANENT DEACONS  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA**

**Pastoral Faculty 1**

To preach the word of God everywhere, including the homily at the Sacred Liturgy

**Pastoral Faculty 2**

To baptize infants up to the age of reason (seven years). To baptize children and adults over the age of reason when there is grave danger of death.

**Pastoral Faculty 3**

To dispense the faithful in *individual* cases from the Eucharist fast for a just reason.

**Pastoral Faculty 4**

To assist at all marriages within the respective boundaries of a parish to which one has been assigned for diaconal ministry provided one of the parties is a member of the Latin church.

**Pastoral Faculty 5**

To witness the marriage of a catechumen with another catechumen or with another non-Catholic, whether baptized or not, in a sacred place within the Archdiocese of Atlanta, when properly delegated by the local pastor if outside your parish of assignment.

**Pastoral Faculty 6**

When the local ordinary cannot be reached, to dispense those in danger of death from canonical form and all impediments solely of ecclesiastical law except that of priesthood.

**Pastoral Faculty 7**

Deacons with an appointment to a parish are granted the faculty to dispense from all ecclesiastical impediments with the exception of those noted herein whenever everything has been prepared for the marriage or the convalidation thereof and the delay to obtain the dispensation from competent authority would most likely cause serious harm.

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### **Pastoral Faculty 8**

To waive the publication of the matrimonial bans whenever you consider it inappropriate or unnecessary to publish them (C.1067).

### **Pastoral Faculty 9**

When distributing Holy Communion outside of mass, to request the assistance of a duly designated Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion when a large number of the faithful makes this necessary.

### **Pastoral Faculty 10**

A deacon can impart only those blessings which are expressly permitted to him by law. (C. 1169,3)

### **Pastoral Faculty 11**

To permit lay persons who have been properly instructed to administer the following sacramentals in accord with the norms of the liturgical books: The distribution of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday and the blessing of throats on the memorial of Saint Blaise. (*By virtue of ordination deacons may impart blessings*). (C.1168)

### **Pastoral Faculty 12**

The Archbishop has given prior authorization, as needed, for the following ecumenical and interfaith practices or activities within the Archdiocese of Atlanta with certain stated exception.

## **Regarding Marriage**

- A. Whenever a dispensation from canonical form has been granted, a Catholic deacon approved for ministry within the Archdiocese of Atlanta may attend or participate in some way in the celebration of an ecumenical or interfaith marriage at the invitation of the non-Catholic officiant. With due regard to the principle of reciprocity, he may offer appropriate prayers, read from Sacred Scripture, give a brief exhortation and bless the couple. However, it is forbidden to have a religious celebration in which a Catholic and non-Catholic minister, assisting together but following their respective rituals, ask for the consent of the parties. It is also forbidden for a Catholic cleric to receive consent of the couple in a non-Catholic ceremony or ritual.
- B. At the request of the couple, the Catholic deacon may invite the clergyperson of the non-Catholic party to participate in a marriage celebrated according to the Catholic ritual with due regard to the principle of reciprocity. The clergyperson may give a brief exhortation (but not preach the homily) and bless the couple. In addition, an Eastern non-Catholic clergyman may read a lesson from Sacred Scripture even during Mass if allowed by his own discipline. Outside of Mass a baptized clergyperson may also read a lesson.
- C. The celebration of marriage between a Catholic and baptized non-Catholic may take place at Mass for a just reason (e.g., the couple requests it and circumstances justify it). The preferred celebration for ecumenical marriages is outside of Mass because of problems dealing with Eucharistic sharing. Moreover, an interfaith celebration of marriage between a Catholic and non-baptized person must take place outside of Mass. In all cases the norms on Eucharistic sharing are to be observed. It should be noted that deacons are not allowed to be the Church witness of an Eastern Church *sui iuris*.

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- D. Members of Eastern non-Catholic Churches (e.g., the Orthodox) may be invited to assume the role of reader at Catholic marriage celebrations even during Mass; whereas baptized members of other Churches or ecclesial Communities may assume the role of reader only outside of Mass.
- E. Except for members of Eastern non-Catholic Churches, to assume the role of reader at a Eucharistic Sacrifice requires individual authorization from the *Archbishop* with a just cause in an exceptional circumstance.
- F. Generally, participation by Catholics as principal witnesses or wedding attendants at valid marriages between non-Catholics is allowed, as is the same participation by non-Catholics at marriages of Catholics. However, any discipline of an Eastern non-Catholic Church to the contrary in this matter should be respected.

### **Regarding Baptism**

- A. For a just cause the minister of baptism may admit a suitable member of an orthodox/Eastern non-Catholic Church as a godparent together with a Catholic godparent at the baptism of a Catholic infant or adult as long as provision has been made for Catholic upbringing. (CCEO, C. 685-§3)
- B. The minister of baptism may admit a validity baptized member of another ecclesial Community as a Christian witness (not a godparent) together with a Catholic godparent, irrespective of gender, at the baptism of a Catholic infant or adult with due regard to the principle or reciprocity. (C.874-§2)

### **Regarding Sacramental Life, especially the Eucharist**

- A. At Catholic sacramental rites outside of Mass pastors may invite baptized members of other Churches and ecclesiastical Communities to preach. If a homily is prescribed (e.g., at the rite of marriage), it is reserved to a Catholic priest or deacon. Authorized preaching in addition to a prescribed homily may be appropriate in certain circumstances (e.g., at weddings). [*Confer also Regarding Marriage D, E above for norms regarding readers at such rites outside of Mass.*]
- B. **In danger of death:** Catholic deacons may lawfully administer the sacrament of the Eucharist to baptized Christians of other Churches or ecclesial Communities under the following conditions: **(a)** the person is unable to have recourse to the sacrament from one's own minister or priest; **(b)** the person must request the sacrament on his/her own initiative; **(c)** the person must be properly disposed; **(d)** the person must manifest Catholic faith in the sacrament. For the Eucharist it is required at the least that the individual personally affirm that the bread and wine actually change into the Body and Blood of Christ at the words of the Consecration at Mass.

