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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Deacon Mike Chmielewski

In our April issue, I wrote as we were entering the major restrictions of the pandemic. Most significantly, we were entering Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum unable to have public services. Our Holy

Week liturgical ministries were limited to assisting in private live-stream services or just watching on television.

Our diaconal ministries have been limited over the last four months. Liturgically, we went from no services to many now serving at the altar every weekend at every service in our Catholic Comeback. Funerals, weddings and baptisms have all been impacted by attendee limitations, postponements and even cancellations. Our catechetical ministries are either on hold or significantly altered. Gatherings for RCIA, Bible study, Baptism preparation, Confirmation, and even Marriage preparation are halted or adjusted for video presentations.

Most importantly, for many of us, our service in charity and justice has been nearly halted. Visits, services and outreach to nursing homes, hospitals, jails, shelters, food programs, the homebound and so forth are severely restricted. Many of our faithful in special spiritual and physical need are now more isolated and lost.

The last four months have been painful for many of us in more ways than we can even imagine. Now we add the renewed call for racial justice in our country through the Black Lives Matter effort; and some might not see an end to the pain, sadness and challenge.

Our baptismal call to be disciples and our vocational call to be servants requires us to continue reaching out—SAFELY—in any way we can. Our commitment to love God and our promise to love one another will empower us to help transform our world.

We know that the issue of racial injustice in our communities and our nation has always been of great concern. However, the murder of George Floyd has turned a very bright light onto the problem, which cannot be ignored. Our presence at public rallies and demonstrations may not be safe at this time but we still need to be a voice for our brothers and sisters of color.

The voice needs to be well-formed and informed before we speak, especially from the ambo. Every major Catholic publication has been offering articles and commentaries on this very important topic. Fr. Bryan Massingale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and our Deacon Day presenter of 2016, was the focus of a Catholic Herald interview (June 25, 2020) and the author of an extended commentary in the National Catholic Reporter (June 12-25, 2020). Fr. Massingale is also the author of the book *Racial Justice in the Catholic Church*.

Active ministry needs to be formed well. Perhaps at this time of restrictions on personal contact, we can take the time to be formed and informed. Our voice can be and should be important. Let us make sure our voice speaks clearly and is well-founded on the Gospel and Church teaching.

Blessings and prayers to all! Stay Well! Be Safe!

Deacon Mike Chmielewski

WELCOMING THE NEW ASPIRANT CLASS OF 2020 AND BEYOND



**Deacon Dale
Nees**

The efforts of the last two years of promoting vocations to the diaconate have come to a climax following our application period. As you already know, for all the right reasons, the process is very involved. Manuel, Charmaine, and I, as the Formation Leadership Team, are extremely grateful for all the assistance we received from the Deacon Community, Chancery, Tribunal, Psychologist, Pastors and the Committee on

Admissions and Scrutiny to arrive at the point when Archbishop ListECKI could make his final selections. We all had to adapt in a variety of ways to complete the application requirements in a way that would comply with the constraints of Covid-19. So, you can imagine how very pleasing it is to report that we will have 18 new aspirants that will begin in September 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a bit about them.

- Not surprisingly, 94% of the men (17) are married, one man is single.
- We are relishing a bit more diversity in both the age and the race/ethnicity of our men:
 - Two are younger than 40 years old. Another five are between 40 and 51 years old. Most of the men (9) are between 50 and 61 years old, representing half of the class. Two are older than 61 years old. Overall, this represents about a 2.5% decrease in the average age to 51 years old.
 - While 13 of the aspirants are Caucasian, there are three who are Hispanic, one African American, and one Asian. This is an increased percentage in Hispanics and African Americans overall.
- We also have more wide-spread representation across the archdiocese:

- Five of our aspirant class live somewhere in the Milwaukee area; two live in Racine; one aspirant lives in each of the following locations – Brookfield, Franklin, Fond du Lac, Hartland, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Oak Creek, Pewaukee, Sheboygan, West Allis and Waukesha.

