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## CLERGY NEWS

### From the Director

Last month the pastoral staff from the four parishes in our cluster gathered for a day of prayer at the Solanus Casey center on the near east side of Detroit. After celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel, we took a two hour long tour of the center. Even though I have been to the center a dozen times, it was illuminating to be guided through the center by one of the very well trained docents.

After a wonderful lunch the staff sat together and we began to unpack the past year and look forward to another year of fulfilling our mission to the parishioners at our respective parishes. Using a technique offered to me during the "Good Leaders-Good Shepherds" training, the staff listed out those things we wanted to achieve, avoid or improve during the coming year. After some wonderful discussion the day ended with a pretty clear message that we could then take back to our shared parish council: that our commitment to the church is real, alive and growing.

The Clergy Office is also real, alive and growing during these waning days of 2008. Elsewhere in this issue you will note that Fr. Tim Babcock is officially joining our office to address the needs of international priests. Tim has long been associated with the office, now the Cardinal has formalized his relationship by asking Tim to take the vision of the task force on International Priests to a functioning ministry.

Along side of Tim, Deacon McKale and Katie, we also have the wonderful ministry of Msgr. George Browne to our Senior Priests. Lori Paull and Sharon Gorman are also wonderful in assisting in ministry to the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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### Diaconate Notes

Dear Diaconate Community,

Congratulations to the 12 men whom the Cardinal ordained to the order of the Permanent Diaconate of Detroit on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We welcome them and their wives and families to our fraternal family. I believe that I can assure them of the prayers of all of us as they become more increasingly aware of the ordination graces of God working in them.

Actually they have been part of our community for some four years already because they have been included in the 261 families of deacons in this diocese. This number includes active deacons, senior deacons, out of diocese deacons, deacons on leave, widows, aspirants, and formation students. Although I do not have an exact number, I would venture to say that we are well over a thousand persons who each day strive to live out the will of God in service to His people. This is no small number considering that just 37 years ago there was no Permanent Diaconate.

During those 37 years the Permanent Diaconate has continued to grow in grace and wisdom before God and man. I was ordained in 1985 after there had been a hiatus to improve the program for the formation of deacons. Since then we have had other hiatus and each time the program has improved. The deacons being ordained now are formed much better than we had been in all four formation areas (human, academics, spiritual and pastoral). Looking forward, the 16 men who were just accepted into Candidacy on September 19<sup>th</sup> are the first group to become fully initiated under the new guidelines of the National Directory. Their scrutiny, their training and their formation all promise to be so much better, that many of us, who were

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## Study Grant for Polish Priests and Deacons

The Priests' Conference for Polish Affairs is happy to announce the availability of a study grant offered to American born priests or deacons of Polish descent ministering in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The grant provides an opportunity for summer study of language and culture in Poland. For information please contact the Conference's president, Msgr. Stanley Milewski, at 248-682-0880.

## Mass For Shut Ins

Mass For Shut Ins is in need of a few additional presiders. Mass is taped at 12:30 Saturday afternoon in Southfield. Commitment would be once every 2 or 3 months. Stipend paid. Contact the coordinator, Neil McCormick at 313 963-7174, or evenings at 248 541-6635.

## Papal Audience Tickets Available by Fax

VATICAN CITY, JULY 23, 2008 ([Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org)).- Visitors to the Vatican can now make reservations for papal audiences by fax.

A service provided by the Prefecture of the Pontifical Household enables pilgrims to make reservations weeks or days before their trip to Rome for activities such as Wednesday audiences or Masses celebrated by the Pontiff at St. Peter's. The tickets are free.

By downloading and faxing a document available on the Web page, pilgrims can make the reservations. The tickets can be retrieved at the ticket office located just inside the Bronze Door (by the right colonnade of St. Peter's Square).

## Thank You

Thank you to all the parishes for your Masses and words of sympathy on our son John's passing.

- Dcn. Marion and Mrs. Yvonne Jurewicz (St. Martin de Porres)



## POLICY REMINDERS—SENIOR PRIEST STATUS

It is always helpful to be reminded of what our policies are regarding Senior Priest Status. If you have misplaced your booklet that details this policy, please contact Lori Paull at (313)237-5930 and she can send you out a new copy.

On page five of this document is the following paragraph:

*A refund of up to \$1,000.00 per fiscal year is available for expenses incurred by participation in the annual retreat, for workshops, books and periodicals related to priestly ministry, etc. This refund is obtained by notifying the Moderator of the Curia of itemized expenses.*

During the past year we have noticed that several priests are turning in requests far in excess of the \$1,000.00 noted in the policy. We are also noticing that many priests are not itemizing their expenses.

**Financial Straits:** In section IV of the same document in paragraph J there is the following commitment:

*Senior Priests who find themselves in financial straits may apply to the Moderator of the Curia for personal expenses (eg. dental, psychological counseling, audio needs, etc.) which is significantly beyond that covered by insurance.*

Please be aware that the Cardinal doesn't want any priest to do without the care he needs; this policy is in place to manage the needs of our senior priests.

