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“...Your light must shine before men so that they may see the goodness in your acts...” Matthew 5:16



From the Chancellor's Chair

My Dear Brothers,

Every day when I turn on my computer there is a countdown clock that tells me how many days until the Eucharistic Congress. Some people have told me that I should get rid of it; all that it does is cause stress. I keep telling myself that I work best under pressure. We are actually less than three weeks from this amazing annual event. I hope to see many of you there. I am most grateful for the men in formation, the deacons, and your wives that have signed up as volunteers for the Congress. I expect to see a huge number of the deacons vested for both the morning procession and liturgy as well as the closing Mass.

As you all know, our brother, Deacon David Corbett, passed away very unexpectedly this past week. Dave was ordained in 2006 and served at St. George in Newnan. I was with him recently and it was very special how he spoke of his devotion to his family and his love for ministry. Our prayers are with his family now.

Summer is just around the corner. The Beacon will be taking a break and will return in September. I hope that all of you are able to take some time to rest and relax and enjoy your summer. We will again be hosting a cookout for the seminarians of our Archdiocese on July 28th at the St. Stephen's Center. Mass will be at 5:00 followed by what is typically a great meal!

As we close out this Easter Season let me just share with each of you how grateful I am to all of our deacons for their tireless service to the people and parishes of this local church. Jesus promised that he would be with us always. As deacons we are called to be the Icon of Christ the Servant. May your ministry bring the love of Jesus, in great measure, to all of those you encounter.

Know that I am here to serve you and that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep our entire community in prayer!

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Dennis

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Our **Committee on Wives and Families** is trying to communicate with your wives. If you would please send their e mail to: PCurry@archatl.com

FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Brothers in Christ:

Last month Deacon Dennis and I had the opportunity to attend the annual National Association of Diaconate Director's conference. At that conference the 2009-2010 National Directory Institute drew to close. That institute (known as NDI) involves a group of directors from across the country working on and completing projects that can be implemented in their Dioceses. Each project is intended to contribute to the formation, life and ministry of deacons.

The project that I worked on was the development of a comprehensive mentor program. One key objective was to structure the mentor program in a manner that conformed to the National and Atlanta Directories; but the overriding objective was to create a program and process that would generate increased benefits to our candidates and their deacon mentors.

I spoke briefly about some of the key attributes of the revised mentor program at our Convocation and it seems appropriate to provide you with more information in this month's Beacon.

In this issue you will find two documents. The first describes the qualifications for deacon mentors and the second describes the mentor selection process. (Both documents are in draft form awaiting Archbishop Gregory's final approval.) We will be asking the candidates to begin the process of selecting their mentors over the summer with an objective of having all deacon/candidate pairings completed by the end of September.

One key step in the process involves the deacon mentors attending an orientation session that more fully describes the mentor relationship and process. We will offer those orientation sessions several times in an effort to allow as many deacons as possible to attend. The sessions will run about two hours each. The schedule is:

Thursday, June 10th – 7:00 pm at the Catholic Center
Saturday, June 12th – 9:00 am at the St. Stephen Center (Mass is at 8:00am)
Tuesday, June 22nd – 7:00 pm at the Catholic Center
Saturday, June 19th – 9:00 am at the St. Stephen Center (Mass is at 8:00am)

These orientation sessions count toward your continuing education requirement. We would like to know how many deacons to expect at each session so if you would kindly send an email to diaconate@archatl.com and indicate which date you plan to attend, we would be most grateful.

I sincerely hope that you will consider participating in the formation of our candidates by volunteering to be a mentor. Our candidates need the guidance and leadership that is produced by a healthy mentor relationship. I also believe that the deacons that actively participate as mentors will be enriched by the experience too.

If you have any questions about the direction of the mentor process or formation, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the orientation sessions.

In Christ's Service,



Associate Director of Formation

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Mentor Selection Process – DRAFT

Successful relationships typically begin right from the start and mentoring relationships are no exception. A great relationship between a deacon mentor and his candidate can prove to be invaluable to the man's formation and result in not only a mentor - candidate relationship but an enduring friendship for years to come. A mentoring relationship that proves to be less than an ideal fit can lead to frustration for the deacon mentor and the candidate (and their wives) and actually serve as a detriment to the formation process. Therefore, care must be exercised in the selection of deacon mentors for each candidate.

