

**OFFICE FOR
DIACONATE FORMATION**

***COURSES
AND "TRACKS" FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION
FOR DEACONS AND WIVES***



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Welcome to the Office for Diaconate Formation:

Following you will find the courses, workshops and “tracks” that will be open for Fall, Winter and Spring. This new model of diaconate formation, in accordance with *“The National Directory for the Formation, Life and Ministry of Permanent Deacons in the United States”* presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is offering a variety of opportunities for the ordained deacons and wives to continue their formation, grow in their diaconal ministry and get “refreshed” in the teachings of the “Magisterium” of the Catholic Church.

We are offering new Courses, Refresher Courses, Workshops (for deacons and for their wives) and full “Tracks”; built around the five dimensions of the diaconate: Intellectual, Pastoral, Spiritual, Human and Diaconal Ministry.

“Tracks” are a combination of courses and workshops that can be taken through the four year cycle of formation. Opportunities are open to all ordained deacons and their wives in this new model of formation.

Courses, Workshops and Tracks are offered through the Office for Diaconate Formation in collaboration with the Office of Deacon Services for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Continuing Education Program.

This is a great opportunity for all the deacons and their wives in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to prepare themselves for the challenges, needs, and issues in the modern church. God is calling you to: “go the distance to serve the People of God”. We offer you this opportunity to better prepare yourselves to respond to His call.

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For the married deacon, the Sacrament of Matrimony is a gift from God and should be a source of nourishment for [his] spiritual life. . . . it will be necessary to integrate these various elements [i.e., family life and professional responsibilities] in a unitary fashion, especially by means of shared prayer.

In marriage, love becomes an interpersonal giving of self, a mutual fidelity, a source of new life, a support in times of joy and sorrow: in short, love becomes service. When lived in faith, this family service is for the rest of the faithful an example of the love of Christ. The married deacon must use it as a stimulus of his diakonia in the Church.¹⁶ To foster and nurture his diaconal ministry and lifestyle according to his state in life, each deacon must be rooted in a spirit of service that verifies “a genuine personal encounter with Jesus, a trusting dialogue with the Father, and a deep experience of the Spirit.”¹⁷

Intellectual Dimension: Theological Renewal¹⁸

248. The intellectual dimension of diaconate formation does not end with ordination but is an ongoing requirement of the vocation. The theological demands of their call to a singular ministry of ecclesial service and pastoral servant-leadership require of deacons a growing love for the Church—for God’s Holy People—shown by their faithful and competent carrying out of their proper functions and responsibilities. The intellectual dimension of post-ordination formation must be systematic and substantive, deepening the intellectual content initially studied during the candidate path of formation. Study days, renewal courses and participation in academic institutes are appropriate formats to achieve this goal. In particular, it is of the greatest use and relevance to study, appropriate and diffuse the social doctrine of the Church. A good knowledge of that teaching will permit many deacons to mediate it in their different professions, at work and in their families. [It may also be useful to] the diocesan bishop [to] invite those who are capable to specialize in a theological discipline and obtain the necessary academic qualifications at those pontifical academies or institutes recognized by the Apostolic See which guarantee doctrinally correct information. . . . Ongoing formation cannot be confined simply to updating, but should seek to facilitate a practical configuration of the deacon’s entire life to Christ who loves all and serves all.¹⁹

Pastoral Dimension: “Pastoral Methodology for an Effective Ministry”²⁰

249. Pastoral formation constantly encourages the deacon “to perfect the effectiveness of his ministry of making the love and service of Christ present in the Church and in society without distinction, especially to the poor and to those most in need. Indeed, it is from the pastoral love of Christ that the ministry of deacons draws its model and inspiration.”²¹ “For an adequate pastoral formation, it is necessary to organize encounters in which the principal objective is the reflection upon the pastoral plan of the Diocese.”²² When the diaconate is conceived from the start as an integral part of an overall pastoral plan, deacons will have a richer and firmer sense of their own identity and purpose. Thus, an ongoing pastoral formation program responds to the concerns and issues pertinent to the deacon’s life and ministry, in keeping with the pastoral plan of the diocesan Church and in loyal and firm communion with the Supreme Pontiff and with his own bishop.