It is heartening to see some traction toward our efforts to nurture a more diverse diaconate. We continue to strive toward a more proportionate representation of the people we serve in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Now that I have shared a little bit about our new aspirants, I think it would be appropriate to give a brief update on how formation has been faring during the pandemic. In my last article, I related how we had planned to use Zoom to facilitate our third trimester. I can safely say we have learned a great deal about using Zoom. We would not have been able to effectively navigate the last trimester without this electronic lifeboat. It is certainly true that everyone misses the ability to be together in person. That said, things generally went very well. We have a lot more to learn about how to utilize Zoom to our full advantage, but we already discovered some valuable features that will be important going forward. I suppose the proverb still rings true that “Necessity is the mother of invention.” While I see us continuing to use Zoom to manage distance learning, as well as severe weather situations, we hope that we will be able to be together again as soon as we can safely do so.

Despite the challenges of social distancing, the candidates managed to finish their marital faculty practicum. We are delighted that these four men are anticipated to be ordained in September: Rob Mitchell (Julie), Kurt Peot, Peter Rebholz (Julie), and John Shaughnessy (Bev). As you might guess, ordination planning has taken on a whole new meaning!

Deacon Dale T. Nees

THIS NEVER ENDS: CONTINUING FORMATION OF DEACONS



**Manuel
Maldonado-
Villalobos**

As you may know, I am in formation for the permanent diaconate, and if it is God's will, I will become an ordained servant. I am looking forward to serving the Church as a deacon. For years, I have been responsible for the formation of future deacons; now, I am the one that is being formed; from formator to student. Now, I have lived the importance and joy of formation and preparation for this ordained ministry. Yes, I have also experienced stress and long readings.

Some will laugh with me now... Yes, it could be said that I have also experienced suffering.

It is important to highlight the formative part of being a deacon. As human beings, we know that nothing can be done if there is no preparation. Professions, vocations, etc., have comprehensive and necessary preparation or studies to carry out their work. Much of them also require continued studies to maintain up-to-date knowledge and practices. The same goes for the ministry of the clergy. As deacons, we cannot say, “I finished my formation program, I need no more.” This

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is because formation is important not only in the time of preparation for the diaconate, but also after ordination. For a deacon, continuing formation must be a vital and essential part of his ministry. The *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* asks all formation programs to provide a three-year post-ordination plan because as we become deacons for life, formation is also a lifelong process and we need to remember that. The Directory states:

The continuing formation of deacons is a human necessity which must be seen in continuity with the divine call to serve the Church in the ministry and with the initial formation given to deacons, to the extent that these are considered two initial moments in a single, living, process of Christian and diaconal life. (227) Indeed, “those who are ordained to the diaconate are obliged to ongoing doctrinal formation which perfects and completes what they received prior to ordination”, (228) so that, by a periodic renewal of the “I am” pronounced by deacons at their ordination, the vocation “to” the diaconate continues and finds expression as vocation “in” the diaconate. On the part of both the Church which provides ongoing formation and of deacons who are its recipients, such formation should be regarded as a mutual obligation and duty arising from the nature of the vocational commitment which

has been assumed. (# 63, Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons, USCCB, 1998)

In light of this need for continued formation for permanent deacons, our “*Continuing Education Offerings for Ordained Deacons and Wives*” program is open to our deacons and their wives. This is not something new. It has been in place since we developed the new model. At that time, Dcn. John Ebel and the previous Formation Committee understood the importance to open the new model to the permanent deacons’ family to study more, refresh their knowledge or simply get the studies needed to receive their faculties for preaching and witnessing marriages. This is in addition to the “*Continuing Formation for Clergy*” offered by the archdiocese. We’ve had two or three deacons so far that have taken advantage of these offerings.

You can attend the class as an auditor or as a student. If you need to refresh your knowledge, you would be an auditor, so you would have minimal costs, just the texts and materials of the class. If you need faculties (preaching – marriage) or need hours to later enter a university program, then you would be a student and would pay for the tuition, texts and materials for the class. Tuition can be paid using the continuing education fund.

The more prepared we are, the more we can become evangelizers, sanctifiers and witnesses in today’s Church and society. For more information about these opportunities, please contact our office and we will be happy to assist you.

