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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,

Happy New Year! I know it's not yet January 1st but the new liturgical year that we just started perhaps will be more memorable than the calendar change that comes at the end of this month.

I don't know about the rest of you but the first couple of Masses with the new translation were some of the most special I can remember. There was a connection between the people in the pews and those in the sanctuary that was amazing. The Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent told us all to be attentive and that really seemed to be the case at Saint Brigid that weekend.

The new Eucharistic prayers are beautiful. The fact that they are new causes us to listen more carefully to them. That can only enhance our experience of the Mass.

Often people say that they don't like change. I don't really believe that. How often do you read the same book twice? Change is important. Being flexible and open to change is how we are able to grow, physically, intellectually and spiritually.

As we finish up this precious season of waiting, preparing, and hope that we call Advent I pray that you and your families are surrounded with love and joy and peace. The world we live in is desperately in need of the message that Jesus brought us with his birth.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas may the love of Christ be with each and every one of you.....And with your spirit!

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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Visit with the Archbishop:

1/24/12, 1:00PM, 5/24/12, 12:00 PM, 8/23/12, 12:00 PM, 11/29/12, 12:00 PM, all meetings are at the Chancery

No Appointment Necessary

Ordination Date for the Class of 2012 is February 11, 2012



FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Happy Advent! Here we are once again at a time of new beginnings.

This year of course is quite a bit different from previous years. Now that we are a couple of weeks into Advent, we have all had a little bit of experience with the new Roman Missal. I suspect that your parish is like mine, each week more and more people (including priests and deacons) are catching on with the new phraseology.

It is also that time of year when we welcome a new class of Aspirants to formation. Archbishop Gregory has accepted 20 men into this first year of prayer and discernment. These men come from throughout the Archdiocese and are truly a diverse group of men. You can find a complete list of the men accepted and their parishes in this issue of the Beacon. Please join me in welcoming and praying for these men and their families.

There is another exciting new beginning that I am happy to tell you about. Starting in January 2012 the Office of the Permanent Diaconate in partnership with the Office of Formation and Discipleship will be offering continuing education classes for the Deacons, DRE's and laity. We will be offering two year-long courses (18 class dates) and two half-year courses (9 class dates) during 2012. We have tried to select subjects that many Deacons may not have had in the course of their intellectual formation so that the courses will be new and of interest. The listing of the courses and dates of instruction are detailed later on in this issue of the Beacon. Best of all, during this introductory year our offices will be subsidizing 50% of the regular tuition. The full year courses which would normally be \$80 per year will cost only \$40 and the single semester courses which would be \$40 per year will cost only \$20. Your parish should cover this expense as well as the cost for textbooks.

Speaking of new beginnings, we will have some new Deacons by the time I write to you again. The 10 men of the class of 2012 will be ordained by Archbishop Gregory at the Cathedral of Christ the King on February 11, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to attend. These men will make their pre-ordination retreat during the week of January 9th. If you would be include them and their families in your Morning or Evening Prayers during that week, I know they would be very grateful.

Finally, I would like to thank you the Diaconate community of the Archdiocese of Atlanta for the many prayers and wonderful support that you provide to me and the entire formation community. We are deeply indebted to everyone who assists the formation process but especially to the Deacons who serve on the committees or as Deacon Mentors. Your selfless contributions have a profound and salutary impact on the men in formation. I truly don't believe I can thank you enough.

I will keep you and your families in my prayers. I hope you have a happy Advent and a peaceful and joyous Christmas!

Associate Director of Formation SSwope@archatl.com

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Welcome the New Aspirants for the Class of 2017

These are the names of the men who Archbishop Gregory has admitted to Aspirancy for the Permanent Diaconate. These men form the class of 2017. Please offer them your prayers and your congratulations!

Lenny Alexander	Blessed Sacrament
Doug Birkbeck	All Saints
Javier Cortez	St. John Vianney
John Halloran	St. Philip Benizi
Rich Hogan	St. Lawrence
Charles Iner	St. James
Tony King	St. Peter & Paul
Ron Leidenfrost	Our Lady of Assumption
Neil MacLean	Our Lady of Assumption
John Martin	St. Pius X
Ramon Munoz	Prince of Peace
Greg Orf	St. Thomas Aquinas
Randy Ory	St. Oliver
Pablo Perez	St. Catherine of Laboure
Ray Sakowski	St. Joseph, Athens
Hedy Sevilla	St. Andrew
Alan Talley	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Erik Wilkinson	Immaculate Heart of Mary
Brad Young	Cathedral of Christ the King

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YOUR ACTION IS REQUIRED!!!!

