



# Spring 2019 2020 Formation Class UPDATE

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### **In Memorial of Our 2018/9 Departed**

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Willie Malarcher

Mary Stark  
Erma Ventola

James Stumbar

Judith Joyce  
Joyce Bowen

Barbara Pluta

A complete list of all deceased deacons and spouses  
is listed on this newsletter's website under  
<https://www.rcan.org/sites/default/files/files/necrology.pdf>



The Newark Diocese Candidate class currently consists of 23 men, with very diverse backgrounds. Paul Zeller, Class President reports, they are from all over the world,

including Korea, Peru, the Philippines, and Poland. Beyond cultural diversity, our current (and former) occupations are equally as diverse. Four of the men in our class currently serve in, or have retired from, law enforcement at the local, county, and federal levels. Three of the men in our class are involved in the medical field, and three more are involved in education. Those working in the corporate/private sector serve in all sorts of varied capacities, from supply chain, to service, to small business owners. This diversity has provided for some great discussions as we explore both our academic studies and our own spirituality. Further, as we prepare for our formal ministry, we hope to be able to evangelize in these many different areas of our lives.

As we near the end of year three of our formation program, we are quite busy. Academically, we are wrapping-up our semester with classes in Pauline/Johannine Literature and Ecclesiology. In the literature class, Father Ciccarino has us doing a very deep dive into both Saints Paul and John, including exegetical work as well as crafting homilies that we might give when ordained. Father Porter has us busy working on our largest term paper yet, where we are formally reviewing a book devoted to Ecclesiology, offering us an opportunity to read current scholarly reviews and present our own insights against the theologies the author is presenting.

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2020 Formation Update - continued

These courses require a great deal of study and writing; however, we appreciate the opportunity this provides us on the spiritual, practical and academic sides of formation.

With regard to the practical side of formation, this semester we began preaching practicum. Each semester we have two opportunities to prepare and preach before a small group of evaluators. The evaluators comprise an ordained moderator and several lay people from the congregation who provide us with important feedback as we try to improve the craft of preaching. In addition to preaching practicum, we have been partaking in our monthly meetings, where we have been reviewing the sacraments.

Toward the end of June, the class will be enjoying our third retreat together. This year, our theme is "The Dynamic Structure of Faith," which will include a book discussion on "The Spark of Faith" by Wojciech Giertych, talks from two priests, and of course, fellowship and sharing among the men. Starting in the Fall, we will begin practicum sessions with Father Tom Dente, where we will learn how to celebrate baptisms, weddings, wake services, and funerals.

So many people help and encourage us throughout this process, including family and friends; however, we would like to especially thank all of the deacons who have supported us, prayed for us, and guided us as we continue to try to answer this call.

Through God's grace and mercy, we look forward to our anticipated ordination in June of 2020.

**Bergen Deacons Meet**

Deacon Andy Zucaro reports that on



Tuesday March 12, 2019, we met at The Tom Sawyer Diner at 6:30 pm. Twenty-three of our brother deacons



were there. It was a wonderful night to meet other deacons in the county. The idea for the meeting was to meet others and fellowship. During dinner, we had an opportunity to learn about each other's lives and ministries. We started the meal with a prayer led by the most senior deacon Tony Balestrieri. The night was so well received that many asked when we could meet again.

**Did You Know?**

The "St Lawrence Welfare Fund" is a donation supported fund instituted to assist Deacons who are seriously financially challenged. Send checks made out to the St Lawrence Welfare Fund to the Diaconate Office, 171 Clifton Ave, PO Box 9500, Newark NJ 07104

**Message from our Council President Deacon Michael D. York**

I would like to take this opportunity to bring all the deacons up to date on some "goings on" in the diaconate community and with

the Council. Here are some items of current interest...

1. The retreat for deacons only will be October 17 to 20, 2019 (Deacon Andy Golden is the retreat coordinator). Details will be announced.

2. Continuing education opportunities for deacons will be listed on the deacon website and in this issue of DeacoNews (see featured article). Here's the link to the deacon website, in case you don't have it: <https://www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/permanent-diaconate>

3. A survey will be sent out to all deacons to ascertain the best day and time for future "live" deacon continuing education sessions and for topics of interest. Our recent live continuing education session was held on January 24th, Bereavement Training for Deacons. If you attended this session, your feedback is welcomed. Continuing education was the number one item on the survey of all the deacons in the Archdiocese for what's most important for the Council of Deacons to address.