Manuel Maldonado-Villalobos

DEACONS ON OUR KNEES

I felt a belly-drop a couple of months ago when I read the archdiocesan criteria for suspending liturgical participation (absent special permission) by deacons deemed to be at high risk of contracting COVID-19: age, heart condition or lung condition. I was three-for-three. Combined with the suspension of Eucharistic home visits, this seemed, at least temporarily, almost to eliminate the “ministry” part of diaconal ministry. I chafed under these restrictions during the couple of weeks that I needed to get medical clearance, and I know that many older deacons were hit much harder than I was and could not avoid feeling angry or even bitter. It made for an interesting run-up to the beginning of my term as president of the Deacon Senate.

Then, probably with a nudge from the Holy Spirit, I thought of Sands of Iwo

Jima, one of the great World War II movies. John Wayne plays the hard-as-nails Sergeant Stryker, a career Marine charged with whipping a platoon of draftees into fighting shape and then leading them in Pacific Theater combat. At one point, a wounded American soldier between the lines calls for help. A headstrong college boy jumps up to run to his aid. By way of reminding the private to keep his head down, Sergeant Stryker briskly trips him and snarls, “You can be a hero on your belly!”

In the provisional limitations that it imposed on deacons in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee proceeded much more politely than Sergeant Stryker, but it made the same basic point. Irksome as they were and are,

the limitations reflected the Holy Spirit’s gift of prudence, and they gave deacons a chance live out fully our vow of obedience – a vow not just to do what our superiors tell us to but to have faith that, even when we disagree with them or think they go too far, those instructions are right.

If large chunks of diaconal ministry have been temporarily removed for many of us, critically important elements remain. We can deepen our faith and prepare for eventual return to the liturgy by greater and more intense reading, reflection, the study of Scripture, and above all prayer: the rosary, the Office, and simple conversations with God. We can be deacons on our knees.

Deacon Mike Bowen (’12)

KNOW OUR DEACON

On February 27, I had the pleasure of visiting with Deacon Howard Wirtz ('92) and his wife Faith in their Racine senior living apartment. Howard was born and raised in Racine, married Faith in 1958, and they have five children. Howard's employment with Eaton Corp. moved him and his family to Minneapolis in the early 1970s. Howard was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1992 for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul. He served at Pax Christi Parish in Eden Prairie and also served as chaplain at St. Joseph Home for Children in Minneapolis.

In 1998, Howard and his family returned "home" to Racine after he retired from his secular employment. Upon his return to Racine, now as Deacon Howard, he eventually entered into covenanted service at St. Richard Parish in Racine. In addition to serving at St. Richard, he was also covenanted with St. Mary's Hospital serving



Deacon Howard Wirtz ('92) and his wife Faith.

as a chaplain for the hospital Cancer Center. He also served as a chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus Council. Additionally, he volunteered at Prospect Heights Community Center serving people with mental illness. Howard was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 2002. Howard retired from covenanted diaconal service in June 2010. He has continued to be an active presence, when possible, in many of the communities where he served as a deacon.

Howard and Faith continue to maintain close contact with their children and their eight grandchildren. At times, Howard and Faith feel a bit isolated from the diaconal community as they are not part of a Milwaukee ordination class. They are, however, very appreciative of the communications they receive from the Deacon Services Office as well as the contacts from some of the Racine deacons.

Thank you Howard and Faith for all your service to God's people!

DEACON SENATE

The Deacon Senate met on May 20, 2020, via Zoom. In attendance: Dcns. Wiese, Bowen, Nees, Campbell, Starke, Petro, Copson, Schneider, Paczkowski, Chmielewski. Chmielewski opened the meeting with prayer and then the March 18, 2020 minutes were approved.

Scott Campbell followed with the financial report. A current balance of \$5100 remains in the Council account with no major expenditures expected for the remainder of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020) or even the remainder of the calendar year in light of the pandemic cancelations. Scott will put together a projected budget for 2020-21 and present it to the Senate at our July meeting.

