



Deacon News

Diocese of Davenport

Summer 2012

From the Diaconate Office

Deacon David Montgomery, Director of the Diaconate

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, before I formed you in the womb I knew you

Jeremiah 1:4

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It's hot! I hope you are coping well with the heat. Saint Agricola of Avignon, and Saint Heribert of Cologne pray for us!

The Summer Study Day was scheduled for June 16 this year, a move from the fourth to the third weekend of June due to the ordination of Deacon Corey Close to the presbyterate. Unfortunately, this move placed the study day on Father's Day weekend. The regular schedule will resume for 2013 and following years with the study day on the fourth weekend of June.

The annual fall Deacon and Wives Retreat will be held October 26-28 at the Lodge in Bettendorf. Br. Cyril Drnjevic and the Earthen Vessels team from Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon, will be presenting the *Earthen Vessels Marriage Retreat for Diaconate Couples*. Deacon candidate couples from Class VI are also invited to attend. Deacon aspirant couples from Class VII will be attending as part of their formation. Earthen Vessels brings marriage and ordination together in one retreat experience. Due to the format of the retreat, attendance is limited to couples. A retreat led by Fr. Marty Goetz is being planned for the spring of 2013 for all deacon couples, deacon widowers, widows of deacons and deacon candidates. An agenda and registration form for the

fall retreat is included in this newsletter. You will also be receiving some additional information in the mail.

The annual fall Deacon Council meeting will be held following the fall retreat at the Lodge beginning at 1pm.

Pope Benedict XVI will open the **Year of Faith on October 11, 2012**, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, **and will end on November 24, 2013, the feast of Christ the King**. This sacred time will provide Catholics the opportunity to celebrate, deepen and share the spiritual richness of their Catholic faith. On this page you will find resources for observing and celebrating this year in communion with the Church throughout the world.

www.davenportdiocese.org/yearoffaith.htm

Since the Year of Faith announced by the Holy Father should emphasize the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism, Bishop Amos has asked that the diocese provide retreats, gatherings and formation on these topics.

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Important Dates

Deacons and Wives Annual Fall Retreat

Earthen Vessels:
Marriage Retreat
October 26-28 2012
The Lodge, Bettendorf
(including candidate and
aspirant couples)

SS. Stephen & Phoebe Deacon Council Meeting

October 28, 1pm
Following the fall retreat

November Clergy Days

November 5-6, 2012
Clarion Inn/Highlander
Iowa City

Priest Ordination

Deacon Steve Witt
December 15, 2012
10:00am
Sacred Heart Cathedral

Invitation from Serra Club

Deacons: You are cordially
invited to attend the Serra
Club's Annual "Summer
Gathering" In appreciation
for the ministry and service
of the Clergy, Religious and
Seminarians in the Diocese of

Davenport on Sunday,
August 12, 2012. Social:
4:00 p.m. Dinner: 5:00 p.m.
at the Knights of Columbus
Hall, 1111 West 35th St.,
Davenport. Clergy,
Religious, Seminarians:
Gratis

Please RSVP (only if you
plan to attend) by Tuesday,
August 7 to John Stratman,
563-332-0448.

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With this in mind, Deacon William Ditewig, Ph.D. has been invited as our retreat master for the fall 2013 Deacon and Wives Retreat on Vatican II. Deacon Ditewig is currently serving as the Director of Faith Formation, Diaconate and Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Monterey, CA. He is the author of several books on the diaconate including *The Deacon at Mass: A Theological and Pastoral Guide*, *Forming Deacons: Ministers of Soul and Leaven*, *The Emerging Diaconate: Servant Leaders in a Servant Church* and *101 Questions and Answers on Deacons*. Deacon Bill was the Director of Pastoral Services and Ministry Formation for the Diocese of Davenport from 1997 to 2000. Additional information about the 2013 fall retreat will be available next year.

Deacon Formation

Deacon Frank Agnoli

Class VI



Congratulations to the following candidates who were installed as Acolytes on July 8th by Bishop Amos at Holy Family Parish, Ft. Madison:

Mark Comer (Susan), St. Joseph, DeWitt
Derick Cranston (Kim), Holy Trinity, Richmond
Bob Glaser (LuAnn), SS. John & Paul, Burlington
Mitch Holte (Sally), St. Mary, Solon
Dan Huber (Rachel), Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport
Ed Kamerick (Jane), St. Patrick, Melrose
David Krob (Cheryl), St. Mary, Solon
Dennis McDonald (Linda), SS. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine
John Osborne (Sherry), St. Mary, Grinnell
David Sallen (Sheila), Holy Family, Ft. Madison
Bob Shaw (Laura), St. Paul the Apostle, Davenport
John Wagner (Cheryl), Our Lady of Victory, Davenport

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Congratulations to the following aspirants have been accepted into discernment and formation for the diaconate:

Terry Ball (Mona), St. Joseph, Hills, Jim Barber (Chris), Holy Family, Davenport, Steve Barton (Rosie), St. Paul, Davenport, Thomas Fennelly (Lisa), St. Paul, Davenport, Kent Ferris (Lori), SS. Mary & Mathias, Muscatine Dan Freeman (Judy), St. Andrew, Blue Grass, Rob Garber (Gena), Sacred Heart, Newton, Tom Hardie (Mary), St. Anthony, Knoxville, John Jacobsen (Tracy), St. Paul, Davenport, Chris Kabat (Julie), St. Wenceslaus, Iowa City, Karl Lantzky (Kathy), St. Paul, Davenport, Joe Rohret (Tammy), St. Peter, Cosgrove, Mike Snyder (Patty), Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf, Lowell Van Wyk (Denise), St. Mary, Pella, Joseph Welter (Katie), Newman Center, Iowa City

Deacon Profile: Al Boboth



Spouse:

Sue

Children:

Patty, Cindy, Paul and Elaine

Ordination:

June 8, 2002

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Davenport, Iowa

Occupation:

Retired Electrical Designer

Why did I become a Deacon:

My wife and I were active members of our parish and involved in many ministries. Over thirty years ago my Pastor suggested that I think about entering the Diaconate Program in the future. I had time to think about it over the years and received encouragement from several other people.

