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Balancing Faith & Work

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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>

A New Parish Program on Faith and Work

By Al Pach Ph.D., MDiv



The workplace is where we regularly engage the world, investing the greater part of our time and energy in efforts to meet the needs of our families and business organizations. It is where we often face the

pressures of our organizations striving to be successful in a hyper-competitive world, pressures that make it difficult for us to balance the demands of our work and family lives. Yet, if we believe that our faith informs all our lives, then our efforts and decisions at work cannot be separate from our faith and values. What happens when the values and pressures of the workplace compete with the beliefs and principles of our faith?

RENEW International has developed a new program, grounded in prayer and scripture, to help address the challenges of balancing and integrating faith and work. It involves small-group meetings in parishes where busy, like-minded people can share experiences, struggles, and insights. Through the power of small groups, *The Faith and Work Program* draws on the richness of members' experiences and perspectives to deepen personal and professional conversations, contemplation, and reflections on faith and action.

RENEW has pioneered small-group faith sharing in the Archdiocese for the past 40 years. We realize that our best partners in introducing this effort in parishes are permanent deacons who work in the Church and in the secular world and aim to lead one integrated life. In working closely with deacons, we hope to help small-group members find balance and enrich their faith, home, and work lives and deepen their engagement in their parish communities.

For more information about the *Faith and Work Program*, please contact Al Pach, at 908-769-5400, ext 140, or alp@renewintl.org. You may also contact, Deacon Tom Pluta at 908-232-8137, or TPluta@HTRCC.org

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Council President Deacon Michael D. York Reports

As you can see, the Council of Deacons has a lot to report.

1) Renew International is looking to the diaconate community to energize Ignatian Business Chapters at the parish level or within the workplace (see the article in this issue by Al Pach). Deacons play an important role as bridges between the laity and clergy. We are being asked to consider forming a small faith-sharing group using the Ignatian Business Chapter model to integrate our Catholic faith into our everyday work life – with the support of the Renew team.

2) Continuing education that addresses the interests and needs of the diaconate community remains a priority (see the article in this issue by Deacon Walter Wiggins).

3) Earlier this year, a customized bereavement for deacons “short course” was facilitated by Lauren Egan. During the Fall a session on a topic of interest is being planned...stay tuned.

4) A retreat is being planned for October of this year. Stay tuned for communications from Deacon Andy Golden, Retreat Coordinator.

5) Deacon Ed Campanella will be “retiring” after 20 years of prolific diaconate ministry. Ed will continue in the near future to be the editor of the DeacoNews letters but could use some help. Would you be interested in helping with DeacoNews? Please let us know. Articles, pictures and suggestions are always welcome as well.

6) Our goal is to continue to offer opportunities for deacons to gather at the local county level, such as, periodic meetings... stay tuned for communications from your Deacon Council county representative or myself.

Congratulations Class of 1999 20th Anniversary



On Wednesday June 5, 2019 Fr. Joseph Mancini, Pastor of St. Stephen’s in Kearny NJ concelebrated holy Mass with six Priests and twenty Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese. Fr. Robert McBride, Pastor, St. John the Apostle in Linden, was the homilist.



Attending were deacons Drew Dixon (Victoria), Herb Gimbel, Ed Campanella (MaryAnn), Robert Glassner (Janet), Mike Maione (Patricia), Al McLaughlin (Mary Claire), Jerry Reese (MaryAnn), Louis Velo and Joseoh Yandoli (Frances).



All prayed for the eternal rest of the deceased class members: Thomas Bulgia, Fritz Kautz, Steve Marchese (Marcella), Keith McKnight (Rita), Richard Mohr and William Toth.

Additional Diaconate Resources

By Deacon Walter Wiggins

Cardinal Tobin’s address to the 2018 Diaconate Congress: The videos from Cardinal Tobin’s mass and address to

the Diaconate Congress last July in New Orleans can be found here: <https://deacon2018.org/index.php>. Scroll down to Monday July 23 - Mass and General Sessions. Links for the videos are on the left. Click the downward arrow. The mass for the day celebrated by Cardinal Tobin is the first link and his address to the Congress is the second link. The address in particular provides some insights to the Cardinal’s thoughts on and appreciation for the diaconate.