Dale Nees followed with a comprehensive Formation Report. Seventeen candidates continue in formation, four for 2020, one for 2021, and 16 for 2022. There are continuing efforts on the development of new Deacon Formation brochures and updating the web site. The pandemic has presented challenges for the current application process for the Aspirancy class starting in September 2020. There are currently 20 applicants scheduled for review by COAS in June with final recommendations sent to Archbishop ListECKI by the end of June. Plans are also moving on ordination in September with a rehearsal set for Saturday, September 5, (Senate hosting the luncheon) and ordination set for September 12, at 10 a.m. The exact size of the ordination assembly is yet to be determined. It is important to note that multiple diocesan programs have halted their application, formation classes, and ordinations due to the virus. Dcn. Nees and Manuel are to be commended for

his creativity and ingenuity in keeping the formation plans and activities moving ahead with barely a hesitation.

As for District reports, districts did not formally meet. There were email communications exchanged and some phone conferences. Jeff Copson indicated that 4/5/12 was in discussion about Memorial Mass scheduled for October 18 at Good Shepherd in the Falls. Jim Starke indicated that 6/10/13 were now planning Deacon Day 2021 following the decision to cancel DD 2020. Greg Petro, 1/2/3, announced that Doug Gundlach would step in as district rep in June of 2021. Next meeting the group will review the Memorial Mass and Deacon Day long term assignments and make needed adjustments.

The group had further discussions on multiple topics. The Senate confirmed the cancelation of the 2020 Deacon Day and moving the 2020 plans to 2021. There was extended discussion regarding weddings outside of a church. Multiple positive experiences were reported but questions on vesting protocol and where the marriage would be registered still exist. The deacon trip to the Dominican Republic set for September will be postponed. There was also extended discussion about the Catholic Comeback and parish plans for opening up for weekend Masses.

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020. We rarely have a July meeting but with everything going on we thought a meeting was in order. Also, the plan for another Zoom meeting makes travel a non-issue.

Deacon Mike Chmielewski

IT'S ABOUT THE JOURNEY

When our son was born in January 1989, my wife and I were filled with hope for his future. The Cold War was ending, the Berlin Wall – that tangible sign of division – came down by the end of the year. Maybe now the world will find some peace. Maybe now the global powers can shift massive amounts of military spending toward solving poverty and world hunger and matters of peace and justice in our communities and between peoples. We didn't get there.

The day our daughter was born in April 1992, my wife and I sat in the hospital room and watched the news reports as riots engulfed Los Angeles. A jury acquittal of police officers involved in the video-taped and widely-publicized beating of Rodney King had just taken place. But what about Martin Luther King, Jr...the Civil Rights Act...hadn't we figured this out? Hadn't we solved these issues?

A few weeks ago, the topic of the most recent racial tensions came up during a video-conference meeting of business associates. One of my colleagues said, "I don't know what the big deal is and why they're making George Floyd into a martyr. He wasn't the greatest person in the world." I sat stunned. Finally, I said, rather meekly, "But he didn't deserve to die." In uncomfortable silence, we moved on.

Jesus took his disciples to Caesarea Philippi, about 25 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. It was a bustling place, a center of Roman, Greek and pagan life. He made them pause and consider two questions: "Who do the crowds say that I am?" And, "Who do you say that I am?" These are "mission statement" questions. Who are you following? Why are you here with me? Do you know where I am leading you?

Peter, of course, responded, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus called Peter the Rock upon which he would

build his Church. But, as we know, Peter didn't have it all figured out. Jesus continues his discussion and talks about the suffering, persecution, injustice, and death that comes with being the Christ; a path that often looms in front of those who follow him. Peter doesn't like that destination. Like my hopefulness at the fall of the Berlin Wall, Peter thought that was it! Finally, the Messiah has come and all will be well. And Jesus sets him straight: "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Trust that I am the Christ, and follow me.

Jesus doesn't expect us to have it all figured out. He knows that's not even possible. Jesus expects us to listen to him, learn from him, and follow him. It is about the journey.

I haven't yet figured out where this life is going. I hope to spend eternity with God in heaven and enjoy peace with all my loved ones. There are signposts and guides, but no road maps, no certainty of GPS mapping. I'm learning that we will not achieve world peace, feed all the hungry, and solve these deep divisions in my lifetime. Yet, we must move forward, listen to the Holy Spirit, and keep moving forward. This is something I'm learning as I complete my eighth year as a deacon and wrap up my two-year term as your president. We must not stop moving forward.