Mentor selection is an inexact science. To enhance the probability that deacon mentors and candidates are well matched, the selection process is a collaborative effort involving the formation team, prospective mentors, pastors and the candidates.

The Mentor Selection process for the Archdiocese of Atlanta is detailed below.

Mentor Selection Process

1. The first step is to determine which deacons in the Archdiocese are willing to serve as deacon mentors. Annually, all active deacons who have been ordained at least three years will be contacted by mail and asked if they would be willing to serve as a deacon mentor for the coming year. The letter (Form 3-1) to the deacons will contain information about the deacon mentor program and articulate the qualifications and responsibilities that the deacon takes on as a mentor.
2. Deacons who indicate a willingness to serve the Archdiocese as deacon mentors will be invited to a deacon mentor workshop. Attendance at the workshop is mandatory for all who wish to serve as mentors. The time spent by deacons at the deacon mentor workshop will count toward the deacon's continuing education requirement. After attending the deacon mentor workshop, no deacon will be required to attend again unless the content of the workshop changes or the deacon requires additional training.
3. The deacon mentor workshop will address mentoring in general, mentoring adults, mentoring men in formation specifically and the roles and responsibilities of the deacon mentor and candidate.
4. The deacons who attended the deacon mentor workshop will receive a letter from the Archbishop (Form 3-2) appointing them to serve as mentors. These deacons will have their names added to the list of deacons qualified to serve as mentors. The list of qualified deacon mentors will be maintained by the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.
5. The list of qualified deacon mentors will be distributed to the men in formation by means of inclusion in their Formation Notebooks and the list will also be maintained on the formation website: www.AtlantaDiaconateFormation.com.
6. Each candidate must review the list of deacon mentors; then contact and meet with two or more deacons as potential mentors. Any deacon on the list of qualified deacon mentors may be contacted by the candidate; provided that the deacon and candidate are not from the same parish.

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7. It is strongly recommended that aspirants/candidates meet with at least two or more potential deacon mentors. The purpose of the initial meeting is for the two men to engage each other in conversation and generally get to know each other. It is highly desirable that the men are candid, open and direct with each other in this initial meeting. A mentoring relationship that is comfortable for both deacon mentor and candidate will be most fruitful.
8. Each candidate will submit up to three names of potential deacon mentors to the Associate Director of Formation on the “Request for Approval of Deacon Mentor” form located in the Formation Notebook. Prior to submitting the Request for Approval of Deacon Mentor form to the Associate Director of Formation, the candidate should request permission to include each deacon as one of their potential mentors. Only those deacons that grant their consent may be listed.
9. When listing potential deacon mentors, the candidate should list them in order of their preference.
10. Aspirants/candidates must submit a Request for Approval of Deacon Mentor form within two months of being accepted into Aspirancy/Candidacy. This form must also be used anytime a candidate is changing deacon mentors; whether the need for change due to reaching the conclusion of the deacon mentor’s two year assignment with the candidate or for any other reason.
11. The Associate Director of Formation will verify that the potential deacons proposed as deacon mentors are all qualified and listed as such with the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.
12. The Associate Director of Formation, in collaboration with the candidate’s pastor will approve and assign one of the proposed deacon mentors to the candidate unless doing so would cause the deacon mentor to have more than two candidates to mentor.
13. Once the deacon mentor selection has been approved, the Associate Director of Formation will write the name of the assigned deacon mentor on the Request for Approval of Deacon Mentor form and return the form to the candidate to be placed in the Formation Notebook.
14. If none of the proposed deacons can be assigned to the candidate because doing so would cause the deacon to have more than two men to mentor; the candidate must continue their search for a qualified mentor. The Associate Director of Formation will provide assistance to the candidate so that a suitable, qualified deacon mentor may be found.
15. In the event a candidate loses his deacon mentor through the deacon’s death, retirement, excardination or any other reason, the candidate must submit a new Request for Approval of Deacon Mentor form to the Associate Director of Formation within two months of the candidate becoming aware his deacon mentor can no longer continue providing this vital contribution to his formation.

