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Directors Notes

Springtime is filled with lots of transformations – the very earth around us opens up into vibrant hues. We wander into our garages, pull out the bike or the golf clubs, and begin to list out what needs repair or replacement.

And in our ministerial lives we find new life. Some of you are putting off the inevitable packing that precedes the move to your new assignment. (I do not envy you that task.) My desk is cluttered with resumes for music ministers and maintenance personnel! Moreover, just last month Denise Antieau announced that she too is making a new beginning by leaving the Archdiocesan offices for a position close to her home.

Dee has been a strong presence in the Office for Clergy Life and Ministry and she will be greatly missed by all of us. The deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit have come to know Dee's attentiveness and organization as she kept that office humming for years with Deacons John Ball and Ron McIntyre and then transition into the leadership with Deacon Mike McKale.

My own appreciation to Dee is for her terrific work with the two pastoral plans developed for priests and deacons of the Archdiocese. The time and effort put into these two projects were incalculable. She was also responsible for editing this newsletter, pulling together the development of the Pastor Preparation Program and coordinating the various retreats, days of reflection, and social events for the clergy of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Thanks Dee for the many ways in which you brightened our lives.

Mike LeFevre

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From the Deacon Director

Dear Diaconate Family,

When I was ordained in 1985 I was fortunate enough to belong to Holy Name Parish where Msgr. Zenz was the weekend assistant. He graciously agreed to concelebrate and be the homilist at the first Mass I served as deacon. The thing that I remember most from that homily was that he said that the deacon stood at the altar as the icon of Christ.

The significance of his words has only begun to dawn on me some 22 years later. Most of us have heard that the deacon is configured unto Christ, that he is the icon of Christ the servant, and that he acts "*in persona Christi*." For us deacons, this means that we must lose ourselves in what we do, so that the people in the pews at our parishes see Christ in our actions and not the characters and personalities that each of us is. This is not an easy thing to do – none of us has yet been "perfected as our heavenly Father is perfect."

The fact that each of us has gone through Formation does not mean that we have been formed [emphasis on the "ed"]. Being formed is an ongoing process. It does not end with ordination.

The *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* helps to clarify just what it means to be "formed" by dividing the formation of an individual into four aspects: the human dimension, the spiritual dimension, the intellectual dimension and pastoral dimension.

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To be formed in the human dimension requires that we become all that God wants us to be. It means that we strive to fully incorporate into our lives the theological and the cardinal virtues. Spiritual formation covers our relationship to God. As God's ministers we need to put on the mind of Christ and thereby nurturing attitudes, habits and practices (including all forms of prayer) that will develop an authentic and on-going spiritual life. Our spiritual dimension must be fully integrated with our human dimension.

Thirdly, the intellectual dimension is one that we can all admit is never complete – we are always in need of learning more. Finally the pastoral dimension requires us to know, understand and work for issues of social justice and charity. All these dimensions must be integrated into our individual personality so that Christ might be able to shine through. If we fall short in any one of the dimensions, we are doing the people of God and ourselves an injustice. If we feel we are too busy to spend the time to work on each of these aspects, we are doing the people of God and ourselves a disservice.

Working with a spiritual director, going to retreats, being fraternally involved with brother deacons and their wives and continuing education are all important ways for us to be formed in the image of Christ so that we can step out of the way and allow Christ to be seen in us.

I look forward to creating programs that will help all of us do just that. If you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to let me know your ideas.

In Memory

Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.

Fr. Roch Farland, OFM
Mrs. Nellie Markulike
Mrs. Kathleen Kendzierski

Sick Bay

We hope to list the priests and Deacons within the Archdiocese of Detroit who are currently in need of our prayer, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then send the name through to our office.

Priests: Fr. Ronald Cyprys
Fr. Walter Krolkowski, SJ
Fr. Herman Muller, SJ
Fr. John Nowlan
Fr. Jim Profota
Deacons: Dc. Jim Berch
Dc. Michael Markulike

F. Gerald Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference

"Why Can't (or Won't) We Talk With One Another?" is the theme for this year's conference at The Retreat Center at St. John's **Aug 6-8, 2007**. Speakers include Fr. Donald Senior, CP, Bp Daniel Flores, Dr. Megan McKenna, Fr. David Neuhaus, SJ & Sr. Anneliese Sinnott, OP. for more information contact 313-237-5954 or SummerConferencesDetroi@aod.org.

Castelot Summer Scripture Series

This annual series will take place at The Retreat Center of St. John's **June 18-21**. Speakers include Carol J. Dempsey, OP, Ph.D. (Univ. of Portland OR); Barbara Green OP (Graduate Theological Union); Fr. Richard J. Cassidy (SHMS); and Barbara E. Reid, OP (Catholic Theological Union). For a brochure or more information, contact 313-237-5954 or www.SummerConferencesDetroit.org.