My Dear Brother Deacons,

As you may recall, in September 2006, Archbishop Gregory approved a set of continuing education guidelines for the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The latest version of those guidelines is available on our website at [Continuing Education Guidelines](#). Please take the time to review those guidelines. You can complete your annual report by filling out the forms and e mailing them to our offices. Please e mail the completed forms to Mardessa Smith at mwsmith@archatl.com

The newly reconstituted Deacon Personnel Board has created a questionnaire that we are asking be completed by each deacon on an annual basis. The purpose of this survey is to assist in the assignment of deacons, assessment of the diaconal needs of our parishes, and to update our files on each of you.

If you have not already done so this year, the survey can be completed on line and can be accessed at [Deacon Survey 2011](#). The information from this survey will be helpful to the Deacon Personnel Board as they review needs and prepare for upcoming transfers.

I am asking each of you to please take a few minutes and complete this important document **no later than December 31, 2011**.

Thank you so much for your help with this.

Sincerely,

Deacon Dennis J. Dorner
Chancellor
Director of Permanent Diaconate
Chairman of Eucharistic Congress Steering Committee

If you made the retreat with the deacons and wives in September we have that information, but all other active deacons need to report on their annual canonical retreat. **It is due by 12/31/11!**

Your continuing education information can be submitted by using the forms at:

<http://www.archatl.com/vocations/deacons/cedu.html>

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The list below is the men who have completed the The Deacon Survey but many more need to! If your name is not listed below go to : [Deacon Survey 2011](#) **It is due by 12/31/11!**

Anderson, Douglas	Duffield, John	King, A.B.	Publicover, Bruce
Angelich, George	Echevarria, Miguel	Klein, Robert	Puetz, John
Atkinson, Jon	Espinosa, Jose G.	Kolodziej, Keith	Pupo, Jose Ignacio
Bedard, Waler	Geroski, Dayle	Korte, Jerry	Rademacher, Ed
Beers, Steven	Gillespie, Patrick	Krise, Edward	Reed, William
Bek, Stepen	Gonzalez, Marino	LaFreniere, James	Rhodes, Joseph
Bevacqua, Bill	Gorski, Paul	Lampert, Kenneth	Ruberte, Joseph
Biglow, Ernest	Gotschall, Thomas	Lerma, Arthur	Samoranski, Alfred
Bishop, James	Grimaldi, Bob	Manning, Ronald	Schantz, Gary
Bishop, Ken	Grubbs, Burgess	McGuire, John	Shaver, Thomas
Blind, Terry	Hampton, Bill	McHugh, Al	Shoemaker, John
Bohn, Bill	Hanson, David	McManus, John	Sholander, Mark
Brunton, Bob	Hauert, Bob	McNabb, Scott	Silvestri, Thomas
Burke, Jr, John	Heinsch, William	Mead, Stuart	Simmons III, William
Byrne, Michael	Holmer, Terry	Medine, Scott	Sinianian, Loris
Carignan, Charles	Huynh, Hung (Vic)	Melara, Israel	Smith, Wayne
Carter, Joseph	Jackson, Earl	Mickle, Richard	Speed, William E
Casal, Matias	Jennings, Bobby	Miles, Philip	St. Michel, Ronald
Casey, Bernard J	Jimenez, Arturo	Moncrief, Wayland	Stagg, James
Chambliss, Leonard	Jindrich, William	Nacey, Wayne	Stewart, James M
Cintron, Rafael	Johnson, Nicholas	Narvaez, Jose A.	Stone, James
Coffey, Tom	Jones, Michael	Nerio, Jesus	Stonecipher, Tom
Collins, Gerald	Kaszycki, Richard	Neslin, Stuart	Swope, Steve
Cooper, Sr., King	Kazin, Gerry	Nguyen, Joseph	Taylor, Victor
Cuomo, Anthony	Keeling, William	Patrick, Charles	Thompson, Chris
Demko, Stephen	Keen, William	Payne, Bill	Toca, Frederick
Dietz, Paul	Keller, Norman	Pecore, Greg	
Doppel, Paul	Kelsey, Donald	Peters, Gayle	
Dorner, Dennis	Kennedy, Michael	Peterson, John	
Downey, Richard	Kepshire, Robert	Przybylek, Francis	

