

Bowl and Towel



Diaconate Community



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COMING EVENTS

- Year of Mercy begins - Dec. 8
- Convocation Saturday, Jan. 16 CSJ Center
- Congreso Hispano Pro Vida y Evangelización 30 enero, MaterDei
- 2016 Retreat Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Temecula Creek

New men for an ancient order

Fifteen men, all married, were ordained to the ancient order of the diaconate by Bishop Kevin Vann on Oct. 17 at St. Columban Church.

“Remember the many ways that you will be called to be the hands of Christ - to lead, to pray, to bless, and to grasp the hands of all who reach out to you searching for God in this sometimes harsh world!” Bishop Vann told the candidates during his homily.

“Through the ministry of word and charity, the light, truth and love of Christ can reach places and people you cannot even imagine,” the Bishop added.

The newly ordained and their parish assignment are Ricardo Barraza (Iracema), La Purisima; Steve Byars (Pamela), Sts. Simon and Jude; Biviano Cordero (Elsa), Immaculate Heart of Mary; John Davies (Raquel), St. Bonaventure; Dan Diesel (Allison), Santiago de Compostela; Angelo Giambrone (Cindy); St.



Newly ordained Deacon Mike Stock prays with Dr. Kathy Shinhofen, one of his teachers in formation, and his wife Rosy during the reception. You may watch the highlights of Oct. 17 diaconate ordination at:

<https://vimeo.com/144183864> (password is deacon)

Vincent de Paul; Peter Lauder (Jan), St. Juliana Falconieri; Tuan Nguyen (Tamminh), St. Columban; Tim O'Donoghue (Michelle), La Purisima; Humberto Ramirez (Julia), Santiago de

Compostela; Mike Shaffer (Rachel), St. Angela Merici; Mike Stock (Rosy), St. Edward the Confessor; Chau Tran (Anh), St. Nicholas; Antonio Vasquez (Maria Elena), St. Anthony Claret.



Members of God's Beloved, our deacon wives ministry, bless the wives of the newly ordained deacons one week after ordination and welcome them to their first God's Beloved gathering.

Transitioning from lay person to deacon

by Deacon Larry Leone
Class of 2009
We Are Family

God willing!
Well after ordination, I finally realized the road to ordination day was a mere stepping stone to a profound calling to serve the people of God, the Church.

I have finally accepted, with my wife's blessing, a permanent commitment to serve the Church in my transitioning role from lay minister to deacon of the Catholic Church.

Like starting anything new in one's life, it was a very unsettling time as I learned the ropes as a

"newbie." After two years under the term of *newbie*, I entered the period of presumption: "I GOT THIS!"

This recent revelation came when I said out loud "Oh my! Yes Lord. I surrender. *Laudato Si.*"

Today I serve God's will. "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" are more than words parroted each time I say the Lord's Prayer. Those words define me, first as a human being created in the image of God, second as a husband, a father and a grandfather, and lastly

as a deacon.

It is in that order where my life dedicated by the grace of God to serve others in the name of Jesus has meaning.

If I have anything of worth to pass on to those to be ordained, it would be journal, journal, journal.



Deacon Larry and June Leone at retreat

'Oh my!
Yes Lord,
I surrender.
Laudato Si.'

Deacon pages updated in new RCBO website

The newly re-designed Diocese of Orange website is off and running at rcbo.org

You can access our diaconate page, directory and handbook by following these steps: 1. Click on CONNECT (top right side of rcbo.org home page), 2. Scroll down, Click FIND A MINISTRY SERVICE (first item on left hand side), 3. Scroll down and click on DIACONATE, 4. Scroll down and click on DEACON PORTAL

The previous user name and password have not changed, but if you need that information, you may contact Deacon Frank or Lucy in the Office of the Diaconate at fchavez@rcbo or ldominguez@rcbo.org, or call Lucy at (714) 282-3035.

Our 15 new deacons and their wives have been added to the deacon pages, our 20 new aspirants and their wives have been added to the directory, and our 16 candidates and 15 candidate wives have been moved to the candidacy section.

Also listed are Diocese of Orange deacons who live and minister in other dioceses, the names and contact information for widows, and the names of deceased deacons, wives and deacon children with their date of death.

The numbers of deacons in the Diocese of Orange continues to grow with 125 active deacons now serving here. There are now over 17,000 in the United States.

Welcome Deacon Roger Vandervest

Deacon Roger Vandervest of the Archdiocese of Chicago has been hired by St. Jude Hospital to serve as their Director of Mission Services.

Among his duties will be overseeing hospital chaplains and Eucharistic ministers.

Deacon Roger, a certified hospital chaplain, served as staff chaplain and coordinator of Catholic Patient Services at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago,

He recently traveled to Nicaragua as part of the CRS Global Fellows Program.

Deacon Roger has begun his work at St. Jude's while his wife Betty remains in Oak Park, Illinois, for a bit longer.

New OC Catholic Spanish website

The Diocese of Orange has launched a new website in Spanish.

The new website may be accessed by entering <http://es.occatholic.com/>

The website features local stories such as the Chinese school held each Sunday at the Diocesan Pastoral Center and international news like Pope Francis naming a new bishop for the Diocese of Nuevo Laredo in Mexico.

It is regularly updated with relevant and timely articles such as Pope Francis' reactions to the recent terror attacks in Paris, France.

Fifteen deacon candidates prostrate themselves during the Litany of Supplication at their Oct. 17 ordination at St. Columban Church. Their class name is Hands of Christ.



Deacons Denis Zaun and Freddy Hernandez add to the table of mementos as the names of deceased deacons, wives and children are read during annual Deacon Community Memorial Mass Nov. 10 at Christ Cathedral Large Gallery. Father John Money penny celebrated the mass.



Deacon Steve Greco (left) hosts deacon candidate John Erdag and St. John Neumann parishioner Carlos Carney for an Immaculate Heart Radio program discussing the "Hope for Wellness" program at St. John Neumann. Immaculate Heart Radio can be heard on 1000 AM.



Deacon Tin Nguyen shares a meal with Deacon Ed Bonnarens who attends his first Diocese of Orange retreat. Deacon Ed is a widower from the Diocese of Winona. He was ordained in 1986 in the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri. He lives with his sister in Orange and serves at Holy Family Cathedral.



Deacon Gerhard Stadel tosses a bean bag while his wife Cathy cheers him on during deacon retreat. The recreation time and dinner were held at The Meadows, a new venue at Temecula Creek Resort.



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Diocese of Orange joins in *Year of Mercy*

The Diocese of Orange is answering Pope Francis' proclamation of an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

"If the door of God's mercy is always open, so must be the doors of our churches, the love of our communities, our parishes, our institutions, our dioceses," said the Holy Father.

Plans are to have the diocesan newspaper, *OC Catholic*, feature stories of persons extending Corporal Works of Mercy here in Orange County, plus a new website:

www.yearofmercyoc.com

March 4 and 5 will be a highlight of the year as "24 Hours with the Lord" takes place on the Christ Cathedral Campus. Priests will be available for 24 hours straight for The Sacrament of Penance in multiple languages.

Young adults have taken the lead for planning the 24 hours. They are planning activities around the campus while being present at the nearby Block shopping center to invite others to the event.

"The Jubilee Year recalls the great door of God's mercy, but also the small doors of our churches – open to let the Lord in, or to let the Lord out who is often the prisoner of our structures, our selfishness, and of so many things," said Pope Francis.

"May the doors of our homes be signs and symbols of the door of God's mercy."