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Class of 2005 Ordained as the Newark Diaconate Enters Another Era

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Diaconate in Newark Enters Another Era

By Deacon Ed Campanella

On June 11, 2005 at 10:00AM 36 good men were ordained by the hands of Archbishop John Joseph Myers conferring on them the Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

On the heels of this ordination another era of Formation and Administration of the Permanent Diaconate, in the Archdiocese of Newark, begins as of July 1, 2005. Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Harahan S.T.D. has been appointed Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate and Deacon John McKenna will be the Director of Deacons. Deacon McKenna will manage the day-to-day operations of the Diaconate after Deacon Ed Porter's retirement. Plans are being discussed for the propaedeutic year of discernment followed by four years of academics, employing two evenings per week plus one Saturday each month. Formation classes will include: Church History, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Liturgy, Homiletics, Sacraments, Morality and Counseling.

Pray for Our Community

Please remember in your prayers all the ill and convalescing members of our diaconate family. May the Spirit of God, the healer of souls, bring His healing grace and peace upon the ailing, their families, and all who care and minister to them.



In

Memorial



Pray for the our sisters & brothers who have left us during this 21st Century

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| Vishno Brennan | Tom Noone |
| Joe Cunningham | James P. McNulty |
| Al Mistretta | Charles Kiley |
| Bill Shelhamer | David Garcia |
| Joe Heinrich | Henry Keturwitis |
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| Tom White | James (Bill) W. Courtney |
| Walter Stanecki | John T. McCarthy |
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| | Margaret C. Grieder |

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**Archbishop John J. Myers
Thanks Our Retiring
Director Deacon Ed Porter**



It saddens me to write this final message to you before my retirement on June 30. Firstly, I must tell you that in all my life I have never known a more wonderful group of men - our deacons. I love every one of you and always stand ready to help you.

Second, I shall miss working with you here at the Archdiocese and in your local church. I want to assure you that you'll see me around from time to time. Once a deacon always a deacon.

My future plans? I'm still working on them. But I assure you that I won't take the route of many of our senior citizens. You won't find me arguing baseball scores in one of the large malls or in settling world affairs at the local Dunkin Donuts'. And I won't be spending my daytime hours watching TV. I'll keep in touch with you and maybe, from time to time, we can be helpful to each other.

Being able to conclude my relationship with the Class of 2005 at their recent ordination, during the time of my leaving, fills me with deep emotion. Knowing and working with these men for the past five years puts my retirement plan in its proper perspective. Thanks to all!

God Bless you! Ed

With Sincere Thanks

By Deacon Joe Yandoli, Exec-Chair.

Deacon Ed Porter, words can not express the emotions and deepest gratitude from you brother deacons on your retirement from your eight years of directing the Permanent Diaconate.

Having worked closely with you for the past five years as chairmen, you have truly inspired me and all who worked with you. In our journey to reach out and serve the church in our ministry as deacons, you truly have led by your example. We have been blessed to have you as our director.

I know your greatest reward was in preparing the men in formation for ordination. With God's help you have directed five formation classes, over 135 men, to be ordained to the Order of Deacon. You have truly been working God's vineyard harvesting many dedicated men for Jesus Christ, preparing them in their call to Diakonia.

Your involvement, on a National level, at the NADD (National Association of Deacon Directors), and you chairing the NADD Cherry Hill Conference in April of '04, as well as having run the Region III Deacons & Wives Conferences in the Pocono's, is legend. You have given this Diocese wonderful National exposure. We all know how highly respected you are for your organizational skills and leadership, locally and nationally. But Ed, knowing you as I do, it would not surprise me that as one door closes, another door will open for you in your ministry.

I know our Archbishop, Auxiliary Bishops, Priests, Religious, and all who worked with you, pray you will have many more good and productive years serving the church, sharing your many gifts, especially your compassionate love to the people of the local church of Newark. We look forward to honoring you publicly at our annual diaconal celebration at the cathedral on October 1, 2005.