*[Catholic priests, even one who has lost the clerical state (whether married or not), may lawfully administer the sacrament of Penance under the same conditions to baptized non-Catholics. Regarding the sacrament of anointing the Sick a Catholic priest (who has **not** lost the clerical state or who has not attempted marriage) may lawfully administer it under the same conditions to baptized non-Catholics. Therefore, if feasible, an authorized priest should be notified to administer the other two sacraments according to the norm of law.] (CC 844-§4 and 976; CCEO, CC. 671-§4 and 725; codcom, interpretation, 19 May 1997)*

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- C. **Outside of danger of death** Catholic deacons may lawfully administer the sacrament of the Eucharist to members of Eastern non-Catholic Churches and to members of the *Polish National Church* (in the USA) *provided they request this sacrament at their own initiative and are properly disposed.* (C. 844-§3; CCEO, C. 671-§3; *Reply from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, 29 March 1993; Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, 13 March 1996*).
- D. **Outside of danger of death** Catholic deacons may lawfully administer the sacrament of the Eucharist to baptized Christians of other ecclesial Communities in the case of a **grave and pressing need AND with the prior consent of the Archbishop AND under the same conditions noted in J above.** No form of general authorization has been granted by the Archbishop in this matter. Each and every case must be referred to him on an individual basis (especially with regard to reception of the Eucharist at weddings or funerals.) (C.844§4; CCEO, C. 671-§4)

### **Regarding non-Sacramental Liturgical Rites**

- A. In non-sacramental liturgical celebrations taking place in other Churches or ecclesial Communities, Catholic clergy or laity if invited by their hosts may read a lesson or preach with due regard to the principle of reciprocity.
- B. In non-sacramental liturgical celebrations taking place in a Catholic setting, clergy of other Churches and ecclesial Communities may be given liturgical honors proper to their rank and be invited to read a lesson or preach with due regard to the principles of reciprocity.
- C. Blessings usually imparted to Catholics may also be given to catechumens and non-Catholics who request them according to the nature and object of the blessing unless there is an express prohibition. (C. 1170; *Book of Blessings, 1989, n. 31*)

### **Regarding Liturgical Sharing**

- A. On a particular occasion whenever the clergy of other Christians Churches or ecclesial Communities lack a place necessary for the celebration of their religious rites (e.g., a funeral), the parish pastor or chaplain may allow the use of a Catholic church or building with due regard to the principle of reciprocity. In such a case the Blessed Sacrament, if reserved, is to be moved to some other suitable place for temporary reservation. Any such liturgical use by non-Christians clergy or community or habitual use of a Catholic facility by non-Catholics requires the express consent of the Archbishop.

### **Regarding Christian Burial**

- A. Catholic clergy may celebrate the Rite of Christian Burial for an unbaptized infant if a parent had intended to provide for Catholic baptism before the infant's death. (C.1183-§ 3)

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- B. With due regard to the norm of Canon 1184, a Catholic deacon may celebrate the Rite of Christian Burial, except at Mass, for a baptized non-Catholic who did desire or at least with a reasonable presumption would have preferred Catholic burial services. Such a decision would be appropriate if the deceased person had worshiped regularly at a Catholic church or identified with Catholicism more than any other faith expression. In the Eucharistic prayer the name of the deceased is to be omitted. Burial in a Catholic cemetery is permitted. The norms on Eucharistic sharing are to be observed, as noted in ***Sacramental Life, above, C and D.*** (C. 1183-§3)
- C. With due regard to norm of Canon 1184, Catholic clergy may celebrate the Rite of Christian Burial, but without Mass, for a baptized non-Catholic whose priest or minister is unavailable provided such an arrangement would not be contrary to the will of the deceased. Burial in a Catholic cemetery is permitted. (C. 1183-§ 3)
- D. At the request of a family member or the funeral director (if appropriate), Catholic clergy may conduct Para liturgical funeral or burials services for deceased non-Catholics whenever the conditions noted above in **A, B or C** have not been verified. Such funeral services generally take place at a funeral chapel or similar site. The use of a Catholic edifice in such a case requires the express consent of the Archbishop or his Vicar.
- E. ***Non-Catholic burial rites*** for a deceased member of a Christian Church or other ecclesial Community may be conducted in a Catholic cemetery on the occasion of an interment, which is also permitted whenever the deceased is to be buried in a family plot where a Catholic has been or will be buried. Except as noted above (this section B and C), other requests for the use of a Catholic cemetery by non-Catholic clergy or laity are to be referred to the Archbishop.

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