

DIAKONOS

*Newsletter for deacons and spouses
Diocese of Bridgeport*

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Greetings from Bishop Caggiano

During my years serving as the Director of the Diaconate in my former diocese, I was sometimes asked how it is possible for a married man who feels called to the diaconate to fulfill both vocations fully and completely? It is a question that is still asked by some married men who are contemplating a possible call to the diaconate.

The question would pose a real difficulty if Christian Marriage and the Diaconate were fundamentally incompatible. However, the opposite is true. For it is in understanding and celebrating the complementary character of these two sacraments that married deacons and their wives can draw strength to live the vocations that God has given them.

More specifically, the call of a man to both the vocation of marriage and the vocation of the permanent diaconate are not paths which run in parallel to one another. Rather, they are paths that are intertwined, both leading to greater personal holiness. Both paths are meant to be mutually beneficial to both husband and wife. In short, each vocation can find its fulfillment in the other.

As you know, the word "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonia" which means "to serve." In fact, for both marriage and the diaconate, the deacon's primary responsibility is one of service. More specifically, as a married man, the

deacon is called to honor, love and serve his wife in a mutual covenant of love that expresses itself in both a unitive and procreative way. As a deacon of the Church, he is also called to serve the Lord and His Church, the bride of Christ, in his pastoral ministry. The beauty of the mutual vocation is that both are ordered to service. A married deacon loves and serves his wife in the life they share, while he also serves the People of God through his diaconal ministry. Service unites both vocations and invites both deacons and their wives to greater holiness precisely by self-sacrificial love.

As a consequence of their married love, a deacon's wife honors and loves him, thereby supporting him in his diaconal ministry. Together they serve the greater Church. Both by their married life and in their mutual service to the Church, the deacon and his wife draw closer to each other and to God, while serving the faithful as a witness of authentic Christian married love.

As we begin the observance of Lent, and recall the Passion and Death of Christ- the greatest act of love that the world will ever know- please be assured of my prayers for the entire diaconal community of our Diocese. For those deacon couples who are married, may your loving service of each other provide you ever greater strength to serve God's people with joy.

From the Director's Desk

We are all aware of the recent legislation that made same sex marriage legal. We have probably all read the statements regarding on the issue. We are all shaking our heads and quietly asking ourselves, "How could this be?" Unfortunately, same sex marriage is now a reality. Despite this reality, we must be prepared to instruct, to counsel, to encourage, and to promote marriage as a sacrament of love between a man and a woman.



I thought it opportune to share with you the address that Saint John Paul II gave to the bishops of Ohio and Michigan at their *Ad Limina* meeting with His Holiness on October 24, 1988. In this address, His Holiness discusses **several different ways in which people witness to love**. Saint John Paul II said that in order to understand love fully, the world needs the sign of the authentic 'contradiction' provided by the hierarchy and those in consecrated life. The text of His Holiness's address follows:

1. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that only Christ has taught the whole truth about man, and he has done so, "by the revelation of the Father and his love" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Christ has revealed

the greatness of the Father's love not only with words, but above all through the total giving of himself in sacrifice...also shows that the Father's love is more powerful than any kind of evil which is in man, in humanity or in the world (cf. *Dives in Misericordia*, 7).

2. One of the most important expressions of this love is the love of Christian couples. Since "God is love" (1 Jn.4:8), and since man

is created in the image and likeness of God, there is inscribed in the humanity of man and woman, the "capacity" and responsibility of love" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 11). Love in its deepest and richest meaning involves self-giving...In the case of husband and wife, genuine love is expressed in the gift of self to each other, which includes giving the power to beget life. In the words of *Gaudium et Spes*: "This love is an eminently human one since it is directed from one person to another through an affection of the will. It involves the good of the whole person...Such love, merging the human with the divine, leads the spouses to a free and mutual gift of themselves" (49)." "From one person to another" (*a persona in personam*): These few words express a profound truth about conjugal love, a love which is eminently interpersonal. It is a love which involves the gift of the whole person. Included in this gift is their whole sexuality with its openness to the transmission of life.