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Continuing Education Offered by The Office of the Permanent Diaconate and The Office of Formation and Discipleship

We are pleased to announce that three Continuing Education courses will be offered to Deacons and laity (i.e., parish leaders, DRE, RE Coordinators, Youth Ministers, Parish Catechists, etc.) beginning in January 2012. **These courses are offered on Saturday mornings at the St. Stephen Center which is located in Building A at 2969 Butner Rd. SW, Atlanta, GA.** Mass is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on each class date at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish which is co-located with the St. Stephen Center.

The complete information on this exciting Continuing Education opportunity is provided below.

Course Schedule

First Semester (9 classes)	Second Semester (9 classes)
Jan. 28 th	Aug. 18 th & 25 th
Feb. 4 th & 18 th	Sep. 8 th & 22 nd
Mar. 10 th & 24 th	Oct. 13 th & 27 th
Apr. 14 th & 28 th	Nov. 3 rd & 17 th
May 5 th & 19 th	Dec. 1 st
Christian Anthropology	American Church History
Missiology and Evangelization	
Christology	

Courses Offered:

Missiology and Evangelization – from 9:00 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. (Full Year Course)

This course will enable students to distinguish between Evangelization in its broadest sense, the essential mission of the Church, and aspects of this Evangelization like initial proclamation of the gospel which raises up faith, as well as catechesis. Students will distinguish between the mission *ad gentes* and the New Evangelization as distinct pastoral initiatives. Students will understand the essential content of the kerygma, the connection between spirituality and evangelization, and look at some successful methods of evangelization from the tradition and from modern ministries.

Christian Anthropology – from 10:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. (First Semester Only)

This course will examine the nature, powers, acts, and ends of the human person. It will examine the unity of soul and body. It will provide the basis for further theological studies of human actions by examining the various powers and their interactions found in human existence. The course will also consider grace and the action of grace on the human person, including the relationship between grace and freedom.

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American Church History – from 10:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. (Second Semester Only)

This course will explore the history of the Catholic Church in the United States of America from colonial times to the present. The unique contributions that various cultures and nationalities have brought to the American church will be examined, along with leading figures in the Church in the United States. The specific character of the Church in the United States will be considered, as well as its relationship to the Church in other parts of the world.

Christology – from 11:25 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. (Full Year Course)

This course will examine the Christian faith in Jesus Christ, Son of God and true man. It will consider the scriptural texts related to Christ's nature, the development of Christological dogma, together with major figures and controversies, and the implications of Christological dogma for Christian life. Christ's role as redeemer and the redemptive value of Christ's sacrifice will be explored, together with the questions of justification and merit. The Christian concept of grace will also be explored in this class.

Tuition

Tuition is due at the time of registration. For the 2012 class year, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and the Office of Formation and Discipleship will subsidize 50% of the tuition. The remaining balance is due at registration and may potentially be reimbursed to you by your parish, check with your Pastor regarding his reimbursement guidelines.

Course	Regular Tuition	Subsidized Amount	Amount Due at Registration
Missiology & Evangelization	\$80	\$40	\$40
Christian Anthropology	\$40	\$20	\$20
American Church History	\$40	\$20	\$20
Christology	\$80	\$40	\$40

Textbooks

Students will be responsible for acquiring their own textbooks. The texts required for each course will be confirmed in early January and registered students will be notified by email of the selections. Generally texts will cost between \$25 and \$50 for an individual course.

Continuing Education Credit

These classes provide lay participants with credit toward Archdiocesan Catechist Certification and Deacons with credit toward their "Category Two – Studies" ongoing formation requirement.

Registration

Online registration for these courses is now open at: [Continuing Education 2012](#). You are allowed to register for one, two or all three classes if you like.

Registration is limited for each course and will be done on a first come, first served basis so please register soon.