When applications for Deacon Class V were being taken my wife and I concluded it was time for me to try. I felt called but if I was not accepted I would know for sure that the calling was not there in the first place.

Parish Ministry:

Our Lady of Victory

Serve at Mass, prepare and deliver homilies, perform Baptisms. Attend parish meetings, including Pastoral Council, Vocations, Stewardship and Liturgy. I help train Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, conduct Baptism classes, provide intercessions for the Sunday Liturgies, preside at Holy Hours and schedule Extraordinary Ministers to the homebound.

Ministry outside the Parish:

Serve at Mass at Ridgecrest and Silvercrest Assisted Living, conduct a weekly Communion Service at Silvercrest, help deliver food to Sacred Heart Food Pantry, Diaconate Office Volunteer and Deacon Class VI Mentor.

Challenges:

The ones that come up unexpectedly and seem to be outside of my abilities!

Favorite Scripture Passage:

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to all the nations."

This passage is a good reminder for me that the unexpected challenges are do-able. God knows me and what I am capable of doing.

Deacons & Wives Retreat-at The Lodge in Bettendorf**October 26-28, 2012****Earthen Vessels Marriage Retreat for Diaconate Couples****Br. Cyril Drnjevic and Team from Mount Angel Abbey**

*For deacon couples, deacon candidate couples &
deacon aspirant couples*

For the first 5 years (2000-2005) Earthen Vessels focused on retreats for priests. For the next 5 years (2006-2010) Earthen Vessels focused on retreats for married couples, especially for married couples who minister to other married couples.

Now Earthen Vessels brings together ordination and marriage and focuses on retreats for diaconate couples. So far as the Earthen Vessels Team knows, it presents the only retreat experience in America which brings marriage and ordination together in one retreat experience. Please refer to the enclosed brochure for more information.

Note: Sessions will take place in the Garmisch Rooms in the basement by the restaurant unless otherwise indicated.

Friday, October 26, 2012

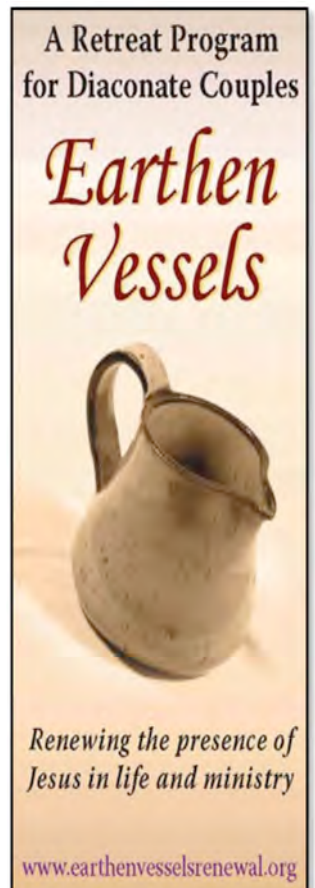
5:30 pm	Arrival, registration, check-in—hotel lobby – dinner on your own
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer
7:30 pm	Pascal Mystery & Palm Sunday Talk
9:00 pm	Night Prayer
	Following night prayer, optional social time in the hospitality room

Saturday, October 27, 2012

8:00 am	Morning Prayer followed by breakfast
9:00 am	Earthen Vessels Reflection Process Talk
10:15 am	Holy Thursday Talk
11:15 am	Mass
Noon	Lunch – upstairs
2:00 pm	Good Friday Talk
4:45 pm	Easter Talk
6:00 pm	Dinner
6:45 pm	Evening Prayer
7:00 pm	Evening Presentation
8:30 pm	Optional social time in the hospitality room

Sunday, October 28, 2012

8:00 am	Morning Prayer followed by light breakfast
9:00 am	Mass with Bishop Martin Amos
10:00 am	Check out of hotel rooms
10:45 am	Pentecost Talk
12:15 pm	Sunday Brunch – upstairs
1:00 pm	Deacon Council Meeting — upstairs



Registration – Due Friday, September 28, 2012 (same cost as in 2008)

Please check the appropriate registration choice listed above.

Deacon couple at hotel \$375.00 Deacon couple at home \$250.00

Please have your parish send a check made out to the Diocese of Davenport & mail it with this form to:
Office of the Diaconate

Diocese of Davenport
780 W Central Park Ave
Davenport, IA 52804-1901

Deacon & Spouse:

Any special needs? _____

Saturday Dinner Menu Choices (indicate # of meals):

(number) ____ Orange roughy w/ lemon butter, rice pilaf, German style green beans

(number) ____ Chicken saltimbocca (boneless chicken breast stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese) with a white wine and lemon butter sauce, oven roasted potatoes

Both meals include house salad w/ dressing, breads, rolls, coffee, tea or milk and rainbow sherbet for dessert.

Please bring your breviaries for the Liturgy of the Hours.

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