Whether we're taking two steps forward and one step back, or one step forward and two steps back, Christ is with us. Christ is there leading us forward, and Christ is there with us when we fall back. Whether it's our response to the current pandemic, our response to systemic racism in our hearts and our communities, or our response to the joyful and hurting people in front of us, we do well to remember and trust who it is we follow. Trust Christ to get you where he needs you to be.

Dr. Scott Wiese ('12)

REST IN PEACE

Deacon Dennis Ference died on May 1, 2020. Dennis was born on December 14, 1943, in Chicago. He attended St. Mel High School in Chicago for two years and transferred to St. Vladimir Seminary (Ukrainian Catholic) in Robin, Canada where he graduated in 1961. He spent some time at the Redemptorist Seminary Formation in both Canada and Oconomowoc. He discerned out of the seminary in 1966 and later earned both a BA and an MSW at UW-Milwaukee in 1970.

Dennis married the love of his life, Ruth, on February 1, 1969, at St. Theresa Parish in Milwaukee. They have two children, Dan and Lisa, as well as three grandchildren.

Dennis began his diaconate formation in 1988 at St. Francis Seminary. He was ordained a Permanent Deacon on April 28, 1990, at Mater Christi Chapel by Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. Dennis was first covenanted at St. Helen Parish in Milwaukee where he was also employed as a pastoral associate and the Director of Liturgy and Music.

Dennis's true passion was the care and service of the elderly,

especially those in longterm care. In 1997, Dennis completed his studies as a chaplain and was certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. During his studies, Dennis was employed as the Director of Pastoral Care at St. Mary's Nursing Home in Milwaukee. He later moved into a similar position at Linden Grove in New Berlin, from where he retired in 2009.

Early in his diaconate ministry, Dennis struggled with his parish covenant commitment, his employment in parish ministry, his eventual ministry and employment at St. Mary's, his chaplaincy training program, and his family responsibilities. After a one-year covenant at Mother of Good Counsel Parish, Milwaukee (98-99), Dennis made the difficult decision to retire from covenanted parish ministry. He continued to be employed and minister in longterm care facilities. He also wrote for and gave presentations for Liguori Publications in Milwaukee and Chicago on topics related to spirituality for the elderly.

Per Dennis's wishes, there were no formal funeral services. May he rest in peace.

MY EXPERIENCE AT CSMG 2020

A few years ago, an Augustinian friend of mine recounted his experience of attending the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) in Washington D.C. He told me it was a great event and he enthusiastically recommended that I attend it in the future. Being newly retired, I reasoned that now I had the time and so I decided to attend it this year. It was held January, 25 – 28, 2020. I was able to pay for it out of my continuing formation account.

I was relieved that the weather cooperated at the time of my departure and there were no air travel delays in Chicago or Washington D.C. We Midwesterners know how difficult travel can be in January! The hotel where CSMG took place was close to the airport which made the last leg of the trip easy enough. The hotel accommodations were great, although somewhat expensive.

This was the first time I attended a national Catholic event like this. I learned that CSMG has been going on for over 30 years. Its purpose is to offer opportunities to engage in intellectual, spiritual, and professional leadership development and formation to further strengthen parishes, dioceses and communities across the U.S. It was inspiring to see over 600 highly motivated, diverse, and joyful Catholics coming together to make our nation and our world a better place for the vulnerable and disenfranchised communities.

This year's theme was *Bearing Witness: Life and Justice for All*. The Keynote Presentation which opened the gathering was given by Cardinal Blase Joseph Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago and was entitled "Our Call to Holiness: Life and Justice for All." One of the things Cardinal Cupich said which stayed with me was that it is within our relationship to one another as a human community that we are saved, i.e., we are saved as a community – as a people, and that our relationships with each other are an essential part of Church,

the very essence of being Church, not just something added to it. I had the privilege of assisting Cardinal Cupich, along with a deacon from Louisiana, at the vigil Mass that evening.

There were dozens of presentations, receptions, workshops, panel discussions, and training which took place over the 4 days of the gathering. There were also many Catholic organizations providing information on their ministries in the exhibit hall. I attended panel discussions on building bridges in a time of polarization and disunity, on transforming communities with restorative justice, and on influencing policies that affect vulnerable people. I was impressed with the level of expertise, experience and accomplishments of many that were on these panels. I also attended workshops on migration-based advocacy, on applying Frederic Ozanam's work to social ministry today, the "plague" of gun violence, and new approaches in international assistance. Some of these workshops were very good and some were not. There were many other workshops on a variety of other topics going on simultaneously with the ones I attended. In some cases, it was difficult to choose one workshop within a given time slot because several seemed interesting and relevant.