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This is an offering of courses for Permanent Deacons and others interested in earning college credits

Institute for the Formation and Ministry of the Diaconate

The Pontifical College Josephinum

In Association With

The National Association of Diaconate Directors

Registration for **SPRING 2012** Courses is now open

Classes Begin on January 9, 2012

DISCOUNT price \$400
regularly **\$500** per course

All courses are for twelve weeks and delivered on the Internet
Each course earns the equivalent of two credit hours (48 class hours)

PA 990 DE: Introduction to Grief Counseling: This course is designed to allow the participant to explore the many facets of a person who is grieving the loss of someone close to them. Completion of this course will allow the participant to identify with those who bereave and allow the participant to experience a methodology of counseling that will be healing and helpful to the bereaved. The deacon will explore the attitude that we have toward death; define what grief and bereavement mean; identify factors that influence different reactions to grief; examine different bereavement scenarios; identify memorial and funeral services used to heal the bereaved and bring closure; consider cultural differences among various religions; explore the healing process through counseling; learn how to develop a good grief group; and list professional organizations and helpful resources for the bereaved and those who help them. He also will be assigned the role of acting as a counselor to another participant who will play the role of a bereaved person, thereby allowing the participants to gain practical insight into the theoretical basis of the course. Participants will be required to give a weekly report on the progress of their assigned counselee, and each counselee will give a weekly report on the work of their assigned counselor. This class will be facilitated by Deacon Bob McCormick, a retired educator and deacon of long service as a hospital chaplain of the Diocese of Rochester, NY.

CL 612 DE Canon Law for Deacons: This course has been developed specifically for deacons, based on numerous requests from officers and members of the National Association of Diaconate Directors, headquartered here at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus Ohio. Canon Law plays an important part in every element of the deacon's ministry.

As Doctor Edward Peters, JCL, JCD of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit has remarked: "Most cradle Catholics, having grown up with a vague awareness of the presence of canon law-however incomplete and even erroneous their understanding of Church law might be-are much less likely to pose questions about

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the operation of canon law unless, perchance, they find themselves directly affected by it. Not so with candidates for conversion; they are motivated to ask questions about all facets of Church life.”

As deacons, in addition to being guided by the precepts of canon law, you will be seen as a de facto subject-matter expert by many with whom you come into contact. Canon law, the oldest continuously functioning legal system in the western world is the internal legal system of the Catholic Church. It affects, to one degree or another, virtually every aspect of Catholic life, sometimes much more intimately than many people realize; other times, though, much less directly than one might have otherwise thought.

This course of instruction is based on the 1983 Code of Canon Law, which guides the western or Roman, church. The code consists of over 1700 canons or rules, divided into seven topics, or "books. While the official language is Latin, be not afraid! – This course will be conducted in English.

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.

SP 611 DE Spirituality of the Deacon: In your role as a deacon, you have duties toward God, yourself and others. As you become more spiritually “in tune” you are able to serve all groups more fully and derive increased joy from your service. 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.

MO 844 DE Topics in Moral Theology (NEW COURSE): This course includes the study of the interaction of the theological traditions of East and West, both today and throughout history, with emphasis on a particular theme or set of questions in Christian ethics. This course introduces the deacon to the foundational principles of Christian ethics from Eastern and Western considerations of basic themes: 1) the relationship between moral theology and Christian ethics; 2) God as source of the moral life; 3) the nature of the human person; 4) the problem of evil and the experience of sin; 5) conscience and moral decision-making.

This course provides the deacon with an opportunity to engage interactively with other deacons from various dioceses in critical reflection on selected moral topics as treated by the Eastern and Western Christian traditions: sexuality and marriage, bioethics from conception to death, and other life issues (globalization and poverty, war and peace, environmental ethics). This course is facilitated by Deacon Peter Gummere, a seasoned deacon and facilitator who has also facilitated the Medical and Health Care Morality for the Diaconate course.

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PA 631 DE: Principles of Catechesis: As 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 Father Patrick Manning, Dean of the School of Theology at Walsh University.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To register immediately go to: <http://dlreg.pcj.edu/newregs.php>

NOTE--if spring 2012 courses do not appear or if you cannot upload the page, please call 1-877-933-2666 with your name and phone number for immediate assistance

For more details call: **1-877-933 2266** and leave a message

E-mail us at: deacons@pcj.edu Visit us on the web at <http://www.pcj.edu/distance/index.html>

Help us to help others by forwarding this message on to your fellow deacons.

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DISTANCE LEARNING



THE 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](#)

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 look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Many thanks for your support.

Phillip Thompson

Executive Director



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.