4. The Deacon Council will be meeting with Fr. James Teti, the Director of Diaconate Formation in May to better understand how the deacon community can serve the upcoming new formation class and the existing program.

5. DeacoNews continues to be published quarterly, thanks to the efforts of Deacon Ed Campanella. Articles are welcome... pictures of what's going on in your ministry as well... you may contact Deacon Ed directly at [edcampy@comast.net](mailto:edcampy@comast.net).

The Deacon Council always welcomes your ideas, thoughts and suggestions. Feel free to contact me directly at [myork@sjanj.net](mailto:myork@sjanj.net).

## Deacon Spotlight Andrew Zucaro

Ordained on June 4, 2016 by Archbishop John Meyers. Andy serves at the Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ



Born in New York City, Andy began his life in Queens, NY. At the age of two his family moved to Hillsdale, NJ. He attended St. John's Academy through 8th grade and Pascack Valley High School and enjoyed running. He was graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1979.

Andy and his wife Lori have been married for almost 40 years and have three children and four grandchildren.

Andy began his own business in 1983 while Lori was home raising their one-year-old twin daughters in their small home in Westwood, NJ. His faith definitely helped him through the highs and lows of running a business.

After raising their family, Andy felt a void in his life. His Godmother, Katherine, was the first to ask him about becoming a Deacon. When a Deacon friend asked him nine months later to consider being a deacon, he began asking about a program in the Diocese. Ten years later, he was graduated from Seton Hall Immaculate Conception Seminary with a Master in Theology degree and a certificate in Diaconal Studies.

He is the first Permanent Deacon in the history of Church of the Presentation. He heads up the Pastoral

Care team, a service he truly enjoys. He also loves meeting with young parents and preparing them as they bring their children to be baptized.

Andy still runs his business which has grown to over thirty employees. He believes his diaconate is critical to serving his customers as well as the members of his company.

He recently he became involved with the Corporate Food Challenge and set up:

[www.corporationsfeedingamerica.org](http://www.corporationsfeedingamerica.org) which encourages companies to donate food to the charity of their choice. This benefits the people in need; benefits the donating companies as a team building experience and benefits the company because people in the community can possibly buy their products or they may hire people from the community they are serving.

Service is a big part of Andy's life. He often says he is blessed to be a Deacon.

## Deacon James Stumbar



Deacon James Peter Stumbar, Ph.D. Endearingly known as Deacon Jim, of Berkeley Heights, NJ passed away at Center for Hope Hospice in

Scotch Plains, NJ on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the age of 75. The visitation took place in Church of the Little Flower 310 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ on Sunday, March 24, 2019, followed by a Prayer Service. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 25, 2019 in Church of the Little Flower at 10:30AM. Private burial in Calvary Cemetery in Drums. PA. For more information or to send condolences please visit

[www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com](http://www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com).

James was born in Hazelton, PA to the late Leon Stanley Stumbar and Ester

Sylvia Magagna. He had resided in W. Hazelton, PA until he moved to Berkeley Heights, NJ in 1977, where he has resided ever since. Jim was proud to be a Eagle Scout, he attended Penn State University and received his bachelor's degree 1965, his doctorate degree in Fuel Science Chemistry in 1971 and went on to have a successful career starting with Westinghouse Electric Company in Lester, PA, Exxon from 1977 to 1986 and Foster Environmental Corp from 1986 to 2003 when he retired. While at Exxon he was responsible for two patents, the Thermo Desooting Patent and the Low Knox Burner patent which is used in 17 different countries. He was proudly a member of the Sigma Tau Chemistry Honor Society at Penn State. Jim continued to share his knowledge teaching Chemistry at Middlesex County College, Union County College and Kean University from 2008 to 2017.

Deacon Jim was ordained on June 3, 1995. He was a dedicated deacon and parishioner of Little Flower Church for many years. He gave endless amounts of time, energy and faith caring for the parishioners of Little Flower Church during difficult times and times of celebration. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Catherine "Kay" (nee Detz) his loving sons Peter Mark Stumbar and his wife, Sindy Cosgrove, and Paul Matthew Stumbar. His dear brother L. Richard Stumbar and his cherished grandchildren William James Stumbar "Liam", and Kaitlyn "Kaity" Stumbar.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Jim's memory to Little Flower Church's Ministry to the Homeless 290 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.