3. ...Marriage is a unique type of relationship, and all the actions whereby spouses manifest their love for each other are part of God's plan and signs of his love. In the sexual act the married couple have the opportunity to grow in grace, in intimacy, in generosity, and in their willingness to cooperate with God in bringing into being new human persons. But in order to strengthen their love and deepen their unity, married couples must be led to appreciate ever more fully "the inseparable connection, willed by God and unable to be broken by man on his own initiative, between the two meanings of conjugal act: the unitive meaning and the procreative meaning" (*Humanae Vitae*, 12).

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4. Another indispensable form of witness to God's love for humanity is the practice of the evangelical counsels in consecrated life...Chastity, poverty and obedience are manifestations of love not only because they are at the root of innumerable and sublime apostolic works which serve the needs of humanity, but above all because they express the power of Christ's paschal mystery, which conquers everything that is opposed to the love of God.

5. The church offers to the world a witness of singular importance to Christ's love through the celibacy of her priests [and deacons]. Celibacy involves the total gift of self to the Lord for lifelong service in His church, with the renunciation of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of God. It is a gift that God gives to his church and that manifests the charity which inspires her. The rule of celibacy for the Latin church is more than an ecclesiastical law. It has deep theological and doctrinal roots that confirm its value and show its desirability for those who are chosen to act *in persona Christi capitis* (cf. *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 2, 6).

6. The different forms of witness to God's love for humanity are linked in no small way to the pastoral love of bishops, who teach, govern, and sanctify the People of God...Certainly we face difficulties in exercise of our mission as shepherds. Fear

may beset our hearts. Will we be understood? Will our message be accepted? How will the world react?..With St. John we must confess: "Love has no room for fear; rather perfect love casts out all fear...Love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid" (1 Jn.4:18). The bishop's love for his priests will be a particularly effective expression and sign of the love of Christ. With his deep fraternal and paternal interest in them, with

his understanding, human affection and concern for whatever weighs upon them—while encouraging them to strive for holiness in spite of human weakness—the bishop must help his priests to be witnesses before the people to that love which is at the root of every apostolate.

As heralds of Christ's love we turn to his mother Mary, *mater pulchrae dilectionis*, to continue in prayer our reflection on that great mystery of love which comes forth from and returns to the most Holy Trinity—to whom be glory forever and ever.

DIACONATE OFFICE
I want to thank those deacons who spoke with me and are willing to assist with some tasks in the Diaconate Office. Beginning this month, I am ready to receive your assistance. Please call me at (203) 416-1451 at your convenience so that we can arrange a day and time when you can come in to assist with some administrative tasks that need attention at this moment. Thank you so much.

DEACONS' NEW ID CARDS
Feb 17th, 18th, and 23rd (new date)
Bishop Caggiano has given us permission to issue new deacons' identification cards with your picture. The last picture taken of our deacons was in 2001. I am certain that most of you would want you current "faccia bella" (beautiful face) on the card. Arrangements have been made for you to take an "updated" picture at the Catholic Center. **Pictures will be taken on the following evenings: Wednesday, February 17th from 5 to 7pm; Thursday, February 18th from 6 to 8pm; and finally on Tuesday, February 23rd from 4:30 to 7pm.** The ID card will expire in 5 years.

Sharing My Pastoral Story

In this edition of DIAKONOS, we are privileged to have two deacons who wish to share their pastoral experience with the diaconal community. The first article entitled, Repeat After Me, is written by Deacon Tom Curran. The next article is written by Deacon Salvatore Clarizio, Ph.D. and his wife, Agnes. I am sure you will enjoy their stories and possibly share in their experience

REPEAT AFTER ME **Deacon Tom Curran**

I know I am getting older. Most days I don't feel it, but there are markers in my life that remind me that the years are passing by. One of those markers is being asked to witness a marriage. It began for me a little over 10 years ago and this past August I witnessed my 15th wedding, which happened to be my son and his fiancée/wife. But more about that later.

As we know, most marriages are presided over by the parish priest. And we deacons are typically asked when we have a personal relationship with the couple. I find myself solidly in the age demographic where friends of my children, children of my friends, nephews, nieces, and even my own children are getting married and asking me to witness their vows. I have witnessed marriages in five states, within Mass, outside of Mass. and even outside of church with special permission.