The importance of Continuing Education from “The National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of the Permanent Deacon in the United States”

II. The Dimensions of Formation in the Post-Ordination Path

241. The post-ordination path should provide the deacon with ample opportunities to continue to develop and integrate the dimensions of formation into his life and ministry.⁶ In this way, the quality of his life and ministry will be ensured, avoiding the risk of ministerial burnout. In certain cases of difficulty, such as discouragement or a change in ministry, post-ordination formation can entail a process of renewal and revitalization.

243. Just as the role of the wife and children needed to be carefully discerned throughout the aspirant and candidate paths in formation, this discernment is equally important in the post-ordination path. It is appropriate to recognize the importance of the ongoing formation of the wives and families of deacons and to provide formation resources and opportunities for them. A family life perspective remains an essential point of reference. Care must, however, be exercised so that “the essential distinction of roles and the clear independence of the ministry” are maintained.⁸

244. Some deacons, because of a strong desire to function in their diaconal ministries, may dismiss valid areas of concern and conflict with their spouse and family. This dismissal is to be avoided. A married deacon and his family must be instructed on how to request help early when they experience a need. “Unfortunately, our society still focuses almost exclusively on a remedial approach; families [usually] seek help [only] after a crisis has occurred and other problems develop. An alternative is a preventive strategy.”⁹

Human Dimension: Developing “Human Qualities as Valuable Instruments for Ministry”¹⁰

245. To effectively carry out his diaconal ministry, the deacon must extend himself generously in various forms of human relations without discrimination so that he is perceived by others as a credible witness to the sanctity and preciousness of human life. Post-ordination formation should enable the deacon to pursue this witness to the faith with greater effectiveness.

Spiritual Dimension: “Diaconal Spirituality”¹¹

246. In Baptism, each disciple receives the universal call to holiness. In the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon receives a “new consecration to God” through which he is configured to Christ the Servant and sent to serve God’s people.¹² Growth into holiness, therefore, is “a duty binding all the faithful.” But “for the deacon it is has a further basis in the special consecration received. It includes the practice of the Christian virtues and the various evangelical precepts and counsels according to [his] own state of life.”¹³ The celibate deacon should, therefore, “be especially careful to give witness to [his] brothers and sisters by [his] fidelity to the celibate life the better to move them to seek those values consonant with man’s transcendent vocation.”¹⁴ He also must be “faithful to the spiritual life and duties of [his] ministry in a spirit of prudence and vigilance, remembering that ‘the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.’”¹⁵

This pamphlet will provide you with the classes and workshops that can be taken for Continue Education, as Refresher Courses and/or complete Tracks. Some of the tracks can provide the opportunity to fulfill the requirements necessary to receive the faculty to preach on Sundays or witness marriage.

We will post the course availability information and costs on our website: <http://www.johnpaul2center.org/Diaconate.htm>, and through our newsletter, “The Servant”. The registration form for the courses is online, print a hard copy and send it to our office. Please find below our offerings by year.

Individual Courses and Workshops Aspirancy Year

Semester I: September-November

Thursdays Evenings:

Creed (CCC):	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Spirituality and Ministry	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:

What is Theological Reflection?	1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9
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Saturday Afternoon Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)

Pray Always: Liturgy of the Hours (S)
Married Spirituality (S)
Time Management: Balance (H)
Spirituality of Celibacy (S)
Praying the Liturgy of the Hours (S)
Morning and Evening Prayer (S)
What is Spiritual Direction? (S)
Obedience (H)



Semester II: January-March

Thursdays Evenings:

Spirituality of Diaconal Ministry 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Pastoral Theology-Catholic Social Teaching 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:

Praxis of Theological Reflection 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

Saturday Afternoon Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)

Meditation (S)
Listening Skills I (P)
Lectio Divina (S)
Listening Skills II (P)
Listening Skills III (P)
Self-Exploration I (H)
Code of Ethical Standards (H)
Boundaries and Ministers (H)
Safe Environment Education I (H)
Safe Environment Education II (H)
Self-Exploration II (H)

Semester III: May-July

Thursdays Evenings:

Spiritual Writings of the Catholic Tradition 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Servant Leadership 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturday Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)

Hot Topics in Social Justice (P)
Simplicity of Life (S)
Pastoral Issues in Moral Theology (P)
Self-Exploration III (H)
Contemplation (S)
Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
Self-Exploration IV (H)
Self-Exploration V (H)
Pastoral Issues in Ecumenism (P)
Restorative Justice (H)



Registration Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____

E-mail _____

Courses: Please indicate what course(s), workshop or track that you will register for:

WORKSHOP SERIES:

REFRESHER COURSES:

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRACKS:

Track Name: _____

Track Name: _____

Track Name: _____

Payment Included: _____

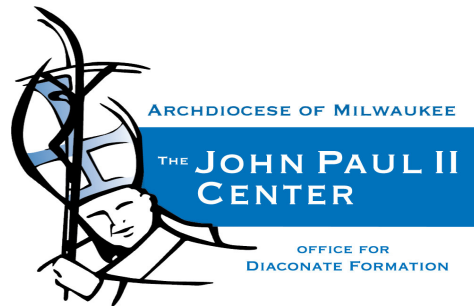
Please make check payable to Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Continuing Education funds for Clergy are available.
Please pay the tuition to our office and then send the receipt to
Fr. Bill Stanfield for reimbursement.

FORMATION TRACK FOR DEACON COUPLES

24 hrs. of Formation
Cost:\$400.00 (As couple)

Self Exploration #1	Married Spirituality
Self Exploration #2	Couple Prayer
Self Exploration #3	M.A.T.E. Inventory
Self Exploration #4	Married Spirituality
Self Exploration #5	Sharing of Marital Inventory
Self Exploration –Project	Theology of the Body
Multicultural In-service	
Asian Culture	
African-American Culture	
Pray Always	



Individual Courses and Workshops First Year Candidacy

Semester I: September-November

Tuesdays Evenings:
 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
 Ecclesiology: The Church 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:
 Moral Theology 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

Saturday Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)

- Biblical Exegesis I**
Leading Public Prayer
- Biblical Exegesis II**
Pastoral Spanish I
- Biblical Exegesis III**
Pastoral Spanish II
- Biblical Exegesis IV**
Pastoral Spanish III
- Biblical Exegesis V**
Pastoral Spanish IV

Semester II: January-March

Tuesdays Evenings:
 Synoptic Gospels 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
 Christology 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:
 Social Analysis 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

Saturday Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)

- Brief Social Counseling I
- Ministry of Reader
- Reader Workshop I
- Reader Workshop II
- Brief Social Counseling II
- Multicultural In-service
- Introduction to Social Ministry Immersion
- Brief Social Counseling III

Semester III: May-July

Tuesdays Evenings:	
Pauline Theology I	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Introduction to Societal Ministry	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Saturdays Mornings:	
Deacon Spirituality: Lector	1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

**Individual Courses and Workshops
Second Year Candidacy**

Semester I: September-November

Tuesdays Evenings:	
Introduction to Worship and Sacraments	
	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Introduction to Canon Law	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Saturdays Mornings:	
Pauline Theology II	1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9
Saturday Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)	
Team Ministry I	
Ministry of Acolyte	
Team Ministry II	
Workplace Spirituality	
Ministry to Disabled	
Team Ministry III	
Asian Culture	
Team Ministry IV	
Afro-American Culture	

Semester II: January-March

Tuesdays Evenings:	
Sacraments II	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Brief Solution-Pastoral Counseling	1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
Saturdays Mornings:	
Preaching I-Introduction	1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

DIACONAL SPIRITUALITIES Continued...	Introduction to Christian Anthropology
Deacon Spirituality: Lector	Couple Prayer
Deacon Spirituality: Acolyte	Deacon Spirituality: Sacraments
Workplace Spirituality	

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY	Pastoral Care of the Engaged
97 hrs. Continuing Education for Deacons	“Humanae Vitae”
Cost: \$1,000.00	Theology of the Body
TOPICS:	Ethic #2: Abortion
M.A.T.E. Inventory	Natural Family Planning #1: Theory
Married Spirituality	Ethic #3: Euthanasia
Sharing of Marital Inventory	Natural Family Planning #2: Practicum
Perspective on Family and Culture	Marriage Practicum
Theology of Marriage	Couple Prayer
Canon Law for Marriage	