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Mentor Qualifications in the Archdiocese of Atlanta - DRAFT

Mandatory Qualifications

1. Designation as a deacon mentor occurs only with the approval and written appointment by the Archbishop of Atlanta.
2. Deacon mentors must be either permanent deacons or priests. Ideally the deacon mentors will be permanent deacons since part of the mentoring process: a) requires helping the candidate understand what it means to be a cleric immersed in the secular world, b) includes advising and counseling the candidate on how to balance the demands of his wife, family, secular occupation, formation and ministry, and c) involving the candidate in active diaconal ministry. If a suitable number of qualified deacons cannot be identified to serve as deacon mentors, priests who are qualified should be enlisted to serve in this capacity. (For the purpose of this document, deacon mentors hereafter will be assumed to be permanent deacons but that reference in no way will limit the Archbishop's ability to appoint priests to that duty).
3. Deacon mentors must be incardinated in the Archdiocese of Atlanta and has been in active ministry for a minimum of three (3) years of service within the Archdiocese.
4. No one may serve as a deacon mentor unless he has been ordained for a minimum of three (3) years.
5. Deacon mentors must be listed with an "Active" status according to the records maintained in the Office of the Permanent Diaconate. Even if the Archbishop has elected to allow a retired deacon to retain his faculties he may not serve as a deacon mentor with a "Retired" status.
6. Deacon mentors must be in good standing in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.
7. Deacon mentors must: a) have a current parish assignment and parish agreement, b) be and remain current with respect to their obligation to attend an annual retreat, c) have a current Safe Environment Code of Conduct and Ministerial Standards for Clergy paperwork on file with the Archdiocese and d) be and remain current with respect to their obligation for continuing education and formation.
8. Deacon mentors must be actively involved in one or more ministries in their parish or community.
9. Deacon mentors must be currently under the guidance of a spiritual director.
10. Deacon mentors must have attended the Archdiocese of Atlanta's deacon mentor Education Program and agree to attend update sessions as needed. This education program will count toward the deacon's continuing education requirement.
11. Deacon mentors must willingly and enthusiastically embrace the task of mentoring a candidate and dedicate the necessary time and energy to the effort.
12. Deacon mentors must agree to meet with the candidate assigned to them on a bi-monthly basis at a minimum. Deacon mentors with more than one candidate may meet with both men simultaneously not more than quarterly. Therefore only one out of every three meetings may be held with more than one candidate.

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13. Deacon mentor and candidate meetings must last for at least one (1) hour in duration and focus on specific elements of formation. The meeting may not simply be a general conversation on topics unrelated to diaconal ministry, formation, etc.
14. Deacon mentors must agree to actively involve the candidate in the deacon's parish or community ministry on a bi-monthly or ideally more frequent basis. The involvement of the candidate must be appropriate (i.e. suitable for a layperson, instituted reader or instituted acolyte, etc.). Care should be taken to ensure that aspirants/candidates are not involved in ways that might lead to the faithful mistaking their involvement as that appropriate to, or reserved to clergy. The time devoted to ministerial involvement does not constitute the required bi-monthly meeting between the deacon mentor and candidate. However, the required bi-monthly meeting may immediately precede or follow the ministerial involvement.
15. Deacon mentors may not be assigned more than two (2) candidates to mentor.
16. Deacon mentors must be willing to accept information from the formation team regarding the formation of the candidate assigned to them and incorporate that information into their mentoring process.
17. Deacon mentors must agree to provide their input to the Archbishop, through the formation team and specifically the Scrutinies and Evaluation Committee, regarding the suitability of the aspirant's/candidate's continuation in diaconate formation or the candidate's suitability for ordination. This input will be solicited in writing a minimum of twice per year and on an "as needed" basis.
18. The deacon mentor and the candidate may not be from the same parish.
19. The deacon mentor may mentor a candidate for no more than two (2) years during the aspirant's/candidate's time in formation.
20. While the discussions and interactions between a deacon mentor and candidate are not conducted in the internal forum, the deacon mentor must remain committed to keeping in confidence the specifics about those interactions which either by their nature or by mutual agreement should be held confidential. This in no way may restrict the deacon mentor's ability to provide input regarding suitability for continuation in diaconate formation or suitability for ordination.
21. The deacon mentor may not serve as a member of the Diaconate Advisory Board or any of the Committees constituted under the Board.

Recommended Qualifications

1. The deacon mentor and candidate should share the same marital state. If the candidate is married the deacon mentor should be married.
2. For married deacon mentors and married candidates, it is recommended that once per quarter the deacon and his wife meet with the candidate and his wife. This enables deacon's wife to provide some level of assistance and guidance to the wife of the candidate. This meeting satisfies the bi-monthly meeting requirement between the deacon mentor and the candidate provided that at least 1 hour of the meeting is a "one on one" session between the deacon mentor and candidate.
3. The deacon mentor should be involved in some form of social justice ministry.
4. The deacon mentor has prior experience in mentoring, guiding others, managing, or supervising others.