Of all my diaconate duties and functions I have come to find this ministry one of the most rewarding on a number of levels. First of all, who doesn't love weddings? And so, to be asked to participate in a special way in a couple's life at the beginning of their sacramental life together is a joy and a

blessing that I never could have imagined until I actually did it.

Beginning with the marriage prep, whether it's the PMI (Pre-Marriage Inventory) or the Prepare & Enrich couples program, I take great joy in sharing my life and experience as a married man with them. And most have shared with me that I bring a level of experience and credibility to the discussion of what it means to be a Catholic married man or woman. And I find our conversations always take me back to my own wedding and married life. In fact, I most often conduct the PMI at our home, which is a comfortable atmosphere for them. And while I meet with the bride and groom one at a time, my wife Ellen will meet with the other and talk about any and all things wedding.

The wedding ceremony is the culmination and high point of all the planning (sacramental and otherwise) that has taken place. And my role tends to become multi-faceted. Of course I serve as the Church's (and state's) official witness, but I often take on the additional roles of wedding planner, florist and furniture mover. Perhaps most importantly I try to be the calming influence for two often very nervous young adults. I smile a lot during the ceremony with the hope that they smile back. I share with them the advice that I received on my wedding day. "Relax, enjoy and be present in every moment. It is so easy for the day to become one big blur."

As I witness the vows and ask the couples to repeat after me (none of the couple I have married has ever attempted to memorize them!) I am reminded again of my own wedding, when those very same words coming from my mouth were my own personal commitment to Ellen. That too brings a smile to my face. But I am especially cognizant of the now grown up

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woman and man standing before me. In most cases I have known at least one of these “kids” since they were little. And now, here they are as adults publicly professing their love for one another before God and his Church. What a blessing and privilege it is to be part of that.

Here’s the part where I come back to my son’s wedding last August. As much as I try to assume a posture of distance and calm, I never imagined that hearing my son profess his marriage vows would have had such an emotional effect on me. Not weepy emotion (although my eyes did get teary) but heartfelt emotion. In the deepest recesses of my heart I found myself giving thanks for my own marriage vocation and for my life with Ellen, through which we both played a part in bringing him to this moment and place. It was a pride and joy that I cannot adequately express in words, but one to which I’m sure any of my brother deacons who have experienced the same thing can attest. My prayers and best wishes for him and his wife were no different than those for any other couple, but I must confess that they were more special.

I am happy to say that all 15 couples whose vows I have witnessed are still happily married, many with young families. It’s an accomplishment that gives me great pleasure but for which I take no credit. It is one that I don’t take for granted either. As a married man I know well the difficulties that marriages can face, especially at this time in our society. In my homily I always remind the couple (and all married couples in attendance) that by their desire to receive the sacrament of matrimony, that they have invited Christ to their wedding. I encourage them to invite him also to their marriage. I can only hope and pray that these couples have taken those words to heart.

Ellen and I collect nativities. We bought our first one in our very first year of marriage, and we now have over 50 (it hasn’t been one a year for those of you doing the math. I’m old, but not that old!). It has become a tradition for us. And we now give each couple that I marry a “starter” nativity as a wedding gift. As they now begin their own married and family traditions, it’s a way, we tell them, of expressing our ongoing love for them and our desire to continue to share in some small, personal way in their married life, if only once a year.

As I look ahead I see that same marker of being asked to witness marriage vows now reminding me that I am aging out of that very demographic. I am most definitely am getting older. My marrying pool is dwindling. My kids’ friends, my friends’ kids, and that generation of our family are now mostly married. There are only a few left. But I take hope that this special ministry is not ending for me. As a deacon in Campus Ministry at Fairfield University I engage daily with young college students. Who knows that some day one of them might ask me to witness his or her marriage vows?

There is no such thing as a perfect marriage. I don’t know any, and am convinced that one does not exist. Every married couple experiences their share of joys and sorrows, their measure of successes and disappointments. I speak from experience. While Ellen’s and my marriage may not be perfect, it has been truly blessed. And so as I witness the vows of these young couples I ask blessings on them. I pray that their marriage sustain and prosper, as mine has. I pray that it will never stop growing in love for one another, as mine has. I pray that their marriage not only survive, but thrive, as mine has. And so, in a way I’m praying that by those words “repeat after me” that their marriage might be as greatly blessed as mine.