**Deacon Spotlight
Joseph Yandoli**



Joseph Cosmo Yandoli was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 28, 1941 to Peter & Jean (both now deceased). He attended Holy Rosary in Jersey City, then St. Michaels High School in Union City where he met Frances Kenny, his future spouse.

Joe attended The New York School of Interior Design in NYC, Fashion Institute of Technology and The Pan-American Art School specializing in design and display. Upon Completion Joe went to work at major department and specialty chains in New York City. He worked in the display windows of Bonwit Teller and Tiffany & Co. on Fifth Ave. He then made it to Broadway at Gimble's as VP Director of Visual Merchandizing. Joe also designed the windows at the old Bamberger Newark store for two years. He then pursued the manufacturing of store fixtures and mannequins, traveling to Italy to design and distribute in the US. As VP of Marketing Joe managed a prestigious show room in NY city for 10 years catering to: as Lord and Taylor, Macy's, Bloomingdale's & Saks 5th Ave.

Joe and Frances are married 41 years. Frances is currently a court administrator in Leonia. Frances and Joe raised two children, Jeanine & Joseph, who in turn married and gave them seven grandchildren: Justin,

Kirsten, Alexa, and two sets of twins Stephen & Matthew and Christina & Amanda. Joe thanks his family & friends for always supporting him in his diaconal ministry, especially his wife Frances who is always willing to accommodate his schedule.

Living in Leonia, the Yandoli family worshiped at St. John the Evangelist where, for years, Joe has been involved in: Buildings & Grounds, Choir, Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Knights of Columbus. As an Extraordinary Minister Joe brought the Eucharist to the homebound then served at Mass as a Lector as well. Joe's creative outlet is especially satisfied in creating designs for liturgical and seasonal displays at St. John's.

In 1975 Joe's pastor at Holy Rosary suggested the Diaconate for Joseph – but he did not feel worthy to pursue this ministry at that time. In 1993 Joe joined the staff at St. John the Evangelist as the business and plant manager.

In 1994, he was approached by Fr. Peter Byrth O.Carm., Pastor of St. Johns and asked if he ever thought about the diaconate; which he had. After spiritual advice from Fr. Kurt Holderied O.Carm Joe applied for the next enrolment opportunity, ultimately joining the class of 1999, and was ordained on June 5, 1999 by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick.

Joe feels it is a humbling experience to be the first Permanent Deacon assigned to St. John the Evangelist. The parishioners, staff and Fr. Robert Traudt O.Carm., pastor, were all extremely welcoming and supportive.

In September of 1999 Deacon Joe was also asked to serve as the Marriage Ministry Coordinator at St. Joseph in East Rutherford in addition to his parish work at St. John's. Fr. Richard Husted O.F.M., pastor of St. Joseph's at that time, was very supportive of the diaconate. In this capacity Deacon Yandoli prepares and witnesses the marriage of 15 to 20 couples per year

and finds it very rewarding to participate in such a special day in the couple's lives. What a joy!

Since 2001 Deacon Joseph Yandoli was elected to, and has been the chairman of, The Archdiocesan Council of Permanent Deacons, Executive Committee. Under his auspices the executive committee worked for the good of all the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese by promulgating many new special programs to include: new photo-ID cards, the newsletter that you're now reading was re-designed, an internet web site was made available containing the DeacoNews archive, all deacons and men in formation with e-mail receive information via this source as well as US Mail, the name and assignment of each deacon is now printed annually in the official Archdiocesan Directory, deacon funeral procedures were put in place to include formal letters of appreciation to wives and families of the deceased deacons, county support groups were encouraged, the new annual celebration for all deacons and wives was reinstated and will be held near the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

This year's annual event will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica specifically to honor the tenure of our out-going director – Deacon Ed Porter – who since 1997 has guided the Permanent Diaconate, its Deacons and Formation classes. Nothing would make Deacon Joe Yandoli happier than to see a large turnout for this noteworthy event.

A Mission to Jamaica's Poor

By "The Home Store News"

Deacon Fritz and Mary Kautz recently returned from a four day pilgrimage to the slums of Kingston, Jamaica, sponsored by Food for the Poor. Deacon Kautz has served for some time at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Mahwah.