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New Aquinas Center Website: www.aquinas.emory.edu New URL and almost everything is new. See videos by prominent speakers like Archbishop Wilton Gregory and informational videos and interviews on the Catholic Studies Minor and the Atlanta Catholic Business Conference. There is also a lot of new information about our programs, our Dominican heritage, and a new parish education initiative. See how you can bring Emory scholars to your parish.

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Exhibit of An Influential Vatican I Cardinal

"A Careful Informing of Conscience: the Papers of Henry Edward Cardinal Manning"

Where: Pitts Memorial Library, Emory University

When: April 1-June 1, 2010

The Pitts Theology Library is currently hosting an exhibit on the papers of Henry Edward Cardinal Manning (1808-1892). Manning was one of the most influential English Roman Catholic figures of the Victorian era. The exhibit explores the context of many important events in Manning's life, including his time as a minister in the Church of England and his conversion to Catholicism in 1851, his leading role in the adoption of the doctrine of papal infallibility, and his efforts to effect social change in England, particularly on matters related to abuses of wealth, the poverty of the agricultural poor, and the lack of educational access.

The exhibit will run from April 1, 2010 through June 1, 2010 in the Durham Reading Room, located on the first floor of the library.

Cardinal Kasper's lecture is on our website as are new press pieces on his visit.

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*Spring Hill College
Summer Institute of Christian Spirituality 2010*

Summer Institute is specifically designed for adults seeking to deepen their faith and to explore the vast traditions of Christian spirituality. The Institute is comprised of two, one-week sessions. Participants may attend either or both sessions. The curriculum is designed to study a wide variety of spiritual masters and mystics, along with biblical, liturgical and social themes. To further add to the breadth of the Institute, Spring Hill faculty is joined each year by well known visiting faculty. The academic coursework is enhanced by the cultivation of a faith community, through daily liturgical prayer and personal sharing. While rooted in Catholic theology, the program is fully ecumenical welcoming persons of all faiths. Courses and course descriptions can be viewed at our web-site: www.shc.edu/sics .

New Opportunity for Continuing Education

Attention clergy, religious, lay ministers and teachers! Take advantage of this new opportunity for professional development or personal enrichment. You may now participate in our Summer Institute courses for a specially reduced fee as part of our Summer Easy Listening program. See details on registration page.

Summer Colloquium on Spirituality 2010

Each year during the summer Institute on Christian Spirituality, Spring Hill College is pleased to offer a special opportunity for continuing education or personal enrichment. The Colloquium on Spirituality allows participants to engage a topic in depth with not prior academic experience, no assigned readings and no reflection papers. As a non-credit program, the Colloquium is designed for those seeking a deeper understanding of spirituality but who are not able to spend a whole week reading and studying. Typically lectures are offered for three consecutive evenings. Attendees have the choice of registering for the entire event or for an individual lecture. This year's Colloquium topic is: *"Thomas Merton & Interreligious Friendship*.

Ignatian Retreat

Spring Hill College will offer individually directed silent retreats, following the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, during the last week of May, on our campus in Mobile. Participants may register for either five or eight full days of retreat. Directors will be staff and graduates of our certificate program in Spiritual Direction.

Dates: Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat: May 22-29

SICS Classes: Session I: May 30-June 5, 2010 Session 2: June 6-12, 2010

Colloquium: June 6-8 2010

Registration and More Information

To view a broader description of the programs in our Summer Institute of Christian Spirituality we invite you to visit our web-site at www.shc.edu/sics . There you will see an overview with links at the bottom of the page for details of the various programs described above and direct links to registration forms. Questions can be directed to Debbie Shows, Summer Institute Coordinator: email: <mailto:theology@shc.edu> , phone: 25 1-380-4458.

Sponsored by the Graduate Theology Department of Spring Hill College, 4000 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36608

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Homily Help

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<http://www.frtommylane.com/homilies.htm>

DISTANCE LEARNING FOR THE DIACONATE PROGRAM

STEP, **S**atellite **T**heological **E**ducation **P**rogram, University of Notre Dame, Website: <http://step.nd.edu> or
Call toll free at **1-866-425-7837** for more information.