Survey Results

Deacon Walter Wiggins also reports the results of the survey of permanent deacons on continuing education to the council. 68 of 140 deacons responded. 94% of the respondents are interested in continuing education sessions. 64% are interested in having the session on weekday evenings, 35% in the morning/early afternoon and 21% on Saturdays. There were a wide variety of suggested topics received. After some discussion council agreed on the topic of homiletics. Potential presenters will be queried for a continuing education session for deacons in September or October of this year. Once we have a presenter and dates we wil inform all.

Cardinal Tobin’s Pastoral Program

By Deacon Walter Wiggins

In April Cardinal Tobin announced to the Archdiocese a pastoral program titled "FORWARD IN FAITH TOGETHER: Our Road Ahead". The program outlines six pillars that “seeks to establish a foundation for healing to help alleviate the hurt and mistrust within our community, to reinforce the changes we have begun to implement, and provide a firm foundation for our missionary lives.” One of the pillars, “Ongoing Formation/Support of Clergy”, is particularly relevant to us as deacons. Information on the Pastoral Program and a link to the

letter and the six pillars can be found at: <https://www.rcan.org/cardinal-tobin-announces-new-pastoral-program-called-forward-faith-together-our-road-ahead>

Spotlight **Deacon Kevin Regan**



Deacon Kevin Regan has been a member of Saint Anastasia Parish in Teaneck, NJ since his baptism. Kevin is married to his wife, Carole, and has two adult children, Deirdre and Timothy. He and Carole are the proud grandparents to Connor and newly-arrived Brenden. Kevin has been active in St. Anastasia in many ministries from a young age.

Kevin was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Basilica/Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark New Jersey by Archbishop Myers in 2005.

His journey toward the diaconate began 34 years ago, when then pastor, Fr. Tom Jordan, O.Carm., approached Kevin and asked him to consider becoming a Deacon. Kevin researched the Archdiocese of Newark diaconate program, but discovered that he was not old enough to apply.

However; thirteen years later, Kevin was approached by Deacon Roland Bianchi about the diaconate and shortly thereafter the pastor, Fr. Hilary Milton, O.Carm., presented him with an application for the program. Both of these events came as a humbling experience for Kevin, since he had never expressed an interest in becoming a deacon. After being accepted into formation, Kevin realized that the Holy Spirit was touching his heart and being the true guide in this journey.

Kevin has participated in many ministries (SEARCH, Cornerstone, Cursillo, Youth Group) at St.

Anastasia and is currently the Director of Faith Formation and R.C.I.A.

Four years ago, Kevin was additionally assigned to St. Joseph's Parish, in Bogota, NJ.

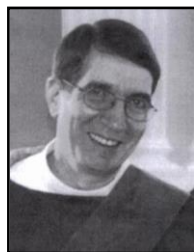
Kevin's community involvement includes: Past President of the Teaneck Rotary Club, Retired Life Member of Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Past President of Catholic Community Services, Bergen Division, and member of the Knights of Columbus.

Deacon Kevin works for ACCSES NJ, a not-for-profit that is the State of NJ set-aside program to employ NJ citizens with disabilities as Director of Government Sales.

He truly feels the diaconate, his employment and his community involvement are vocations which allow him to be of service to many of God's people.

Kevin further believes that the diaconate experience has provided him with an incredible spiritual journey. Kevin further senses he is being blessed to have his family behind him as he continues to serve.

Deacon Anthony Scalzo



Anthony Corrado Scalzo of Red Bank passed away peacefully at home on Monday, June 10, 2019 He was born in Hoboken to the late Angelo

Scalzo and Madeline Muller.

After marrying his wife June in 1991, Anthony lived in the town of Millburn for 25 years. He had a 40 year career on Wall Street, including 20 years with Swiss Bank as a Vice President.

He was ordained a deacon in June of 2001 and appointed to his home parish of St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills. His main ministry was bereavement, where he presided over 600 funerals over 10

years. He also taught CCD for fifteen years and along with his wife, was in charge of the altar server program.