Deacons, going the distance to serve the People of God

PASTORAL COUNSELING 60 hrs. Continuing Education for Deacons Cost: \$600.00	Brief Solution Counseling #2
	Brief Solution Counseling #3
TOPICS: Listening Skills #1 Listening Skills #2 Listening Skills #3 Code of Ethical Standards Boundaries and Ministry Pastoral Issues in Moral Theology Brief Solution Counseling #1	Pastoral Counseling
	Perspective in Family and Culture
	“Humanae Vitae”
	Ethic #1: Stem Cells
	Ethic #2: Abortion
	Ethic #3: Euthanasia
	Ethic #4: Capital Punishment
	End of Life #1
	End of Life #2

DIACONAL SPIRITUALITIES 106.5 hrs. Continuing Education for Deacons Cost: \$1,060.00	Obedience
	Meditation
TOPICS: Pray Always Married Spirituality Spirituality of Celibacy Praying the Liturgy of the Hours	Spirituality of Diaconal Ministry
	“Lectio Divina”
	Simplicity of Life
	Contemplation
	Spiritual Writing of the Catholic Tradition
	Servant Leadership

Saturday afternoon Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)
 Homebound Ministry
 Hospital/Hospice Ministry
 Assisting a Bishop

Semester III: May-July

Tuesdays Evenings:
 Preaching II 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
 Introduction to Johnaine Gospel 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:
 Deacon Spirituality: Acolyte 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

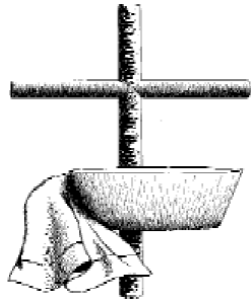
**Individual Courses and Workshops
 Third Year Candidacy**

Semester I: September-November

Tuesdays Evenings:
 Preaching III 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
 Perspective on Family and Culture 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:
 Introduction to Christian Anthropology 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

Saturday Afternoon Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)
 Humane Vitae
 Ethic I: “Stem Cells”
 Theology of the Body
 Ethic II: “Abortion”
 Natural Family Planning-Theory
 Ethic III: “Euthanasia”



Semester II: January-March

Tuesdays Evenings:
 Theology of Marriage 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
 Canon Law for Marriage 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:
 Preaching IV 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

Saturday Afternoon Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)
 Natural Family Planning-Practicum
 Ethic IV: "Capital Punishment"
 Mariology I
 Mariology II
 Mariology III
 Mariology IV

Semester III: May-July

Tuesdays Evenings:
 Pastoral Care of Engaged 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18
 Introduction to Systematic Theology 1.5 hrs. X 12 sessions= 18

Saturdays Mornings:
 Deacon Spirituality: Sacrament of Order 1.5 hrs. X 6 sessions= 9

Saturday Afternoon Workshops: (1.5 hrs each)
 Couple Prayer
 Pastoral Spanish V
 Pastoral Spanish VI
 Pastoral Spanish VII
 Pastoral Spanish VIII
 Pastoral Spanish IX



John Paul II recalled: "Deacons, both married and celibate, serve God's People by their witness to the gospel value of sacrificial love, a quality of life too easily dismissed in today's society." For those whom the Lord calls and whose lives give such a witness, the ODF is the place to continue your journey. (NDPD, 30)

SCRIPTURE REFRESHER	Biblical Exegesis #3
88.5 hrs. Continuing Education for Deacons	Biblical Exegesis #4
Cost: \$890.00	Biblical Exegesis #5
TOPICS:	Pauline Theology #2
Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures	Johaniane Theology
Synoptic Gospels	
Pauline Theology #1	
Biblical Exegesis #1	
Biblical Exegesis #2	

