

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## Cardinal Maida Ordains Four Permanent Deacons

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, ordained four men to the permanent diaconate in a ceremony at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on October 1. There are currently approximately 160 permanent deacons serving in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Permanent Deacons bring a special sensitivity in ministering to the needs of the family; to single parents; to students; the aged; the sick; the imprisoned; the chemically dependent; the poor and the alienated. They often proclaim the Gospel at Mass and preside at weddings and rosary services for the deceased.

The newly ordained permanent deacons are:

**Deacon Alex C. Jones**, 63, who is the evangelization coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit. He served his internship at St. John Neumann Parish, Canton. Deacon Jones and his wife, Donna, have three children and are members of St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish, Detroit. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Mary of Redford, St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven, and St. Thomas Aquinas Parishes, Detroit.

**Deacon Jene W. Baughman**, 48, who is a retired Michigan State Police sergeant. He served his internship at St. Fabian Parish, Farmington Hills. Deacon Baughman and his wife, Leonora, have two children and are members of St. Kenneth Parish, Plymouth. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Maurice Parish, Livonia.

**Deacon Michael A. Somervell**, 60, who works in the food industry with Hollywood Markets, Inc. of Troy and is a licensed residential builder. He served his internship at Holy Spirit Parish, Highland. Deacon Somervell and his wife, Nancy, have three children. His new diaconate assignment is at St. William Parish, Walled Lake.

**Deacon Michael D. Chesley**, 49, who is the manager of the produce division of Sysco Food Services of Detroit. He served his internship at St. Michael and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes, Pontiac. Deacon Chesley has two children and is a member of St. William Parish, Walled Lake. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Patrick Parish, White Lake.

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**\*\*\*Digital photos of these permanent deacons are available from the Public Relations Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit, call 313.237.5802.**

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