Experiencing the true presence of God Deacon Salvatore Clarizio, Ph.D.

Agnes M. Clarizio

My diaconate service began in June 2000 following my ordination and assignment to St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull. The ministry assigned to me at that time was to initiate Sunday Services for the Senior population residing in the assisted living facilities in our parish and to assist the team ministering to the convalescent facility also in our parish. This assignment came as no surprise as I had previously been assigned to a deacon subcommittee of the Diocesan task force on Aging. The task of the subcommittee was to complete a survey of services provided to Catholics who resided in long term care and assisted living facilities and those that were homebound.

The goal of the subcommittee was to prepare a diocesan position report concerning ministry to the elderly and homebound who were unable to attend any community religious service. The work of the subcommittee would guarantee that the spiritual needs of the elderly and homebound would be fulfilled. Therefore I was well informed of the needs of our seniors in our diocese. The report was completed and presented to the Bishop's Office.

Over the years I have conducted Sunday Eucharistic Services at our assisted-living facility and assisted at the convalescent facility. A team eventually grew that joined the staff resources of four parishes in Trumbull to insure a consistent flow of services to these facilities.

Our team is now staffed by 4 deacons from St. Theresa, St. Stephens, Christ the King, and St. Catherine parishes together with several

Eucharistic ministers. Our team is blessed to serve in this ministry.

Over the past 15 years, I have experienced great joy in bringing the elderly Sunday Eucharistic services. I provide an Ash Wednesday Service at both facilities. I have officiated at Valentine Day Marriage renewal services in which the lines between different faiths simply fade away. They are all present—Catholic, Jewish, Protestant—to renew their marriage vows in the presence of God and I was pleased to be their witness.

We have had discussion groups which gathered together a clergy representative from all faiths to engage in a spirited conversation encouraging understanding between all of us as children of the same God.

This gave me the opportunity to serve on an ecumenical panel to discuss many issues regarding not only religious topics but world affairs. In an institution where individuals live together in community and all have different religious backgrounds—it seemed essential to discuss many of these differences. I feel truly blessed to have been able to serve in this ministry.

Deacon Sal extends his ministry: Agnes

Deacon Sal's ministry to the aged expanded when he was appointed as Spiritual Director of our parish Legion of Mary Chapter of which I am a member. As the Spiritual Director, he provides services to members of the chapter such as leading us in recitation of the rosary in our weekly meetings and also providing a spiritual reflection and guidance of our spiritual works.

Each week our members visit facilities for the aged. Legion members provide them with activities such as recitation of the rosary, decoration of our prayer altar, music,

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poems, joyful stories and short talks on the lives of the saints. All these activities contribute to enriching their spiritual health.

At the convalescent homes we also visit those in their rooms who are unable to attend the rosary participation. We get to know them and their life stories and experience how Christ worked in their lives as he shepherds his sheep. It is awesome!!!

Reaching out to our unseen seniors: Agnes

Deacon Sal also initiated a program under the sponsorship of the Legion of Mary for the blessing of homes with a consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is very inspiring to be invited into someone's home to see their personal altars and to experience first hand their love of Jesus and Mary. The strength of their faith does so much to support our ministries. Another Legion work targets our homebound seniors and those in nursing homes who do not receive any correspondence.

I send monthly uplifting spiritual notes to them on subjects which range from wisdom of the saints to prayer meditations. To me the most important message is to assure them that god loves them and they will never be forgotten.

We assure them that our Legion members are praying for them and their intentions. We have received many letters and phone calls thanking us for the notes. One young man delayed informing us that his father had passed because he so much wanted to continue receiving the spiritual notes. One woman came to our home with flowers. She informed us that her mother was unable to care for herself anymore and the notes gave her strength to cope with the day to day caregiving. Many of our homebound seniors

move to be closer to their children. We recognize that leaving a parish can be a traumatic experience. The beauty of this spiritual work is that notes can be written wherever you are and sent to wherever they have gone.