PREACHING FACULTIES OR REFRESHER	Biblical Exegesis #4
88.5 hrs. Continuing Education for Deacons	Biblical Exegesis #5
Cost: \$890.00	Pauline Theology #2
TOPICS:	Preaching #I: Introduction
***Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures	Johaniane Theology
*** Synoptic Gospels	Preaching #II
***Pauline Theology #1	Preaching #III
Biblical Exegesis #1	Preaching #IV: Practicum
Biblical Exegesis #2	
Biblical Exegesis #3	

***** ODF: PRE-REQUISITE COURSES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE**

LITURGICAL REFRESHER

74.5 hrs. Continuing
Education for Deacons
Cost: \$750.00

TOPICS:

Leading Public Prayer

Ministry of Reader

Reader Workshop #1

Reader Workshop #2

Introduction to Worship and
Sacraments

Acolyte Training #1

Acolyte Training #2

Sacraments II

Deacon Liturgical Practicum

Assisting a Bishop

Deacon Liturgical Practicum II

Marriage Practicum

FORMATION WORKSHOPS OFFERINGS FOR DEACONS' WIVES

The new model of formation encourages the participation and inclusion of the aspirants, candidates and deacons' wives in the program. They are invited to participate and engage in the formational and social activities developed for them during the years of formation.

Participation, acceptance and support of the wife in her husband's vocation and formation to the diaconate are imperative for his continued participation in formation. For the ordained deacons' wives, it is a way of enhancing their commitment to their husband's vocation and their own growth through workshops; some specifically for them and some together with their husbands.

It is also a way to develop networking and support groups for wives to share their experiences, challenges and successes.

PASTORAL LANGUAGE AND MULTICULTURAL PRIMER

37.5 hrs. Continuing
Education for Deacons
Cost: \$375.00

TOPICS:

Hot Topics in Social Justice

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #1

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #2

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #3

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #4

Multicultural In-service

Asian Culture

African-American Culture

Perspective in Family and Culture

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #5

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #6

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #7

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #8

Pastoral Spanish and Culture #9

First Year Candidacy Wives' Spirituality

Semester I: September-November

Women in the New Testament:
Mary: The Fiat of the Faithful Servant

Semester II: January-March

Wives' Spirituality: In God's Hands (TRUST)
Wives' Spirituality: Living Today (JOY)
Wives' Spirituality: Strong Desire (SELF DISCIPLINE)

Semester III: May-July

Wives' Spirituality: Noisy-Silent (PRAYER LIFE)
Wives' Spirituality: Uncertainty (NOW AND BEYOND)

Second Year Candidacy Charity and Justice: A call of service

Semester I: September-November

Charity and Justice: Virtue or challenge for today?
Servant to their family

Semester II: January-March

Servant to the Church
Servant to themselves (Health and self-awareness)

Semester III: May-July

Deacon's Wife to the rescue: Servant to her husband's balance
Social Justice: A call and commitment for life

Third Year Candidacy Living Witness to the Gospel

Semester I: September-November

Mary: Witness of God's will
Witness to their family as the first Church

Semester II: January-March

Witness in the Church: "the deacon wife"
Martha and Mary: personal response to the Gospel

Semester III: May-July

What do I have to do?: wife's vocation
Witness of Jesus' message: option for the poor

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRACKS OFFERINGS FOR DEACONS

SELF-AWARENESS

**40.5 hrs. Continuing
Education for Deacons
Cost: \$400.00**

TOPICS:

Self Exploration #2
Self Exploration #3
Self Exploration #4
Self Exploration #5
Self Exploration-Project
Introduction to Christian Anthropology
Theology of the Body

What is Theological Reflection?
Kiersey Personality Sorter
Time Management: Balance
Self Exploration #1

SOCIAL JUSTICE REFRESHER

**125 hrs. Continuing
Education for Deacons
Cost: \$1,250.00**

TOPICS:

Social Analysis
Introduction to Societal Ministry
Social Ministry Opportunities
Social Ministry Learning Agreement Part 1
Social Ministry Learning Agreement Part 2
Introduction to Societal Ministry: Immersion Workshop
Immersion Experience
Ministry to the Disabled

Pastoral Theology- Catholic Social Teachings
Servant Leadership
Hot Topics in Social Justice
Pastoral Issues in Moral theology
Restorative Justice