University of Dayton <http://www.udayton.edu/>

Felician College <http://www.felician.edu/online/>

Catholic Distance University <http://www.cdu.edu/>

Master of Pastoral Studies-St. Leo Online Programs <http://www.saintleo.edu>

NEW: [The Catholic Deacon by Deacon James F. Papillo](#)

This website is intended to provide a useful resource for obtaining information about the Roman Catholic faith, the Roman Catholic Church and the Permanent Diaconate.

Distance Learning Program for the Diaconate, The Pontifical College Josephinum

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Available classes are listed on the next two pages:

CL612 DE: Canon Law for Deacons *New For Fall, 2010!*

This course has been especially designed for deacons and provides an in-depth analysis of those specific canons with which Deacons may become involved. This twelve module course is divided into four broad themes: An overview of this history, purpose, operation, and interaction within the Code of Canon Law; in-depth discussion and analysis of those Canons which are operative in pastoral (parish) settings; Canons relating to the sacramental life of the Church, and those Canons which relate to marriage, including those of interest to those involved in Tribunal work. Designed and facilitated by Monsignor Michael Osborn, JCD, of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI, this course has been developed in response to many requests from the members of the National Association of Diaconate Directors, and from deacons throughout North America.

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PA951 DE: Good Practices in Parish Administration Also Open to Priests and Parish Administrators!

This course provides priests, deacons and parish administrators with a comprehensive overview of civil, legal and financial issues which may be encountered in a parish setting. It also provides a structured overview of various scenarios likely to be present in a parochial setting, and does so in both the context of civil and canon law. Topics addressed include: overview of civil law, contracts, negligence and premise liability; land use and zoning, employment law, worker's compensation and unemployment compensation; civil law regarding marriages and families, festivals, bingo and games of chance; casinos, game-nights and liquor liability, tax exempt status, confidentiality and privileged communication; protection of children, and financial management. This course has been developed and reviewed by experienced attorneys, accountants, and pastors.

MO 841 DE: Medical and Health Care Morality for the Diaconate

As a deacon, you may frequently be asked to assist the faithful as they grapple with emotionally charged medical issues. This course will present fundamental Church principles relating to health care morality and medical ethics that will provide you with confidence as you are called upon during these discussions. This course studies the theology of the human body, personhood, and human dignity in protecting life from beginning to end and in treating illness. This course will be of particular interest to deacons involved in hospital, nursing home, ministry to the aging, or other similar settings, and to those deacons who have completed our course in Hospital Ministry and who desire an in-depth examination of Catholic moral principals on this topic. Deacon Pete Gummere, a microbiologist and long-time writer and commentator on Catholic moral theology, and a deacon of the Diocese of Burlington, VT will return to facilitate this course during the upcoming term.

PA 868 DE: Pastoral Counseling for the Deacon

This course presents basic counseling theory, processes and skill development, focused on assessment, listening, and goal setting. This course briefly outlines various emotional/mental disorders which may assist the non-professional counselor to make appropriate assessment and professional referral. This course is specifically designed for those deacons in pastoral settings who have come from other disciplines, and aims to introduce students to a variety of tools, strategies, and methodologies. Special emphasis will be placed upon helping the deacon recognize some common issues and problems which they are likely to encounter. Personal counseling styles will be addressed as a means of enabling each participant to understand his or her own strengths and weaknesses in a pastoral care setting. This course will permit the deacon to identify the critical differences between pastoral care and professional counseling, particularly as it relates to the nature and limits of the pastoral counseling task. This course will also assist the deacon to understand the elements of the counseling process and gain experience of elementary counseling interventions through practice and role-play, and to help learners to understand their own personal style of relating and its influence on the counseling process. This course will also introduce deacons to a wide range of helpful resources relating to pastoral care and counseling. This class will be facilitated by Deacon Bob McCormick, a retired educator and deacon of long service in the Diocese of Rochester, NY. This course will be come a required pre-requisite for Hospital, Prison and Family Ministry courses in 2011

PA967 DE: Prison Ministry for the Deacon

This course is specifically designed for those deacons involved or with interest in ministry to the incarcerated. It has been developed by a cadre of deacons, each of whom is a full time employee of a correctional facility, as well as an experienced chaplain. It addresses issues which are specific to local, state or federal correctional facility. It will enable a deacon to:

- § Employ appropriate programs and demeanor as a volunteer or contract chaplain within a correctional setting.
- § Identify basic correctional procedures within Federal, State, and Local penal institutions.
- § Examine and differentiate inmate mentality.
- § Differentiate the role of a Catholic chaplain from an institutional chaplain.
- § Provide effective Catholic services - liturgical and educational.
- § Discuss the limits of confidentiality within counseling and basic religious counseling method

Deacon Robert Werner, a full time employee of the Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Medical Corrections Center in Fort Devens, MA, will return to facilitate this popular and most useful course.

