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In Memorial

Pray for Deacons at Peace. They have left us this century and are awaiting the kingdom with all the faithful

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Executive Committee Members Pursue Mandated Paths and Meet with Archbishop Myers



Archbishop John J. Myers met with the entire Executive Committee of the Council of Permanent Deacons in the Cathedral Rectory on Thursday Sept 26, 2002. The meeting was cordial and informative. The Archbishop first commented on the wonderful support we receive from our wives & families and sends his heartfelt thanks to them. He then toured the group around the reception areas pointing out many of its historical aspects. Pictured (l. to r.) are Deacon Michael Maione - Vice Chairman, Deacon Edward Porter - Director, Archbishop Myers, and Deacon Joseph Yandoli - Chairman

Over the past months the Executive Committee has been meeting and working on a number of issues, including: Encouraging the formation of County based Deacon support groups, The Archdiocesan Directory, DeacoNews via Parish E-mail, Expansion of the Archdiocesan Permanent Diaconate web pages, Deacon photo ID, and Guidelines for a Deacon's Wake & Funeral.

Our Director Speaks



Deacon Ed Porter

Classes have resumed for both our Class of 2003 and 2005. Attendance is excellent and summer assignments have been completed. The 22 men in the Class of 2003 are scheduled to be ordained on May 31, 2003. The men in formation of the Class of 2005 will be installed as Readers in the spring of next year.

Deacon Vince Accardi advised that he will be relocating to Florida within the next year. As you know, Deacon Vince has done an outstanding job in running our various retreat programs. He will be sorely missed and we wish him well at his new location. Deacon Earle Connelly has agreed to take on the retreat assignment beginning next year and has been working with Deacon Vince during these past few weeks. Deacon Earle serves as Administrator of Immaculate Conception Church in Secaucus and, with his wife, Angela, offers extensive experience to us for future retreats.

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Deacons of Hudson & Union County Form Support Groups



By virtue of their sacramental fraternity, dedicated to building up the Body of Christ with ministerial zeal and collaboration, the Deacons of Hudson and Union Counties are holding support meetings. At their meetings they pray, share ministerial experience, concerns, advance formation, encourage fidelity, and build friendships.

On June 20, 2002 The Deacons of Hudson County Support Group held a Deacon/Wives BBQ at St Vincent DePaul's Parish in Bayonne hosted by the Pastor - Fr. Peter Galdon

In Union County ten of the thirty-five Union County Deacons, held their first support meeting on Friday, August 2, 2002. Among the attendees were the County's Archdiocesan Council of Deacons delegates, George Ross and Tom Pluta.

The Deacons of Union County plan to have regular meetings on the fourth Friday of each month. Meeting locations will circulate among members who will host and moderate meetings that will begin with evening prayer followed by topics of concern and/or spiritual edification.

Prayers are requested for Union County Deacons Osiris Molina & Alex Czerpka. They are in poor health and unable to attend support meetings.

2005's Class Picnic

On August 18th, the class of 2005 attended a picnic and barbeque in honor of the feast of St. Lawrence. The afternoon began with Holy Mass. The Presider was Msgr. O'Leary, the Vicar of Deacons. Director, Deacon Ed Porter was also in attendance. The hosts of the picnic were classmate Michael Kearey and his wife, Sandra. As classmate Mike York commented, "Michael and Sandra were such wonderful and most gracious hosts, opening their home and kitchen to our class. The food was beyond delicious." John Bejgrowicz also brought his prepared baby back ribs, using his secret recipe. Words couldn't describe the taste. Classmates exchanged their summer experiences in charitable ministries and caught up on the "goings on" in their lives, since class adjourned back in May. The general consensus was, "looking forward to starting the second year of formation."

In Loving Memory Deacon John A. Allgaier

Ordained: December 14, 1975
Home to the Lord on July 29, 2002

Deacon Throdore J. Glogoza

Ordained: December 17, 1978
Home to the Lord on Sept. 11, 2002

Deacon Edwin Alsing

Ordained: December 11, 1977
Home to the Lord on Sep 17, 2002

United in the sure hope of the resurrection of all who are faithful we thank God for the gift of their lives and ministries. Pray for them and their families.