During their trip, they ministered to: street people and in soup kitchens, the elderly and Alzheimer's victims and emotionally and physically challenged children who had been abandoned. They also visited with local church officials and caregivers, and with the poorest of the poor living in some recently built very modest housing which replaced tin and cardboard shacks with minimal clean water or sewage.

When asked why he and his wife made the trip, Deacon Kautz stated that deacons were first called to serve those who were not taken care of by the local community, and that today's call is no different. He added, "Some ask why we went so far away when there is poverty right here in the Newark Archdiocese? Mary and I have found that sometimes we need to go to a whole different place away from home, away from our comfort zones, away to a strange environment so that we are more open to having the Lord let us see the needy more readily, hear their cry for help more clearly, to open our hearts more fully, so that when we come back home, we can see and hear those folks needing help in our local area, and share those needs with our parish community".

Deacon Fritz concluded: "Fr. Paul, the priest who led our pilgrimage, put it

best - he said the only difference between us and the desperately poor was that we had won the lottery of life, being born in the U.S., with all of its advantages - the poor had lost that same lottery. And because they and we were otherwise the same in God's eyes, we must always be sensitive to the fact that we are truly supposed to be our brothers' and our sisters' keepers..."

He added, "It is not generally known that 'Food for the Poor' arranges these pilgrimage trips to Haiti and Jamaica free of charge for deacons as a means of formation into a greater sense of compassion and call to service - one diocese even requires that pilgrimage as a pre-requisite to ordination. I very much endorse what Food for the Poor does in this regard, and confidently state that anyone making one of these trips will not find one moment of time wasted."

Any church or other groups that would like to invite Deacon and Mary Kautz to have them share in more detail about their experiences and the work done by "Food For The Poor", please call Deacon Kautz at Immaculate Conception Church (201) 327-1276.

Wives & Widows

by Elizabeth Tobin



Therese Mistretta is the widow of Deacon Alfonso Mistretta, a member of the first Diaconate class in the Archdiocese of Newark (Ordained December 17, 1975). Therese is the mother of 10 children, 25 grandchildren and 3 great-

grandchildren. She was a busy mother in 1970 when Bishop Hastrich of Gallup, New Mexico visited Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge, NJ and spoke about the needs of the Native Americans in his diocese. Therese started a correspondence with the Bishop that culminated in her going to New Mexico in 1991 and almost every summer since then to work in the soup kitchen and shelter run by the Missionaries of Charity. Each summer Therese drives from Park Ridge NJ to Gallup NM visiting friends and relatives along the way and making a stop at the Nada Hermitage of the Carmelite Monastery in Crestone, Co. where she spends a week in solitude in a 16x16 ft cabin. Therese joins the community only for Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. The highlight of the retreat is the hour that she is given to be completely alone in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When asked what is the most important thing for a deacon's wife Therese said "prayer and total commitment."

Prison Aftercare

by Deacon David Loman,
Director, Prison Ministry

At a recent meeting in Trenton, representatives from the NJ Catholic Dioceses Prison Ministries met with E. James DuBois, Acting Assistant Director, New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC), Office of Transitional Services, to discuss DOC's Chaplaincy Network Program called "Bridging the Gap between Prison & Community".

This aftercare project, a direct result of the "Safe Cities Initiative" will train members of faith communities willing to participate in a "mentoring" program to assist soon-to-be released incarcerated individuals to assist them in becoming successfully integrated back into their communities via their faith connection. This re-integration process is a very important part of restoring the incarcerated to become productive members of our parishes and society at large.

Mr. Dubois stated that prison outreach does not end at the prison gates, but it extends beyond the walls of the correctional institution into the communities that the incarcerated men & women will be returning. The mentoring program that is being formulated by the Chaplaincy Network is for the incarcerated who will be mentored by volunteers from their respective faith communities who are supported by their Pastor's and the parish community.

Training is required for both for the person who has been incarcerated and his or her mentor. Mentor training will highlight DOC rules and regulations, Parole Requirements, as well as mental health and mentoring guidelines. Training for the incarcerated includes intensive transitional goal setting and mentoring. Those interested should contact contact Mr. E. James DuBois at 609-984-5971.