## *Deacon Willie Malarcher*

Willy J. Malarcher of Englewood, NJ, 90, died peacefully surrounded by his family on February 25, 2019. Born in New Orleans, LA, to James W. and Lilian Hart Malarcher, he was the fifth child of six.



Surviving are Patricia, his wife of 60 years, son Paul Malarcher (Sammi Sherwin), and daughter Maura Malarcher. An artist self-employed as a liturgical design consultant since 1977, Willy had a lifelong interest in the integration of contemporary art and religious ritual. Artist and liturgical design consultant, Willy J. Malarcher, Englewood, NJ, died peacefully on February 25, 2019. He was 90 years old. Surviving are Patricia, his wife of 60 years, his son Paul and daughter Maura Malarcher. Willy was a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy since the 1970s and is regarded as one of the early American pioneers in the field of liturgical design. He possessed a lifelong interest in the integration of art and religion and earned his MFA degree from The Catholic University of America. Willy's designs for new and renovated worship spaces won awards in several competitions sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and various liturgical organizations. His portfolio includes churches, chapels and cathedrals in Paterson, NJ and Puyo, Ecuador. Prior to his own business, Willy & Group, he worked at the Rambusch Decorating Company. He exhibited his personal artwork in several solo and two-person shows in countless galleries and museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. He often spoke at liturgy, art and architecture conferences and wrote frequently on liturgical design topics.

Willy was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1975, and ministered at the Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck, NJ until 2017. A Memorial Service will take place Saturday, April 27, at 11 AM in one of Willy's award winning projects, Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY 10976.

His designs for worship environments won awards in several liturgical art competitions. Recent projects include the Shrine of Blessed Miriam Teresa at Convent Station, NJ. His personal artwork was shown at museums including the Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, and is represented in the Newark Museum's collection.

## *Deacons Wives & Widows Memorial*



Our Memorial Mass for deceased deacons and deacons' wives will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 11:00 in the Chapel at the Archdiocesan Center. It will be followed, as usual, by lunch in the Library of the Archdiocesan Center. Please join us for this very special event and invite a friend to attend with you!

## *Congratulations* *20th Anniversary* *Class of 1999* *June 5, 2019*

## *Continuing Education*

By Deacon David Farrell

Maintaining our ministerial proficiency is a basic need in a changing world as we exercise Charity, Word and Sacrament. To that end this brief column tries to enumerate some of the available resources.

Following the guidelines of the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States and in collaboration with The Handbook for Permanent Deacons published by the Archdiocese of Newark, Permanent Deacons are required to fulfill his obligations for continuing education and annual retreat.

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, under the direction of Ronald Pihokker, offers two continuing education programs for Deacons and their wives.

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE CATECHISM

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark offers the **SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM**, a series of six short courses that provide an adult oriented introduction to basic themes of the Catholic faith. These courses are coordinated by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese. The first four courses in the series are based on the four parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the main doctrinal reference for Catholics, published in 1992. Two additional courses offer an introduction, respectively, to the Old Testament and the New Testament. SPOTLIGHT courses are not intended as exhaustive treatments of their subjects but as introductions that offer some basic insight into the material and will allow the participants to pursue further learning on their own.

The six **SPOTLIGHT** courses rotate through a number of parish centers in various parts of the Archdiocese. Courses are offered in two series, one in the fall and one in the spring, with an occasional winter offering. Participants at a single location can take the entire six course sequence over a three year period. These courses are of general interest to all who might want to learn more about the Catholic faith. They may be of particular interest to parents or those active in parish activities. Catechists can also fulfill the requirements for doctrinal certification by completing all six **SPOTLIGHT** courses. Doctrinal certification is important for catechists who work with adults in RCIA, Bible study, small faith sharing communities and other forms of adult faith formation, those who work with children in parish religious education programs and teachers in Catholic elementary schools.

### SPOTLIGHT SCHEDULE

**THE SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM** courses are offered in each of the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark, Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. All courses are offered as six hour Saturday sessions, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. A list of current dates and a brochure are available on line at [:http://rcan.org/office-and-ministries/catechetical-office](http://rcan.org/office-and-ministries/catechetical-office). (Scroll down to find the SPOTLIGHT section). Many parish, religious education and school offices will also have the brochure available. Advance registration is required. Courses are open to the general public. A certificate is issued for participants after completing each course. For more information, to request a brochure, or to register call Ron Pihokker at the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, at 973-497-4285 or e-mail [pihokkro@rcan.org](mailto:pihokkro@rcan.org). Current cost is \$40.00 per course.