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SP 611 DE: The Spirituality of the Deacon

With particular emphasis on the formation and ministry of permanent deacons in the United States, this course correlates the sources, principles and practices of sound spirituality with the fundamental truths of Catholic faith, with the reality of human nature as redeemed and graced, and with practical aspects of spirituality in diaconal ministry. It highlights development of sound spirituality in the context of the Church and emphasizes the need for, and spiritual benefits of, ongoing integration of spiritual reading, personal prayer, private devotion, liturgical worship, and pastoral practice throughout a deacon's ministry to the faithful. We are fortunate again to have Monsignor Christopher Schreck, PhD, STD, of the Diocese of Savannah, GE as our facilitator for the fall 2010 term.

For More Details Or To Register, Please Contact Us At:

1-877-9DEACON (1-877-933 2266) E-mail us at: deacons@pci.edu or visit us on the web at www.pci.edu

Continuing Education Opportunities

Cathedral of Christ the King

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The following continuing education opportunities are being offered to all deacons:

May 22, the practical aspects of paperwork for the following marriage, baptism (adoption), funerals, graveside, bereavement, benediction, and Holy hours

August 28, we will discuss the deacons' liturgical responsibilities, the responsibilities that a deacon takes on as the Master of Ceremonies during liturgies involving both priests and Bishops and a detailed review the Sacramentary.

September 25th the session will be extended to 2:30 PM and the session will provide complete training on the FOCCUS pre-cana program and its proper use.

November 20th we will cover Tribunal procedures and result in recertification as Case Sponsors.

December 4th we will be wrapping up with a general discussion surrounding any other items that need to be reviewed or topics suggested by the attendees.

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JUST a bit

JUST a bit is a monthly justice sampler from Parish & Social Justice Ministries with information about justice and advocacy issues and events. **Parish & Social Justice Ministries** is a program of Catholic Charities Atlanta, Inc. providing resources for awareness and action, emphasizing the “concrete practice of Love.”

Parish & Social Justice Ministries has joined Facebook! Please [click here](#) to become a fan/like!

If you have received this email from a friend and would like us to send “**JUST a bit**” directly to your email then please email Augusto Michael Trujillo at amtrujillo@archatl.com with your name, email and a request to receive this justice sampler. Also, please feel free to send any feedback to amtrujillo@archatl.com.

In response to the massive earthquake in Haiti, Catholic Relief Services has set up 3 ways to donate to the relief efforts:

1. Via check to **Catholic Relief Services - P.O. Box 17090 - Baltimore, MD 21203**. The memo portion of check should clearly state Haiti Earthquake.
2. Via cell phone by texting **RELIEF** to **30644** and follow the prompts to chose the dollar amount.
3. Via internet by visiting www.crs.org

Justice for Immigrants: The national Catholic campaign for comprehensive immigration reform, has launched a campaign that calls for comprehensive immigration reform legislation. To take action, please visit [Justice for Immigrants](#)

Catholic Charities Atlanta seeks a full-time Community Liaison & Resource Specialist. Requirements include a Bachelor’s degree in relevant field, demonstrated excellent English verbal and written communication skills, experience working independently and as part of a team, Microsoft Office and internet skills, and reliable transportation. Knowledge of Catholic social teaching, parishes of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Spanish language skills desired. Please submit cover letter and resume via email to cc.archatl@yahoo.com with subject line “Community Liaison and Resource Specialist.” No calls please.

Catholic Charities Atlanta seeks an intern for the 2010-11 Academic Year (September-April). Intern will work on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and is required to attend an orientation in June. Intern will work 12-15 hours per week and is paid at a rate of \$10.00/hour. Requirements include demonstrated excellent English verbal and written communication skills, experience working independently and as part of a team, Microsoft Office and internet skills, and reliable transportation. Intern should have an interest in solidarity building, Catholic social teaching and participation of low income and marginalized people. Please submit cover letter and resume via email to cc.archatl@yahoo.com with subject line “CCHD Intern.” No calls please.