GOOD LEADERS, GOOD SHEPHERDS 2nd COHORT FORMING

Twenty eight Archdiocesan priests are well into their curriculum for leadership development. Most of the priests involved in the project agree that the skills that are being fine tuned in the curriculum are necessary for ministry in today's church. (Of course, most of us will also tell you that we're not crazy about the homework that gets assigned at the end of each session!)

The second cohort of priests is being formed and so far eighteen priests have signed on to begin their curriculum on **July 31 – August 3rd**. If you have not received your information on this project, you need to call the Office for Clergy Life and Ministry as soon as possible so that the appropriate dates can be sent to you. We need a minimum of 28 priests to run a cohort.

There is a third cohort in formation that will begin just after the New Year. If the current dates don't fit your calendar, contact Mike LeFevre and he will share the calendar for the 3rd cohort dates with you.

The staff at the Catholic Leadership Institute is working with the Office for Parish Life and Services to develop the next phase of this project that will involve our lay staff. The idea is to train parish staff at parishes where the pastors have signed on for Good Leaders – Good Shepherds.

Please pray about your involvement in this project – remembering that you are the ones that asked for assistance in leadership development!

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Congratulations to All Jubilarians

Class of 1938

Rev. James L. Hayes

Class of 1939

Rev. Msgr. Ferdinand J. DeCneudt

Class of 1940

Rev. Ferdinand A. Wolber

Class of 1941

Rev. Donald B. Kuntz

Rev. Henry E. Villerot

Class of 1942

Rev. Andrew Forish

Rev. Ralph E. Kowalski

Rev. Leonard J. Partensky

Class of 1943

Rev. Jerome A. Herman

Rev. William J. McGoldrick

Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Villerot

Class of 1945

Rev. Joseph A. Janiga

Rev. Edward F. Konopka

Rev. Henry S. Krefit

Most Rev. Walter J. Schoenherr

Rev. Paul D. Xuereb

Class of 1946

Rev. Ronald L. Heidelberger

Rev. C. Paul Higdon

Rev. Charles F. O'Neill

Rev. Joseph F. Ryder

Rev. Msgr. William J. Sherzer

Rev. Jasper F. Sirianni

Rev. J. Walter Stanievich

Class of 1947

Rev. Erwin J. Bauer

Rev. Walter E. Burke

Rev. Albert U. Lombardi

Rev. Arthur F. Neffy

Rev. James P. O'Hagan

Class of 1957

Rev. Msgr. Herman W. Kucyk

Rev. Pasquale LoGrasso

Rev. Elemir J. Mikus

Rev. Robert M. Morand

Rev. William J. Murphy

Rev. William G. Petron

Rev. Ronald E. Sayes

Rev. Richard M. Schmidberger

Rev. Mitchell S. Szarek

Rev. Eugene E. Wojtewicz

Priest Jubilarians

Class of 1967

Rev. Jeffrey R. Anifer

Rev. William C. Bonnici

Rev. Anton P. Kcira

Rev. Richard Leliaert

Rev. Donald B. MacLennan

Rev. A. Frank Pollie

Rev. Gary M. Tierney

Rev. Terene F. Treppa

Rev. James Wiegung

Class of 1982

Rev. Joseph M. Esper

Rev. Timothy D. Hogan

Rev. Timothy J. Kane

Rev. Steve C. Koehler

Rev. Msgr. Michael C. LeFevre

Rev. William Lunnon

Rev. Norman D. Nawrocki

Rev. John R. Ortman

Rev. Gary T. Smetanka

Rev. Robert H. Williams

Rev. Nicholas Zukowski

Deacon Jubilarians

35 years

Dcn Stanley Belanger

Dcn Richard Conlin

Dcn Archie Noon

Dcn Rafael Rivera

Dcn Brigido Rodriguez

Dcn Fernando Valdez

Dcn Jesus Vasquez

30 years

Dcn Wesley Cousino

Dcn Leo Dargis

Dcn James Gennette

Dcn Edward Gergosian

Dcn Michael Ingels

Dcn Lawrence Sullivan

25 years

Dcn Ronald Channell

Dcn Douglas Jackson Jr.

Dcn Wilhelm Kessler

Dcn Michael Markulike

Dcn Paul Pelchat

Dcn Charles Skubick

20 years

Dcn Robert DeWitt

Dcn Terrance Downey

Dcn Anthony Morici

Dcn Joseph Mouro

15 years

Dcn Valere Buyle

Dcn John Connors

Dcn James Igoe

Dcn William Jamieson

Dcn Anthony Kendzierski

Dcn Richard Shubik

Dcn Marvin Strzyzewski

Dcn William Thome

Dcn Arthur VanBrook

5 years

Dcn Andrew Fairbanks

Dcn Kenneth Fry

Dcn Steven Mitchell

Dcn Robert Schwartz

Religious Jubilarians

70 years

Rev. Livious Paoli, OSB

60 years

Rev. Walter L. Farrell, SJ

50 years

Rev. Paul F. Conen, SJ

Rev. Richard Elmer, CSB

Rev. William F. King, SJ

Rev. James, O'Reilly, SJ

Rev. Msgr. James P. Robinson, SSE

Rev. George Tolbert, SJ

40 years

Rev. Hubert Flanagan, SAC

25 years

Rev. Carl Bonk, SJ

Rev. Paul Coutinhna, SAC

Very Rev. Kenneth Mazur, PIME

Rev. Albert Sandor, OFM Cap

Clergy Retreat

Fr. Eugene Hensell will lead this retreat from May 7-11, 2007 at **The Retreat Center at St. John.**