The last day of the gathering was reserved for advocacy visits on Capitol Hill. I attended several training workshops to prepare for these visits. Our own Rob Shelledy, Director of the Office for the Dignity of the Human Person and Coordinator of Social Justice Ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, was the state captain for Wisconsin. Rob did a great job of organizing our group to visit the Wisconsin senators and representatives. Our group was primarily comprised of women students from Alverno College and Viterbo University. I don't know how Rob did everything because I know he was involved in many

other activities for the archdiocese during the time he was there.

The issues that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) staff prepared us to advocate for were: supporting universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders (a.k.a. "red flag" laws) to minimize gun-related homicides and suicides, to support the extension of the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) between Russia and the U.S. as a prudent step towards nuclear disarmament, to support funding and resist budget cuts to domestic and international development and humanitarian programs, and to protect the "Dreamers" and to provide them a path to citizenship. These issues were chosen due to their bi-partisan support, timing, and having the best chance of becoming law at this time amongst all the many issues the Church is concerned about. Our group was only able to see the staff of Senator Johnson and Senator Baldwin. Similarly, I was only able to see the staff of Rep. Steil from my congressional district. All of the Capitol Hill meetings I attended were respectful, friendly, and were overall positive experiences. We all came to these meetings united as Catholics and representing the Church, not as individual Republicans or Democrats.

My lasting impression of CSMG was one of hope for the future. Meeting many new and interesting people was an important aspect of this event. I met many young and energized people who are dedicated to changing our communities, our nation and our world for the better. We all came to work for the common good, to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and to do our part in building it.

CSMG 2021 will take place in Arlington, Virginia beginning Saturday, February 6, 2021, and will go through Tuesday, February 9, 2021. I encourage anyone who is involved with social ministry to attend.

Dr. Greg Petro ('12)

Prayer Requests

Deacon Chuck Schneider ('14)	Deacon Steve Hayes ('04) and wife Karen
Deacon John Fritsch ('14)	Kathy Marx, wife of Dcn. Keith ('07)
Deacon Leon Zalewski ('83) and wife Joan	Deacon Jim Smallhoover ('02)
Deacon Richard Hiller ('75)	Mary Kilkenny, wife of Dcn. Phil ('07)
Jeri Petro, wife of Dcn. Greg ('12)	Deacon Wilson Shierk ('96)
Deacon Dave Pollak ('96)	
Deacon Dan Zozakiewicz ('94)	
Deacon Dick Govek ('92) and wife Dorothy	RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES
Deacon Don Lydolph ('81) and wife Jane	Catherine LaPointe, wife of Dcn. Pat ('14), March 29, 2020
Deacon Sy Regan ('75)	Suzanne Weber, wife of the late Dcn. Ed ('81), April 3, 2020
Zachary Savin, grandson of Dcn. Wenzler ('94)	Lois Wehmeyer, mother in law of Dcn. Wiese ('12), April 8, 2020
Russ Zimprich, son of Dcn. David ('84)	Deacon Dennis Ference ('90), May 1, 2020
Deacon Pat LaPointe ('14) and family	DIGNITY BURIALS
Sarah, granddaughter of Eva Libecki (widow of Dcn. John '78)	Michael K. Gross, April 9, 2020
	Ramon Castro, June 2, 2020



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5, 2020

Ordination Rehearsal Luncheon
11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Atrium

September 12, 2020

ORDINATION: CLASS OF 2020
10 a.m. at the Cathedral

October 18, 2020

Memorial Mass with Bishop Schuerman
2 p.m. at St. James, Menomonee Falls

November 6-8, 2020

Deacon Retreat
CANCELED

November 14, 2020

Women's Day of Reflection with Sr. Virginia Stone
St. Joseph Center

May 1, 2021

Deacon Day 2021 with Dr. Tom Thibodeau
St. Monica, Whitefish Bay



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