



Fall 2013 Issue

## “What so ever you do to the least my brothers, you do to me”

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In Memorial of Our Departed in 2012-3  
Jose Martinez-Figueroa Juan Suarez  
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*A complete list of all deceased deacons  
and deceased spouses is listed on this  
newsletter's website under  
[http://www.sjanj.net/rcan\\_deacon/necrology.pdf](http://www.sjanj.net/rcan_deacon/necrology.pdf)*

### **Prison Ministry**

Something to consider



“Those in city,  
county, state and  
federal jails and  
prisons are our  
neighbors our  
brothers, sisters,  
fathers, mothers,  
wives, husbands,

children, grandchildren, loved ones -  
all are members of God’s family and all  
needing our prayers and support to  
encourage conversion, rehabilitation  
and return to our cities, towns, parishes  
and families as vibrant caring members  
of our communities”

Blessed Mother Teresa is quoted as  
stating that the greatest disease today is  
not Tuberculosis or Leprosy but the  
feeling of being unwanted.

Visits to the incarcerated, if nothing  
else, responds to this disease in a very  
special way and provides a doorway for  
them begin to consider there is a God  
who loves them and cares for them.

Without discussing crimes and  
criminality, but by providing basic  
Catholic prayer and praise in the  
Celebration of the Holy Mass, the  
Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
reading and discussing scripture and  
Holy Hours of Adoration they can  
begin the process of change – true  
internal change -toward a life that  
begins and ends each day in prayer and  
thanksgiving and sees others not as  
things to be taken advantage of but as  
equals in Gods eyes deserving of love,  
respect and service. But this takes  
time, sometimes a lifetime, but it can  
begin with you.

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## ***Prison Ministry***

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The opportunities to serve in this rewarding ministry are vast and most require background investigations. The commitment can be monthly or weekly and the rewards are immense though in many ways not obvious. There isn't a visit that does not leave you with a sense that in some small way you have reached a heart yearning for peace.

Refer to the Archdiocesan 2013 Almanac page 179 and 180 for all the locations and persons involved for any interest this discussion may have cultivated in your heart.

**O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel,  
who showed Yourself to Moses  
in the burning bush, and who gave  
him the holy law on Sinai Mountain,  
come, stretch out your mighty hand  
to set free from the bondage of sin:  
all the incarcerated, their captors,  
and those who minister to them, so  
we may all inherit the joy of your  
vision for all eternity, through your  
Son  
Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

What so ever you do to the least of my brothers you do to me.

## ***Continuing Education*** Evangelization Resources for Deacons

Deacon Andrew Saunders has prepared our next Diaconate Continuing Education session. It will be at 7:30 pm Thursday, October 3, 2013 in the Archdiocesan Center. The evening will begin with evening prayer. Our presenter is Liliana Soto-Cabrera, Diocesan Coordinator, Office for Evangelization.

Join us as we go beyond programs into the heart of evangelization in the parish setting. Mrs. Soto-Cabrera's extensive experience in guiding parish teams toward a greater experience of evangelization will help you to be the catalyst for change at your parish. The

Office for Evangelization uses as its structure eight working committees to bring about evangelization efforts throughout the Archdiocese. Mrs. Soto-Cabrera will elaborate upon these partnership committees and reveal how every parish is unique and how you can evaluate your parish community and determine the best way to bring renewal. The numerous resources of the Office will be on display this evening, and will be explained throughout her presentation. All Deacons and their wives are invited after the presentation to schedule a meeting that can provide them with a personalized plan of action for the individual needs of the parish.

## ***Retreat News***

The San Alfonso Deacon retreat is set for October 4th 5th and 6th. Rev. Msgr. McCarren, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and spiritual director at Immaculate Conception Seminary  
Cost: \$100.00 or \$75.00 if paid in advance (Send check payable to Archdiocese of Newark, Attention: Deacon John McKenna by September 15, 2013)

## ***THE TRANSITUS of St. Francis of Assisi*** October 4, 2013 7PM



Our Lady of Assumption in Wood-Ridge

This ritual remembers the passing of Francis from this life to that with God.

The Transitus Remembrance

will begin at 7PM. As a Franciscan parish we would like to see as many deacons as possible attend, as we all know Francis was a deacon.

The friary is located at 143 First Street Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075 and the church

is on the corner of 2nd St. and Main Ave. All are invited and should bring their albs and white stoles for this event.