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+ Please Pray for Us +

Some of you may know that my wife, Mary, had cancer ten years ago. In response to quite a bit of pain recently in her hip, Mary has been diagnosed with metastatic bone cancer in several sites in her body. Please pray for a speedy recovery for Mary and for our family.
Your Brother Deacon in Christ, Jerry Korte, Sacred Heart, Hartwell

Deacon Dave Corbett 1953-2010 David C. Corbett, 56, of Newnan, GA, died Monday, May 10, 2010, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born August 10, 1953, in Springfield, MA, to Harold & Shirley Clark Corbett. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and daughter, Eileen Clark Corbett. Dave lived in St. Louis, MO, and Dallas, TX, before making his home in Newnan. He was a devoted member of St. George Catholic Church and was ordained a deacon on February 4, 2006. Memorial contributions can be made to the St. George chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society. He is survived by his wife, Maria Dudenhoeffer Corbett; step-mother, Rosalie Corbett; children, Brian, Timothy, and David; siblings, Carolyn Corbett, Mother Macaria Corbett, Patricia Murray, James Corbett, Theodore Corbett, Mary Katherine Corbett; and step-sisters, Mary Johnson, Sally Sheridan, and Connie Shaw.

Your prayers are requested for the families of passengers on Afriqiyah Airways Flight 8U771 from Johannesburg to Tripoli and then bound for London Gatwick. The plane crashed close to Tripoli Airport with only one known survivor at this time. Please also keep in your prayers the emergency workers attending the crash site and our colleagues in Johannesburg and all other airports who may be ministering to friends and relatives.

And those whom we promised to pray for ... Lord hear our prayers

If you have some one in need of our prayers contact Mark Sholander at msholand@bellsouth.net

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**2010 PRECANA WORKSHOP
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

This workshop is designed for engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church. It is a one-day workshop beginning at 8:45 A.M. and ending at 4:05 P.M. The fee is \$110 per couple (non-refundable).

The following topics are covered during the workshop: communication, marriage sacrament, married sexuality, reconciliation and forgiveness, and married finances.

Couples should register several months before the desired workshop date. All workshops are held at the Catholic Center, 680 West Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. For additional information, please call 404-888-7819, or visit the Family Life Office web page [here](#)

It is important that couples should speak with a priest or deacon at their parish before registering for this workshop.

To register, please complete the registration form from the web site and attach a check or money order made out to the Family Life Office.

Mail the registration form with the check or money order to:

Family Life Office/PreCana
680 West Peachtree Street, NW,
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1984

Forms and dates available by clicking this link or at: <http://www.archatl.com/offices>

Dates for the 2010 African American Marriage Preparation Programs

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Saturday, November 13, 2010

All programs are held at the Lyke House Catholic Student Center at the Atlanta University Center Complex, 809 Beckwith Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314, 9:00am until 5:00p.m. The fee for the program is \$110.00 per couple. Registration for the program is handled by the Office of Formation and Discipleship. Please contact Lynn Crutchfield at **404/885-7450**.

The program is for engaged couples and couples contemplating marriage.

The programs are presented by Deacon Fred Sambrone and Mrs. Connie Sambrone.

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Best "out of office" email responses

1. I am currently out of the office at a job interview and will reply to you if I fail to get the position.
2. I will be unable to delete all the emails you send me until I return from vacation. Please be patient, and your mail will be deleted in the order it was received.
3. Thank you for your email. Your credit card has been charged \$5.99 for the first 10 words and \$1.99 for each additional word in your message.
4. The email server is unable to verify your server connection. Your message has not been delivered. Please restart your computer and try sending again.
(The beauty of this is that when you return, you can see who did this over and over and over...)
5. Thank you for your message, which has been added to a queuing system. You are currently in 352nd place, and can expect to receive a reply in approximately 19 weeks.
6. Hi, I'm thinking about what you've just sent me. Please wait by your PC for my response.
7. I've run away to join a different circus.

If you have a favorite anecdote, please pass it along to Deacon Dennis at ddorner@archatl.com

Essential Dates

DEACON CONFERENCES WITH ARCHBISHOP GREGORY

Do you have something you would like to discuss with the Archbishop?