Deacon Pictorial

Pictures will be taken at the Jubilee for the Pictorial which will include about half our of community. There are no scheduled times, just walk into the studio. Look for upcoming information from this office for additional sites and dates for make up dates.

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

The SPE at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI has invited noted author Dr. Robert Wicks to speak on **Sept 21st**. This conference will specialize in the prevention of secondary stress (the pressure that results from reaching out to others in need) and the integration of psychology & spirituality.

The center also offers several 3-day Sabbath Retreats to the end of the year. Visit their website:

www.spe-stfrancis.org.

From the Editor

Well gentlemen, it is with a sad heart that this will be my last time to share my thoughts with you. Beginning May 7th I will begin a new position in the corporate world. While I have truly enjoyed working with and meeting many of you, I believe I am being given a different path that I must travel. It was not an easy decision but a necessary one. I am truly blessed with knowing you and hope to see you around the AOD now and again.

PAX,
Dee Antrean

All Dcn matters that need attending to, contact the Associate Director of Deacons 313-319-1853 or McKale.Michael@aod.org.

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If you have priest matters that have to do with Newsletter submissions, retreats, Holy Hour, Clergy/Golf Day, NOCERCC, Pastor Preparation, prayer services, etc. contact LeFevre.Mike@aod.org.

As always, everything else will be handled by Lori Paull (Health care, insurance, pensions, contact information changes etc) or Sharon Gorman (assignments, LOA & sub list).

Eucharist Holy Hour

On **June 14th** Father Jan Michael

Joncas will be at Sacred Heart Major Seminary preaching at our annual day of sanctification. Bishop Flores will preside at our Holy Hour and Joncas will share his reflections with the priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Immediately following the Holy Hour there will be a reception and luncheon so that you will have an opportunity to meet Father Joncas and share in fellowship with your brother priests.

Please plan to join us for this annual gathering begun by Msgr. Gordon some years ago to honor the Feast of Corpus Christi and to ponder the strength we draw from the Eucharist in our priesthood.

Deacon Men's Retreat

Fr. Tim Hogan will lead this retreat at The Retreat Center at St. John's **May 18-20, 2007**. Cost will be \$165.00 due to the Clergy Office by May 11th. If you have any questions, contact Deacon McKale at 313-319-1853.

Maryknoll Retreat

Bishops, priests & deacons are invited to a Pilgrimage Retreat at the sites of the Central American Martyrs. Participants will visit the graves of Abp Oscar Romero, Fr. Stan Rother, Bp Juan Gerardi, 4 martyred women as well as other who have given their lives in witnessing the Gospel. Visit the website for more information: www.afewgoodmen.us/Maryknoll_pilgrimage_retreat.htm

Priest's BBQ at SHMS

All Detroit priests, both religious & diocesan, are invited to the first annual priest's barbeque, held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Tuesday, **May 22nd**.



Cocktails & tours begin at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. RSVP by May 14th. Any questions, call 313-883-8501.

On the Agenda



- **May 6:** Permanent Deacon Jubilee, SHMS. Reservations required
- **May 7-11:** Clergy Spring Retreat, SJC, Fr. Eugene Hensell OSB
- **May 18-20:** Deacon Men's Retreat, SJC, Fr. Tim Hogan
- **May 29:** Presbyteral Jubilee, SHMS
- **May 26:** Presbyterate Ordination, BSC
- **May 30:** Religious Jubilee, SHMS
- **June 14:** Eucharistic Holy Hour, SHMS, Fr. Jan Michael Joncas
- **July 25:** Mid-Summer Reflection, Capuchin Retreat House
- **Aug 7:** Senior Priest Luncheon
- **Aug 17-19:** Formation Couple's Retreat, SJC
- **Aug 24-26:** Aspirancy Couple's Retreat, SJC
- **Aug 27:** Clergy Day, SJC
- **Sept 23-27:** Priest Convocation, Boyne Highlands, Fr. Ron Rolheiser
- **Oct 6:** Permanent Deacon Ordination, BSC
- **Nov 12-16:** Clergy Fall Retreat, St. Paul of the Cross, Fr. Marty Iott, OP
- **Dec 3:** Advent Reconciliation Service, SHMS