### THE VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FAITH FORMATION

**The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)** is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.

The VLCFF is coordinated and sponsored by the [Institute for Pastoral Initiatives \(IPI\)](#) at the [University of Dayton](#) - a Catholic Marianist Institution.

### VLCFF Course Information

Courses consist primarily of both objective and subjective testing tools, assigned readings, and discussion boards. All courses are "Pass/Fail" or "Scored", depending on the means of assessment the student chooses. Persons successfully completing a course will receive a certificate of completion. If you are in a partnering diocese, the certificate will be issued jointly from the VLCFF and your diocese.

### Course Levels

**Basic** level would be for someone who has no or limited knowledge of the subject, or is looking for a refresher on the topic

**Intermediate** level would assume knowledge of the topics covered in the basic level.

**Advanced** level would require good exposure to all the basic topics and the desire for a much more academically rigorous study of the topic.

Students can expect approximately five hours of work for each week of any course.

**NDICE - TheNational Diaconal Institute for Continuing Education** Program information is can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/deaconeducation/>

### **OnLine Continuing Education**

Starting February 25, 2019 The University o Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life will offer OnLine religious studies. Connect to the following link (Ctrl+click) for all pertinent information:

[https://secure-web.cisco.com/1bk5eFTk17mYcz0kxNPSvi\\_feRS\\_Nt61vShVYD1zeNLR2XcC15ojH5nEK13zOuoRHZf62DN1o\\_8hBZ8UKscSIGnwiLdkfiOd969Rh3Vbsa5pn2zLJgPOsFGh7ndFBV2BgC\\_FTz1719DiJv\\_f1e5r5VNIVTvc\\_Z0RZ3RKQoPrK8xE\\_KoFMK2TZ0sNd-FCJVN6JkoT8zwe-e3JrKMT5-U3-7a8GUFV4w2C23UJaxebeQyXJR8LwNF46bEYJk1xi9S7vCz4QoYN0jQsqdUmO1H3skXBG8SsTBJG9GEfdi2G3G2LoeGlrUhD87nac5UvYbS:ThZVvFw9aGw/https%3A%2F%2Fmcgrath.nd.edu%2Fonline-courses%2Fstep%2Fcourses%2F](https://secure-web.cisco.com/1bk5eFTk17mYcz0kxNPSvi_feRS_Nt61vShVYD1zeNLR2XcC15ojH5nEK13zOuoRHZf62DN1o_8hBZ8UKscSIGnwiLdkfiOd969Rh3Vbsa5pn2zLJgPOsFGh7ndFBV2BgC_FTz1719DiJv_f1e5r5VNIVTvc_Z0RZ3RKQoPrK8xE_KoFMK2TZ0sNd-FCJVN6JkoT8zwe-e3JrKMT5-U3-7a8GUFV4w2C23UJaxebeQyXJR8LwNF46bEYJk1xi9S7vCz4QoYN0jQsqdUmO1H3skXBG8SsTBJG9GEfdi2G3G2LoeGlrUhD87nac5UvYbS:ThZVvFw9aGw/https%3A%2F%2Fmcgrath.nd.edu%2Fonline-courses%2Fstep%2Fcourses%2F)

## *A Reflection On A Reflection*

By Deacon Ed Campanella

One afternoon, many years ago, after the Divine Mercy Chaplet on EWTN, Fr. Leo Clifford OFM, offered this reflection. This is a paraphrase of his words: 'A women came to her Bishop and stated that Jesus had appeared to her and she wanted to know how she could confirm that what was happening was real. The Bishop told the women that the next time Jesus appeared to ask Him what his worst sin was before he became a Bishop. On her return he asked her what Jesus's answer was to his question? She said Jesus replied to her – ***"I forgot"***'

What a wonderful model for us – It moved me as a reminder of God's perfect forgiveness to the repentant sinner, is to forget the sin, something mankind can't seem to do – how often do we hear – I will never forgive so-and-so for what they did to me or I forgive but will not forget what so-and-so did to me.

During this sacred season of Lent, as we ask forgiveness for our sins, let us pray we can forgive those who trespass against us as the Lord forgives us, and try to "forgetaboutit" as well.

Have a Blessed Easter