



Deacon News

Diocese of Davenport

Fall 2015

“And now, bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth; May he grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you; May his goodness toward us endure in Israel to deliver us in our days.”
*Sir 50:22-24 - Reading—
Thanksgiving Day*

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Deacon David Montgomery, Director of the Diaconate

With our first frost of the season only a day or two away, attention turns from lawnmower to snowblower. As the scouts like to say, “Be Prepared!”

The Jubilee of Deacons will take place May 27-29, 2016 in Rome. The event will include conferences on the role of deacons as icons of mercy for the new evangelization in their families, parishes, and workplaces. Visit the Vatican website www.im.va.

A registration portal will be opened on the Vatican website later this fall. Everyone planning to attend the Jubilee for Deacons must register in advance. No cost to register. For more details, see the Summer issue of *Deacon News* at www.davenportdiocese.org/dcn/.



The **National Association of Deacon Directors** is sponsoring the 2018 National Congress celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States in July 2018 in New Orleans. We are about to embark on a communications program advertising this event and we need your help.

In order to be good stewards of our funds, we want to advertise in the publications and electronic media that deacons frequently use to keep the diaconate informed of our planning process.

Can you please take a few minutes of your time? Click on the following link and take a quick 3 question survey to help us. Your response before November 1st would be appreciated.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCPPF3H>

When you are asked what Region you are in please indicate Region IX.

Thank you.



**50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE
DIACONATE**
JULY 2018 - NEW ORLEANS

Important Dates

Fall Clergy Overnighter

November 3-4, 2015

Sr. Renee Mirkes

Family Life

Spring Retreat

February 6-7, 2016

Rev. R. Michael Schaab,
STD

Deacon Formation—Class VII

The candidates are in their second of three years of candidacy with ordination scheduled for the summer of 2017.

They have completed at least one year of the Ministry Formation Program, a year of inquiry, two years of aspirancy and the first year of candidacy.

A week of intensive study in homiletics is scheduled for the summer of 2016, that continues their homiletics formation and experience that is already well under way..

DEACON FORMATION CLASS VII: Fall 2015 CALENDAR

Date	Topic
August 8-9, 2015	Systematics III <i>Formation: Mental Health I</i>
September 12-13	Systematics III <i>Formation: Popular Religiosity in the Hispanic Community</i>
October 10-11	Moral Theology I <i>Formation: Domestic Violence</i>
October 16-18	Deacon Fall Retreat
November 14-15	Moral Theology I <i>Formation: Mental Health II</i>
December 12-13 <i>Begin scheduling interviews with Director.</i>	Homiletics <i>Formation: Youth Ministry</i>

Candidate's Name Wife's Name Parish Name, City ([map](#))

Steve Barton	Rosie	St. Paul, Davenport
Dan Freeman	Judy	St. Andrew, Blue Grass
Tom Hardie	Mary	St. Anthony, Knoxville
John Jacobsen	Tracey	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/St. Mary, Iowa City



We are pleased to have Rev. R. Michael Schaab, STD lead our retreat next spring on February 6-7 at the Benet House Retreat Center - Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery in Rock Island. This is the weekend before Ash Wednesday.

Fr. Schaab is a retired priest of the Diocese of Peoria. He is well known by the deacons of class V; he taught the week-long session on homiletics during formation. It has been sixteen years since Fr. Schaab led our fall retreat on “Lectio Divina—Shared in Community” with Sr. Marilyn Ring at the Shalom Center in Dubuque.



Benet House Retreat Center



The Sisters of St. Benedict invite you to lovely Benet House Retreat Center at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island, Illinois.

Built in 2001 as a place apart to seek the Holy One for persons of all faiths, Benet House offers a setting of peace, beauty and tranquility for any retreat or program you choose.

Benet House is situated atop a hill overlooking woods and lake. Walking paths provide you with quiet and solitude. Private rooms provide you with sanctuary.

Registration information and schedule will be available in the Winter Issue of Deacon News.

Chapel

History:

Born in Peoria, March 7, 1944. Ordained May 22, 1971.

Parochial Vicar, St. Malachy, Rantoul, 1971; Holy Trinity, Bloomington, 1972. Leave for study, 1977. Director, Religious Education, 1979.

Pastor, St. Mary, Downs, and St. Patrick, Merna, 1985. Leave for teaching, 1991. Pastor, Mary, Our Lady of Peace, Orion, 1996.

While remaining Pastor, Our Lady of Peace, Orion, to Administrator, St. Maria Goretti, Coal Valley, 2002. Pastor, St. Pius X, Rock Island, 2005.

Senior Status 2014



The 12 members of class VI have begun the third and final year of the three year post-ordination formation program.

In the first two sessions this fall, the class will be reviewing Pope Francis’ book, *Open Mind, Faithful Heart: Reflections on Following Jesus*. This completes the examination of Benedictine, Franciscan and Ignatian spirituality that began last spring. The last two sessions next spring will be exploring their own spirituality.

During the first three years after ordination, the newly-ordained and their wives continue to take part in regular gatherings for formation as a community. In addition, the newly ordained begin to develop a specific formation plan that addresses their specific needs.

Beyond the initial three years after ordination, deacons and their wives continue to take part in formation events and retreats for the entire diaconal community, as well as continue to take responsibility for their continued ministerial formation through reading, course-work, theological reflection groups, and the like.



Please continue to keep these deacons and their wives in your prayers.

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