For further information please contact Deacon Francis Materia via E-Mail [wrhs70@aol.com](mailto:wrhs70@aol.com) or 551-486-0344

## ***Class of 2016 Lector Installation***

The 2016 Diaconate Formation class will have its Lector Installation on October 14, 2013, 7:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Lake. 32 Lakeside Ave, Verona, NJ 07044 (973) 239-5696. Let us show our support to this up-and-coming class of men by attending this important step on their faith journey

## ***Deacon's Wives & Widows Day of Renewal***

By Peg O'Neill



On October 26 a day of renewal will be presented at Mt. St. Mary's House of Prayer, 1651 Us Highway 22 Watchung, NJ 07069-6501 RSVP to Peg O'Neil at 973-376-4486

## ***Deacon Anton Tarabokija Ordained February 3, 1979***

67, of Cliffside Park, N.J., entered eternal life on July 27, 2013. A Funeral Mass was concelebrated on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Entombment followed at Fairview Mausoleum, Fairview, N.J. Deacon

Anton was born in Susak, Croatia, and came to the U.S. in 1966, settling in Hoboken, N.J. He moved to Cliffside Park in 1976. He retired as a longshoreman for Ports America, Newark, N.J. He was ordained a Deacon of the Archdiocese of Newark on Feb. 3, 1979, and was assigned to St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Fairview, N.J. He was the devoted husband of Kristina (nee Morin); beloved father of James (Victoria), Anthony (Laura), Christine Morin (Domenick), MaryJane Tarabokija, Emmanuel (Danielle); dear brother of Domenico Tarabocchia (the late Juliana), John Tarabocchia, (Mirella) and the late Martino Tarabocchia, and Rev. Nevio Picinic; loving grandfather of James, Olivia, Ryan, Brooke, Jaxson, and Rachel Tarabokija. In lieu of flowers, donations in Deacon Anton's memory may be made to St. John the Baptist Church, or to Cardinal Stepinac Children's Orphanage in Haiti, P.O. Box 355, Fairview, N.J. 07022.

### *Deacon Walter Lynn Class of 95*



Entered eternal life on September 17, 2013. Deacon Walter F., 89, of Teaneck was born in Vienna, Austria. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine. Devoted father of Helen and her husband Joe Henline; Christine and Stephen Lynn. Dear brother in law of Pat Brunkhorst and Bea Peterman. Loving uncle of Mark and Jan, Michael and Christl, Bea and Glenn, Linda and Gary, Rick and Marcey, Roger and Diane, Bob and Debbie

Ann and great-uncle of Katie, Jonathan, Michelle and Makoto, Clara, David, Trevor, Andy and Cindy, Lindsey, Morgan, Scott, Cara and Ariella. Before retiring in 2002 he owned Lynn Art Offset, NY for 34 years. Walter was a deacon and parishioner at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Bogota. He volunteered his ministry at Hackensack University Medical Center for 5 years. He was an [Army](#) Veteran of [WWII](#); a Vienna Cub Scout; member of the Swedish Ski Club of NJ; member and marathoner with Team In Training, LLS; and a member of the Vermont Local Berry Union # 12. The family will receive friends at Petrik Funeral Home, 140 Palisade Avenue, Bogota on Sunday from 3-8 PM. Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's R.C. Church on Monday at 10:30 AM. Interment Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the NJ Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 14 Commerce Drive, Suite 301, Cranford, NJ 07016 or [National Kidney Foundation](#), 30 E 33rd St #3, New York, NY 10016 would be appreciated.

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### *Resource Review*

**If you have resources that you use and feel would be beneficial for the community to be aware of, please let us know so we can highlight them in this new column of the DeacoNews.**

Send submissions for this column to [edcampy@comcast.net](mailto:edcampy@comcast.net)

**Lighthouse Catholic Media** has an excellent selection of CDs for individuals or parish "book racks" See: <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/>

**There is an excellent Catechetical DVD called "Our Catholic Faith" by Matthew Arnold** offered by St. Joseph Communications., See: <http://www.saintjoe.net/9111>.

Topics are covered in DVD chapter format:

God and His Attributes, The Holy Trinity, Creatures of God, Adam & Eve, Original Sin, The Promise of a Redeemer, Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior, The Redemption, The Primitive Church, The Marks of the True Church, Infallibility of the Church, The Mystical Body of Christ The Last Judgment, Grace, Prayer, The Holy Mass, The Seven Sacraments, The Word of God, The Bible and Sacred Tradition, The Ten Commandments, Sin, Christian Virtues and Perfection

### *Did You Know?*

The "St Lawrence Deacon's Fund" is a donation supported fund instituted to assist Deacons who are seriously challenged financially. To donate, contact Deacon John McKenna.

The Congress heralding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States will take place July 22-26, 2018 in New Orleans. The theme for the congress is: "Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, Forever." More information will follow as it becomes available.

The Deacon Council encourages all counties to have deacon meetings. Please contact the deacon representatives in your county for more information on scheduled meetings.

### *Very Important*

If you change your e-mail address, send your new e-mail address to the Diaconate office to [hongfran@rcan.org](mailto:hongfran@rcan.org) and to [edcampy@comcast.net](mailto:edcampy@comcast.net).

Please Note: If you are in need of a new ID card please call Deacon John McKenna 973-497-4125