These meetings require no appointment. The Archbishop will meet with deacons on a first come, first serve basis on the following dates at the Chancery:

6/24/10 11:00 – 1:00 PM

9/13/10 12:00 – 2:00 PM

12/6/10 12:00 – 2:00 PM

The **Seminarian Barbeque** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 28, 2010**. Mass is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. with the barbeque following.

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THE BEACON MAY 17, 2010

Your Support is Necessary for Our Success

Dear Brothers- in-Christ:

I am pleased to inform you that my wife Gloria, and I plan to be part of this year's Mary Our Queen Catholic Church's Mission to Honduras. We are going with 29 parishioners to Comayagua, Honduras to assist the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in their work with the poor. Their website will give you an idea of what they do at www.cfrhonduras.com . The trip is scheduled for June 21-28, 2010.

The people whom we will serve have literally nothing. They are the poorest of the poor. We will be working with the materially poor in doing work projects as well as sharing our faith through doing "Adventures in Faith" programs with the children.

I am asking you to support us and the other missionaries in two ways. The first is through your prayers. Please pray for us while we are on the trip that our hearts be open to serving God, and to pray for the people of Comayagua. Secondly, as missionaries, we are not permitted to pay our own travel expenses, so I am asking for your financial support to cover the cost of travel, materials and supplies. Thank you for considering making this tax-deductible contribution that will help make this mission trip to Honduras possible.

If you would like to contribute to our mission team financially please write a check to [Mary Our Queen](#). In the memo space please write: "[Honduras Mission- Deacon Bill](#)" so that your contribution gets credited toward our goal. I will not know how much money you have contributed, just that you have. Please mail the check to [Mary Our Queen, Attention: Honduras Mission Trip, 6260 The Corners Parkway, Norcross, GA 30092](#).

We will be praying for you and all our benefactors each day, while we are in Honduras. If you would like to be included in our daily up-dates from Honduras, please send me your preferred email address or you can sign up for our blog by clicking on [Mary Our Queen 2009 Honduras Mission](#) .

Thanking you for your prayers and generous financial support,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Deacon Bill McKenzie
Mary our Queen Catholic Church
6260 The Corners Parkway
Norcross, GA 30092
770-416-0002

Dear Deacon Dennis,

I am starting Spirit and Truth in July at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta. Spirit and Truth is a young adult ministry that focus's on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Spirit & Truth is a Catholic ministry, whose mission is "to bring young adults into relationship with Christ through worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, study of church teachings and sacred scripture and celebrations of Catholic traditions, while forming a community of life-giving relationships." Young Adults meet for Eucharistic Adoration and fellowship afterwards at a local restaurant. The website for this group is: <http://www.sandt.org/>

I am trying to find 1 or 2 deacons to expose the Blessed Sacrament for the Group. This group meets on the **1st and 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm**. I would need a deacon to expose the Blessed Sacrament at **7:35 pm - 8:05 pm**. I have asked the deacons at the Cathedral and received no response.

Can you help me?

Blessings,
Anne Hennessy
Elementary RE Coordinator
Catholic Church of Saint Monica
(678) 584-9947

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Airport Chaplains

The Atlanta Airport, the busiest airport in the world, is in need of Catholic Chaplains. Do you have a few hours a month to spend helping out the lost or wondering?

For more information on Airport Chaplains in the US

<http://www.nccac.us/news.htm>

For more information on volunteering your time in ATL contact Deacon Don Kelsey at deacon@mindspring.com

Sacred Heart Church in downtown Atlanta currently employs Deacon Marino Gonzales in their Hispanic Ministry Office. Due to some budget concerns the parish is going to have to make Deacon Marino's position part time.

Sacred Heart and the Archdiocesan HR office are inquiring if any other parish has need of the services of a part time employee who speaks both Spanish and English and has experience in Hispanic Ministry.

As many of you may know, Deacon Marino's wife, Juliana, is battling cancer at this time. As you can imagine health benefits are vital to their family.

If two parishes could share his talents he could likely continue with full time employment status and keep his benefits.

Contact Deacon Dennis if you can help at ddorner@archatl.com

This is a document from the USCCB on "Questions and Answers Regarding the Canonical Process for the Resolution of Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons". Here is a link to the document:

<http://www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-094.shtml>

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