Those who minister with congregations of any religion would agree that, especially today, there are great spiritual needs in their people. Needs that over two thousand years ago Christ came to fulfill.

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military



O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all those within, from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen

Queen of the Holy Rosary, we implore you to bless our military forces at home and abroad. Guide their steps into the way of peace. Amen.



In Memoriam

February

2 Bart Mauceri/2004
13 Robert Varney/1988

March

1 Timothy Sullivan/2015
13 Joseph Cross/2003
16 Joseph Farley/2013
18 John Fay/2006

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.



Please remember in your prayers

The deacons and wives who are in need of healing and strength from our merciful Lord: Deacon Jim Volpe and when possible please give him a call (203) 304-9021.

The men and women who protect us here at home as police officers, fire fighters, medical personnel, etc.

The homeless, those who seek work, those who suffer persecution for the sake of the gospel, and all who are lost, marginalized, or alienated from the community of faith

Let us remember in our prayers these and all others during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The Season of Lent is a time to recognize what we are really hungering and thirsting for.

It is a time to take inventory of our lives and to ask ourselves how we are doing in our quest for the ultimate prize of life

The season of Lent is a time to look at our lives and to ask ourselves how well we are doing in our quest to make the free, conscious decision to serve God, and our brothers and sisters and ourselves.

Happy Birthday!



We wish to all a healthy and happy New Year. May the good Lord abundantly bless you and your ministry during the upcoming year.

February Birthdays

02 Bill Koniers
03 David Sochacki
04 Frank Masso
04 Gabriel Pereira
10 Frank Chiappetta
11 Lance Fredricks
11 James Volpe
12 Steve Genovese
13 Ron Landry
16 Brian Kelly
16 Santos Garcia
18 William O Murphy
20 Larry Buzzeo
21 Roland Blier
22 Thomas Fekete
23 Thomas McManus
27 Rey Olavarria
28 Luis Torres

March Birthdays

03 John DeRoin
07 Richard Scinto
08 John Bucholz
09 Thomas Masaryk
13 Alix Africot
18 Don Ross
19 John Moranski
20 Paul Pilkington
22 Paul Reilly
25 Harold Lynch
25 Joseph Gagne
28 Frank Foyt

Ad multos annos!!!!

Happy Anniversary!

The following deacons are marking a milestone in their diaconal ordination during 2016. We congratulate them for their faithful years of service.

35th (1981)

Deacon Frank J. Chiappetta
Deacon Kevin Moore
Deacon William Murphy
Deacon William K. Rowe
Deacon Richard Saymon

30th (1986)

Deacon Don Brunetto
Deacon Gary Carpenter
Deacon Anthony Cassaneto

25th (1991)

Deacon John J. Moranski

20th (1996)

Deacon James R. Hammock
Deacon Donald J. Naiman
Deacon Gabriel A. Pereira
Deacon Norman J. Roos

10th (2006)

Deacon Timothy J. Bolton
Deacon John D. Buchholz
Deacon Anthony M. Conti
Deacon John W. DeRoin
Deacon Hans J. Gram
Deacon Reginald Norman

Ad multos annos!!!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Jubilee Year of Mercy Resource

We are often looking for good resources for programs we would like to offer our parish community. I would like to recommend that you consider the following resource for an adult faith formation program. It is called **DOORS OF MERCY: Exploring God's Covenant With You**. It is an *8 week journey through salvation history, from God's merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ.*

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy explore how God makes His Mercy present to you, in ordinary and extraordinary ways. Walk through the Doors of Mercy.

You can order this DVD set from the Marian Helpers Spring 2016 Catalog 1-800-462-7426. The Home Study Pack is \$92.90 for individual enrichment and the Leader Pack for use with a parish community is \$149.95.

Candidate Joseph Koletar candidly shares his experience of formation

Well, it's been a couple of months since I last penned my contribution to this newsletter. Quite a bit has happened since then.