Charles Gurske, father of Deacon Bob Gurske, class of 2002, was also called home on Oct 4, 2002. Let us keep Charles, his son Bob, daughter Ilona and their entire family in our prayers.

Deacon Spotlight



David B. Loman
*Archdiocesan Director of
 Prison Ministries*

Deacon David Loman directs a network of Priests, Deacons, and Men in Formation who minister to the inmates in 11 lock-ups, prisons, and halfway houses of the corrections facilities in Union, Bergen, Essex and Hudson counties. Dave states that the mission of Prison Ministry is to ensure the availability of the sacraments and provide a Catholic presence for the over 10,000 inmates, a large percentage of which are Roman Catholic. David's compassion for these the 'throw aways' of society, stems from his strong belief that Christ lives in them and he serves Christ when serving the needs of the incarcerated.

As a Roman Catholic Christian for the past 27 years of his life, the Loman sense of Diaconia, in Dave's words, stems from his Jewish roots. Born in Englewood NJ and educated in The Englewood School for Boys and the University of Vermont. David remembers his physician father, Dr. Samuel Loman, as a model of service to the community. David's early years of Hebrew studies inspired his love of sacred scripture. David's Bar Mitzvah, in 1951, was in the tribe of Levi (biblical priestly assistants). Although his mother embraced Judaism upon her marriage the family,

including his two younger brothers Tom & Andy, celebrated both Christmas and the Jewish Holy Days, particularly Passover, with great enthusiasm for their heritage.

During his third year of college, David married his high school sweetheart. Carol Tarzy. They were married in the Church. Carol being a faithful Catholic reached out to David's family by learning how to prepare and celebrate the Seder according to Jewish tradition. These Holy Day celebrations were central to Dave's spiritual development.

In 1963 David took a cue from his father-in-law, and joined his Rambler car dealership. This career path ultimately led to David's secular business success of today. The Loman car dealerships, a family run business, with locations in Parsippany & Woodbridge, provides a living for 181 employees and their families.

In 1977, after being prodded by a cousin, David reluctantly attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Villa Marie Claire in September of that year. He stuck it out to the final day. At mass on that 19th Day of September David received Communion and Christ into his heart. On the following Sunday mornings dialogue "he got it," as M.E. devotees would say. David enthusiastically embraced Jesus Christ and the Father's love who gave His only begotten son for our salvation. David then met a holy lady, who saw the fervor in his eyes. She told David - 'wait, there's more--.' It wasn't until December 7, 1979, after four years of daily attendance at 7am mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly, urged by the Carmelite priests of the parish, that David was Baptized and Confirmed.

Soon after, a friend invited David to Cursillo. After becoming a Eucharistic Minister David felt called, in 1984 to be a Lector. In 1985, Deacon Arthur Dietzel (now with the

Lord) who was involved in Prison Ministry, inspired David to look unto the gift of this ministry. Turning toward the Diaconate, with the enthusiastic support of his wife Carol and Pastor, Fr. Robert Wolfe, O. Carm., David began his journey toward Diaconate ordination. After two years of pre-formation meetings formal instruction began, and the class of '92 was formed.

In 1990, then Fr. Bill Reilly, now Monsignor, gave a formation talk on the two kinds of Churches that exist in the Newark Archdiocese - Parish Churches with 'Stone Walls,' and another Church with walls topped off with 'Razor-Wire,' where the forgotten Catholics exist. David knew, from that moment on, that prison ministry was where his Diaconate would blossom.

Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick ordained David B. Loman a Deacon for the service of the Church of Newark on May 16, 1992. In addition to his prison work David serves at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tenafly, NJ with the support of his pastor Fr. Ashley Harrington O. Carm.

Carol & David have two married children, John & Helen, who have blessed them with four grandchildren, Kristine, David, Samantha & Jeffrey.