Did You Know?

Reissuing of lost Deacon Clergy ID Cards will require a \$25.00 donation to the "St. Lawrence Fund." The "St. Lawrence Deacon's Fund" is donation supported, instituted to assist deacons who are seriously challenged financially. To donate, contact Deacon Ed Porter.

Retreat Notes

Deacon Earle S. Connelly Jr. (201) 863-4840
Upcoming Retreats - Couples: July 29-30, 2005, Deacons: October 21-23, 2005. A Deacon Wives retreat, with its own Retreat Master, will be conducted in the Fall if at least 25 women register (call Jean Andrews at 973-675-7213 or send an email to nanajean53@hotmail.com).

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Diaconate Class of 05 - Ordained Deacons - June 11, 2005

Front Row, L to R: Deacon James Looby, Deacon Reynaldo M. Trinidad, Deacon Cesar C. Sarmiento, Deacon Orlando L. Perez, Deacon Stanley W. Kwiatek Jr., Deacon Edward Porter (Director), Deacon Vincent J. DeFedele, Deacon Anthony M. LaTerza, Deacon John P. Bejrowicz, Deacon Guy W. Mier, Deacon Dennis F. LaScala **2nd Row, L to R:** Deacon James J. Guida, Deacon Rajgopal K. Srinivasa, Deacon Nicholas Valdez, Deacon Joseph J. Carlo, Deacon Alejandro Estremera, Deacon Thomas Walsh, Deacon Clodualdo M. Leonida, Deacon Louis P. Loffredo, Jr., Deacon John C. Holoduek **3rd Row, L to R:** Deacon Theodore J. Kotz, Deacon Victor J. Puzio, Deacon David J. Hughes, Deacon Walter J. Maher, Deacon Keith T. Gibbons, Deacon Kevin Regan, Deacon John J. Wedemeyer **Back Row, L to R:** Deacon Albert J. Ganter, Deacon Michael J. Keary, Deacon Michael P. Missaggia, Deacon Michael D. York, Deacon Pierre J. Merceus, Deacon Peter R. Emr, Deacon John P. Sarnas, Jr., Deacon Joseph Lubas (Associate Director). **Not pictured:** Deacon Andrew J. Golden, Deacon Gregory C. Quinn, Deacon Jerry S. Rossi

Deacon John P. Bejrowicz is a Senior Lab Technician. John and his children Lisa Marie, Patricia and Laura Ann hail from St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Linden.

Deacon Joseph J. Carlo is a Check Processing Coordinator. Joe, his wife Kathryn Ann and children Dana, Matthew, Carrie, Sarah, David, Christopher and Sharon hail from Holy Spirit in Union.

Deacon Vincent J. De Fedele is a Pharmacist. Vincent, his wife

Maria and children Christopher and Philip hail from Corpus Christi in Hasbrouck Heights.

Deacon Peter Emr is a School Principal. Peter, his wife Kathy and son Alex hail from Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus.

Deacon Alejandro Estremera is an Operations Manager. Alex, his wife Helen and children Alejandro Jr. and Ivelisse hail from St. Rose of Lima in Newark.

Deacon Albert J. Ganter is a Human Resources Director. Al,

his wife Kerry and children Albert and Stephen hail from St. John the Baptist in Hillsdale.

Deacon Keith T. Gibbons is a Teacher. Keith, his wife Teresa (Terry) with children Terri, Kelly, Kyle, Augustin and Luke hail from Holy Trinity in Westfield.

Deacon Andrew J. Golden is a Property Tax Consultant. Andrew, his wife Josephine (Joni) and children Andrea and Alessandra hail from St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge.

Deacon James J. Guida is an Attorney. James, his wife Anita and daughter Nataliana hail from St. Mary's in Rutherford.

Deacon John C. Holoduek is a Principal. John, his wife Donna and children Trapper and JohnJohn hail from Epiphany in Cliffside Park.

Deacon David J. Hughes is a Banker. David, his wife Joann and children David and Elisabeth hail from St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills.