First of all, the Aspirants have successfully completed their six-month formation and are now enrolled at St. Joseph's Seminary Graduate School of Theology. However, they continue to participate in the formative process within the diocese. They join us each month for formation. What a wonderful difference their presence makes in the

hallowed halls of the Queen of Saints Retreat Center. The place is now alive with the electricity of eight other men who pray with us, break bread with us and share the traditions of the past. One of the best parts of formation for me is the fellowship and camaraderie that builds up among all of us. Deacon Anthony is our shepherd.

We experience culture shock when the Aspirants leave late on Saturday evening. The Candidates are left to themselves for the remainder of the weekend. I like to refer to it as the best of both worlds. Our resident chef Joe Bukowski cooks for the community and even some of our professors stay for the daily luncheon specials.

On February 20th, the Aspirants and their wives will join us to break bread and share a delicious meal together. Deacon Anthony has been on a crusade to promote a family spirit among us. We are now celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestone events. We gathered around the table to celebrate January birthdays last month. Blanca, Marilyn, Steve and Fran respectively all celebrated their 29th birthday.

Secondly, we have been offered a , wonderful opportunity to take classes at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport. Anytime an opportunity like this makes itself present, you have to thank God. Hospital Ministry is both vital and intriguing. This project is being spearheaded by Deacon Tim Bolton and will run for ten consecutive Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A top shelf list of speakers and instructors will be on hand to lend their collective experiences and wisdom.

Finally, our prayer life has increased. Since we recently began the Lenten Season, how appropriate it is for us to take time before the Blessed Sacrament to examine our relationship with the Lord. We now have this

opportunity during our formation weekend. In addition, we have begun to learn to break open the scripture and meditate on God's Word. We are becoming better at listening. The Lord is speaking to us through His Holy Word. We are now better prepared to respond to the Lord by word and deed through the graces received in the sacraments.

My brothers and I are all getting revved up in our Ministry responsibilities. Whether it be working at Merton House, the Lord's Kitchen, working with the youth, or prison ministry, we are all engaging in this process, knowing that the more versatile we are as Deacons, the better. We are finally just over the half way point in our pursuit of Ordination. We have learned much, with plenty more to grasp and comprehend. The Discernment process is a gift from God, and we're all blessed with the chance of being of service in our wonderful diocese.

Lastly, I wanted to thank all of my Diaconate brothers for their thoughts, prayers, and condolences. My close friend of three years, William "Frank" Godwin, an 87 year old man, tragically passed away on February 5th after being struck by a vehicle. I bonded with him immediately, and picked him up almost every Sunday morning for breakfast and Mass. He was a huge happy part of my life, and I will miss him a great deal. I was his Guardian Angel. Now, he will be mine.

Update on Diaconate Formation

The Aspirants are now attending St. Joseph's Seminary. I travel with them each Monday and Wednesday evenings. Travel time to the seminary averages an hour on a good evening. For this semester the following courses are offered:

(1) An Introduction to the Old Testament on Monday evenings. Fr. William Cleary is the professor and he is using Fr. Lawrence Boadt's classic book on the Old Testament. y

on Wednesday evenings. Fr. Kevin O'Reilly is the professor.

The following students are attending the sessions at St. Joseph's Seminary:

Joseph Cann, St. Marguerite, Brookfield

Stephen Hodson, St. Theresa, Trumbull

George Kain, St. Mary, Ridgefield

Eric Keener, St. Mary, Bethel

Joseph Klimaszewski, St. Lawrence, Shelton

Timothy Lavelle, St. Mary, Bethel

Richard Lawlor, St. Mary, Bethel

Michael Ronan, Holy Family, Fairfield

Msgr. Peter Vaccari, the Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, and the administration of the Graduate Program have received us with open arms. I would say that the men in formation are very comfortable and are actively participating in class discussions. The men can either pursue a Masters degree in Theology or audit the classes as part of their theological formation.

In addition to the courses at St. Joseph's Seminary, those who are in the revised formation program will also have several spiritual, liturgical, and theological courses taught here in the diocese by our own diocesan / religious professionals.

We ask you to keep these men in your prayers as they now begin their theological formation at St. Joseph's Seminary.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL!!!!

Husbands love your wives; wives love your husbands; children obey your parents and know that they love you very much.

May all your days be filled with love, happiness and peace. God bless you.