Homily Help

<http://homilies.net>

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

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

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✠ Please Pray for Us ✠

Brandi Dabny recovering



Michael Al Samoranski's grandson



Msgr. Don Kiernan P.A. recovering



Deacon Tilton Meuninck recovering at home



Deacon Pat Gillespie partial knee replacement



Marjorie Readdy, wife of Deacon Robert (Bob) Readdy, cancer



Lin Krarup, wife of Paul Krarup, class of 2013



Deacon Bart DeSandre who is being treated for cardiac issues at Northside Hospital



Claudette Roberts, wife of Deacon in Formation, Harold (Leon) Roberts, surgery

✠ For the Souls of the Faithful ✠

Gwendolyn Stewart, wife of Deacon James Stewart, December 1, 2011



Maria LaMachia, mother of Deacon Ralph LaMachia, November 2011



Degrace Marcelin sisiter of Deacon Augustin Pierre-Louis, October 25, 2011



Penny Conti, wife of Deacon Richard December 12, 2011

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

If you have some one in need of our prayers please contact Deacon Mark Sholander at:

msholand@bellsouth.net

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I'd like to share a prayer composed by one of my Brother Deacons, Steve Herrer from California, to close this week's CRS Global Fellow's Annual Conference.

Solidarity

S is for Seeing those in need and being moved with compassion and mercy to serve and advocate for those in need

O is for Operation Rice Bowl, a vital connection between US Catholics and those in need overseas.

L is for Love, for falling in love in a quite absolute, final way, because what you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekend, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

I is for What Can I Do about being the Body of Christ in the World, How can I act as a catalyst for others to get involved in the works of mercy and justice

D is for DO, not only being Christians who say they love their neighbors as they love themselves, but who in fact DO love their neighbors both here and abroad.

A is for Altogether we can change the world and help build God's kingdom of justice and peace here on earth.

R is for Revelation. The revelation of the face of God in each person we meet, especially the dispossessed.

I is for "I can make a difference" and change the world for the better.

T is for Transformation. The transformation we experience when we travel to other countries and are moved by what see there.

Y is for YES. For Saying yes in response to opportunities to preach, saying yes to the Spirit moving us to act and speak up on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. For saying yes to all that is good, and to each miraculous moment in which we have breath.

SOLIDARITY....its what dreams are made of and we dream of a world fully characterized by solidarity, and when we harness for God all the energies of love and solidarity, then on that day for the second time in the history of the world, it will be like discovering fire again for the first time.

Amen!

FYI

There is a reason you haven't seen me very often in the last few months. This is because Linda and I have been working with Dan Schiavello to try and save his life and many others.

Dan has cancer. Many of our deacons are cancer survivors. Dan is working with us to develop the programs for Charity Mobi a free Child healthcare for the needy in the U.S. and worldwide.

While he works with us; we are behind the scenes working with Dan to save his life. **The light of truth on this issue will directly save lives. It would be nice if you could get this to other deacons.**

God Bless,

Deacon Ken Melvin

Click on the following link for a short video:

[*Dangers of Medical Drug Shortages - Fox News Video - Fox News*](#)

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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>

African American Marriage Preparation Programs

Registration forms and information can be found [here](#) or at <http://www.archatl.com/offices> All correspondence 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.



Polo shirts for your favorite Deacon

These Shirts are now available through the Archdiocese Diaconate Office

They are available in White, Red, and Black.

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Secret Catholic Stuff

This information is for Catholics only. It must not be divulged to non-Catholics. The less they know about our rituals and top secret code words, the better off they are!

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava (for you non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy).

MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.

MANGER: Where Mary gave birth to Jesus because Joseph wasn't covered by an HMO. (Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.)

PEW: A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches.

PROCESSION: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.

TEN COMMANDMENTS: The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

USHERS: The only people in the parish who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

Little known facts about the Catholic Church in Las Vegas :

There are more churches in Las Vegas than casinos. During Sunday services at the offertory, some worshipers contribute casino chips as opposed to cash. Some are sharing their winnings - some are hoping to win.

Since they get chips from so many different casinos, and they are worth money, the Catholic churches are required to send all the chips into the diocese for sorting.

Once sorted into the respective casino chips, one junior priest takes the chips and makes the rounds to the casinos turning chips into cash. He, of course, is known as "The Chip Monk."

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