Ever promoting Prison Ministry, David insisted we mention that those moved by the Holy Spirit to look into this ministry. Call him for encouragement at 201-310-7690.

Did You Know?

Correction: In the last "Did You Know" column, we transposed the request for a Gospel blessing it should, of course, be "**Father, give me your blessing,**" not 'Give me your blessing Father.' Mea Culpa!

Here is another try at the "Did You Know Column" column - When displaying flags in Church, the American Flag, always on a staff, is placed to the right of the Presider as he faces the congregation, and any other flag (e.g. the Papal flag) is placed on his left. When displayed in the body of the church the American flag should be placed to the right of the congregation as they face the pulpit, with the Papal flag on the left. (Source: adapted from 'a Flag Insert' - Metro Flag Company, Dover, NJ 0708)

"The Mind of a Deacon"

by Deacon Herbert R. Gimbel



A contributing Editor

"A servant of the Lord" is the first meaning of a Deacon. Being a Deacon should be as natural as holding the door open for someone. It is an inbred instinct, if you will, to want to be of service for someone as Abram did when the three strangers approached. He did not want them to pass without offering some type of service to them.

Being a Deacon is not just having the liturgical know-how, but the natural or, if need be, learned ability to want to help others in some way or another. Most often it should be the former and not the latter.

Certainly we cannot help every single person we meet. To be recognized as someone to come to for help, to have

the ability to help someone in some way, and to be confident enough to do so, yet know your limits, are wonderful gifts.

The love of our Lord Jesus the Christ and the desire to be his good and faithful servant provide a long and limitless journey. In other words, being a Deacon is a life's devotion. We need to struggle through the mental gymnastics of worthiness, and let go of the sins of our past, present, and future. We are sinners and we will always be sinners. However, we must remember what our Lord told his disciples, "You did not choose me. It is I that chose you."

Believe me my friends in Christ; I struggle every day in awe of why God chose a miserable sinner like me to be a Deacon in His church. As I tell everyone who knows me, if you told me 20 years ago that I would be a Deacon in God's church, you would have had to pick me up off the floor laughing.

However, in a more serious tone, I am grateful God has called me to serve in His church, even though I am unworthy. I fully understood that unworthiness one day while viewing a telecast of Cardinal O'Connor at St. Peter's Church in New York City. He gave a homily in which he referred to himself as "God's unworthy servant." I understood exactly what he meant by that. That phrase had a very profound effect on my journey of conversion. Although I saw that telecast several years ago, it will stay with me for the rest of my life.

To get back to the mind of a Deacon, I wish to further share with you that I went through the RCIA process. When I saw a friend a few weeks after my conversion he asked me, "Well, how does it feel to be a Catholic?" I told him that my thinking was different, which was true. My life was really different in how I conducted my life, affording a closer kinship with Jesus. After my ordination in June

1999 as Deacon, it became even more profound.

I am still trying to get it right that God has called me to serve as a Deacon of the Earth! Everywhere I go in this world, I will be a servant of the Lord, subject to evangelize all I meet. Of course, there may be some restrictions in the different "marketplaces" of life such as an office environment or certain countries. In any event, I firmly believe that the Permanent Deacon is set apart from the lay faithful. We have a desire to serve and devote ourselves to the clerical service of the Church.

To conclude, I just want to say that since my ordination on June 5, 1999, it has been one heck of a journey, and I look forward to the rest of the journey home. As the great American author Thomas Wolfe once wrote, "The Last Journey is the longest, the best."

On the Lighter Side

There two kinds of people in the world: Those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord;" and those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning." Which are you?

An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida to meet his wife the following day. Arriving, he sent his wife a quick e-mail. Addressing the e-mail in haste he missed the address by one letter and it was directed instead to an elderly Deacon's wife, whose husband had just passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she let out a piercing scream, and fainted. Her family rushed into the room and saw this on the screen: ***My Dearest Wife, Just checked in. Everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow. From: Your loving husband. P.S. Sure is hot down here.***

Peace to All