Upon moving to Red Bank 3 years ago, he joined the parish of the Nativity in Fair Haven where he found a second home through the diaconate, assisting at daily Mass as well as other services. Serving the Lord through the diaconate program was a labor of love for Anthony. He is predeceased by his parents and a sister-in-law, Rose

He leaves behind his loving wife of 28 years, June ; two sons Anthony and Joseph Scalzo; four brothers Frank his wife Sandra, Joseph his wife Jackie, Angelo, and Michael his wife Terri; a sister Maria her husband James and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Thursday June 13, 2019 10:00 AM, both at Church of the Nativity 180 Ridge Rd. Fair Haven, N.J. Interment to follow at Mt. Olivet cemetery, Middletown, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Anthony's name to St. Jude's Research Hospital, a charity dear to his heart. Please visit Anthony's memorial website at www.johnedayfuneralhome.com

Deacon John Baltus



Please remember in your prayers the eternal life of our brother who died Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Deacon Baltus was ordained for the Archdiocese of

Newark on May 16, 1992 by Most Reverend Theodore McCarrick. Deacon John Baltus served at St. Theresa Church, Kenilworth, St. James Church, Springfield and most recently at O.L. of Sorrows Church, South Orange, entered eternal life on June 10, 2019. Deacon Baltus was one of the original facilitators in the deacon formation programs of the nineties along with Michael Marcum and

Joseph Lubas which was led by our former Deacon Director, Deacon Ed Porter.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon John Baltus, will be celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, New Jersey 07079 on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Deacons are welcome to vest in alb and white stole

The Wake will took place at the Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, New Jersey 07079 on Monday, July 15, 2019 from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Please join in praying for our deceased deacons and their families in their loss. United in sure hope of the Resurrection of all who are faithful, we thank God for the gift of Deacon Baltus' life and ministry and we ask Him to touch our brother's loved ones with His peace.

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

Deacons Wives & Widows Memorial



On Saturday, May 4, the Diaconate Wives sponsored a Memorial Mass for all deceased members of the diaconate community. The Mass was celebrated

in the Chapel of the Archdiocesan Center at 11:00 AM by Monsignor Ed Bradley, assisted by Deacon Dick O'Hara. It was very well attended and we were delighted to see so many new faces! The Mass was followed by a luncheon held in the Centers Library.

The Memorial Mass is an annual event, held at the end of April or the beginning of May each year. This custom was begun by Deacon Marshall and Jean Andrews, continued by Peggy O'Neill and her committee, consisting of Mary Stark and Misty Mantineo, and continuing now by Misty Mantineo and her committee, consisting of Margaret O'Hara and Anna Dimeo. While the Mass intention is for all deceased deacons and deacons' wives/widows, those deacons and wives/widows who have died during the past year (2018 in this case) are mentioned by name during the intercessions of the Mass. The families of the named deceased are invited to join the diaconate community at this celebration.

A letter is sent out each year in March to the diaconate community inviting all to attend this Mass and luncheon. Be on the lookout for your letter next year so that you can plan to join us for this event. Please bring a friend with you - we would love for the group attending to grow even more!

A Deacon Couple

by Jean Andrews, Foundress of this memorial endeavor along with her husband Deacon Marshall Andrews (together in eternal life)

There was something awesomely special about them that caught me and held me in wonder of what made them beautifully holy. I looked at that pair of old grass stained sneakers, permanently creased by the feet they enclosed. Their heels were worn unevenly so like an odometer chronicling, registering the miles sometimes walked and sometimes run. I saw toes scuffed, one worn through which told tales of rocks and logs and broken pavements.

My fingers touched a knotted lace, now mended having yielded to a force too strong, repaired caringly, quickly as to not loose pace. Three tips of the aged grey laces were gone now baring raveled, frazzled ends while a portion of the fourth still clung to its own end, steadfastly struggling to cover what it once protected. The terry clothed insoles were threadbare, perfumed by sweat with hints of dried blood from blistered feet they shod.

Under-soles no longer marked by clear patterned treads noted quietly, really the pressure, the weight on the feet with-in and the road taken. Oh, Lord, let us two be like that old pair of sneakers, belonging together, one. Make us worthy to be worn by You to go wherever You choose for however long You choose. Slip your Divine Feet into us that we too can become wholly holy, a pair of old sneakers.

What is Death

(From Henry Van Dyke & Victor Hugo, paraphrased by Ed Campanella)

There are many stories that try to describe an explanation of what death is akin too. The one story I like best, that moves many, is that death, for the baptized departed, is like getting on a ship to a far off land. As the ship departs with the deceased love one, those left behind to continue life's journey and watch as the ship disappears over the horizon. Is it gone they wonder?

No, for on the other side those on the shore see the ship getting larger and larger and as it approaches. What does the departed one see, whom do they see? The Church Triumphant: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, St. Peter and all the apostles, martyrs, and all his/her family members who have gone home before them and been anxiously awaiting the arrival of their most recently dearly departed. Joy abounds and eternal life begins, at last, for them.