Deacon Michael J. Keary is a Pharmacist. Michael and his wife Sandra hail from Holy Trinity in Hackensack.

Deacon Theodore J. Kotz is a Business Development Mgr. Ted, his wife Georgina Marie and children Anna, Theodore, Robert, James, Christopher and William hail from St. John the Baptist in Hillsdale.

Deacon Stanley W. Kwiatek Jr. Retired, Stan was a Union Police Officer and an Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice. Stanley, his wife Barbara Ann and children Donna and Denise hail from Holy Spirit in Union.

Deacon Dennis F. LaScala, PhD is a Psychologist in the Sheriff's Office. Dennis and his wife Michele and daughter Dana are from Caldwell. Dennis serves at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Deacon Anthony M. LaTerza is a Structural Design Manager. Anthony, his wife Shelley and daughter Tara hail from St. Mary's in Rahway.

Deacon Clodualdo M. Leonida is a Teacher. Clod, his wife Elisa Tahanlangit and children Claudeen and Mark hail from St. Nicholas in Jersey City.

Deacon Louie Loffredo is a Cook and he comes from St. Lucy's in Newark.

Deacon James Looby is a Pastoral Associate. James, his wife Theresa (Terri) and children Colleen, Joseph, and Megan hail from St. Therese of Lisieux in Cresskill.

Deacon Walter J. Maher is a Building Manager. Walter, his wife Kathleen (Kathy) and son James hail from St. Mary's in Dumont.

Deacon Pierre J. Merceus is an Electrician. Pierre his wife Simone Lucienne and children Peterson, Casandrah, Daniel and Jimmy hail from Our Lady Help of Christians in East Orange.

Deacon Guy W. Mier is an Accountant. Guy his wife Catherine and children Guy II, Louis and Brian Joseph hail from Sacred Heart in Bloomfield.

Deacon Michael P. Missaggia is a Call Center Representative. Michael, his wife Joanne and daughter Michelle hail from St. Vincent DePaul in Bayonne.

Deacon Orlando L. Perez is a Communications Executive. Orlando, his wife Marlene and children Orlando Jr., Jennifer and Melissa hail from Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus.

Deacon Victor J. Puzio is an Accountant. Victor, his wife Carol and children Christopher and Nicole Marie hail from Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Wallington.

Deacon Gregory C. Quinn is a Financial Consultant. Greg, his wife Patricia Eugenia and children Catherine and David hail from St. Thomas More in Fairfield.

Deacon Kevin Regan is a Sales Manager. Kevin, his wife Carole

and children Deirdre and Timothy hail from St. Anastasia in Teaneck.

Deacon Jerry S. Rossi is a Route Salesman. Jerry, his wife Mary and children Pete and Katie hail from Sacred Heart in Bloomfield.

Deacon Cesar C. Sarmiento is a Controller. Cesar his wife Lourdes and children Christine, Catherine and Corinne hail from Resurrection in Jersey City.

Deacon John P. Sarnas is a Public Health Officer/Bank Director. John, his wife Zofia and children Magdalena and Malwina hail from Our Lady of Sorrows in Kearny.

Deacon Rajgopal K Srinivasa is a Computer Consultant, Raj his wife Maureen Anne and children Nivedita Asleha and Monica Renee hail from St. Antoninus in Newark.

Deacon Reynaldo M. Trinidad is a Technology Auditor. Reynaldo, his wife Edna Luna and children Rosalina, Reynaldo Jr. and Reginald hail from St. Mary's in Nutley.

Deacon Nicholas Valdez is a Religion Teacher. Nicholas, his wife Caroline and children Joanne and Lisa hail from Our Lady of the Assumption in Wood-Ridge.

Deacon Thomas Walsh is a Builder. Tom, his wife Susan and children Christopher and Timothy hail from Guardian Angel in Allendale.

Deacon John J. Wedemeyer is a Banker. John, his wife Karen and children Matthew and Brian hail from Our Lady of Mercy in Jersey City.

Deacon Michael D. York is a Professional Engineer and hails from St. John the Apostle in Linden.