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## From the Editor

You may have noticed that the promised issue of *Clergy News* did not appear on your doorstep in September. My apologies - I got sick the week I was supposed to be laying it out, and missed most of the week of work. Because the next one was coming in such short order to get us back on track, I decided to err on the side of getting us back on schedule rather than being sure to send out the early-fall issue. So, in the interest of indeed getting us back on schedule, **please note that the deadline for submissions for January/February 2009 is December 15, 2008.**

Happy Advent, and God bless,

*Katie Orloff*

## PATER NOSTER CLUB

The Pater Noster Club has been in existence for over 50 years. The Club is a support group of priests. It owns a great piece of property and a lodge house on Lake St. Clair. It has great opportunities for relaxation, study and prayer for priests. Good restaurants are available.

If you'd like to experience the place, please call us. (519) 258-6178 or (519) 682-2919.

## Barter's Corner

- One slightly used box set of the *Liturgy of the Hours* is available to any priest or seminarian who needs one but is unable to afford his own. Please contact Katie Orloff, who will provide you with the donor's contact information

- MUST SELL: Beautiful Hammond 4000 Series organ. Upper & lower keyboards, 50 automatic accompaniment tabs, many extras. Must see and hear to appreciate. \$4,000. (586) 755-1313 after 5 p.m.

## From the Director, cont'd.

As you page through this fall edition of the *Clergy News* it is my hope that you too will find resources to stretch you in your ministry. Please pay particular attention to the retreat offerings as well as some of the jointly sponsored conferences coming up in the next calendar year.

- *Mike LeFevre*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Fr. Andrew Forish, who is celebrating 66 years of priesthood this year but was not recognized in the last issue!



## Acculturation/Mentor Coordinator Appointed

Cardinal Maida recently appointed Fr. Timothy Babcock to serve as "Coordinator for Acculturation Services". The purpose of this position is to put in place the initial steps for a program to assist international priests coming to the Archdiocese, as well as the parishes, pastors and staffs with whom they would minister, in making the adjustment to ministry in the United States and the Archdiocese of Detroit. In January of this year, a special Task Force established by Cardinal Maida recommended a detailed plan for acculturation for international priests. The Presbyteral Council subsequently recommended the adoption and implementation of the Clergy Acculturation Program. This appointment will provide the preliminary steps in putting such a program in place.

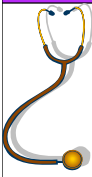
At the request of Msgr. Michael LeFevre, Fr. Babcock was also appointed Coordinator of Mentors. In recent years, the Archdiocese began a plan to provide mentors for all newly ordained priests and priests entering their first pastorate assignment. As this number grows, coordination of these efforts and assignments is needed. Fr. Babcock will assist Msgr. LeFevre in this ministry.

Both of these ministries will be operated under the auspices of the Office for Clergy Life and Ministry. As such, Fr. Babcock will work with and report to Msgr. LeFevre. It is hoped that in making these assignments, it will enable the Clergy Life and Ministry Office to more fully assist priests in these areas of their ministry.

### A personal note:

I am looking forward to assisting brother priests, and the parishes they serve, through these new ministries. I am grateful to Cardinal Maida for entrusting this ministry to me and will look forward to opportunities to assist anyone involved in these areas of the presbyteral life of our Archdiocese. I can be reached at "[Babcock.Timothy@aod.org](mailto:Babcock.Timothy@aod.org)" or 734-464-8125. Please feel free to call on me if I can assist in any way.

## Sick Bay



We hope to list the priests and deacons within the Archdiocese of Detroit who are currently in need of our prayer, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then send the name through to our office.

### Priests:

- \* Bp. Moses Anderson
- \* Fr. Greg Deters
- \* Fr. Joseph Janiga
- \* Fr. John LaCasse
- \* Fr. Norbert Maciejewski
- \* Fr. Janusz Marzynski
- \* Fr. Bogdan Milosz
- \* Fr. Norman Nawrocki
- \* Fr. John Nowlan
- \* Fr. Bill Petron
- \* Fr. Jim Profota
- \* Bp. Francis Reiss
- \* Fr. Jacob Samonie
- \* Fr. Francis Skalski
- \* Fr. Jerome F. Treacy, SJ
- \* Fr. Richard Ugolik
- \* Fr. Dave Watson, SJ
- \* Fr. Alexander Wyrwal

### Diaconate Community:

- \* Donna Baross, wife of formation student Don Baross
- \* Dcn. Andy Fairbanks
- \* Julie Johr, daughter of Phyllis and the late Dcn. Bill Johr
- \* Bonnie Krauskoff, widow of Dcn. William Krauskoff
- \* Diana Shubik, wife of Dcn. Rich Shubik

## In Memory

*Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.*

### Dcn. Luther Aman

Carl Ammaccapane, diaconate formation student

Jovenal Cornelio, father of Fr. Noel Cornelio

Rudolf Dinga, brother of Fr. Sama Muma

John Jurewicz, son of Dcn. Marion Jurewicz

### Dcn. Raymond Lubien

### Dcn. Michael Markulike

Helen McLeod, sister of Dcn. Bob McLeod

### Fr. Charles O'Neill

### Dcn. James Sanders

### Timothy Szott

Nelle Welsh, mother of Fr. Christopher Welsh



## On the Agenda



- Nov. 10—14: Clergy fall retreat, SPC
  - Dec. 1: Presbyteral Advent Reconciliation Service, SHMS
  - Dec. 5: MOSAIC Potluck Dinner for Deacons and Wives, Divine Savior Parish.
  - Jan. 5—8: NOCERCC Region VI Forum: Mary: Discipleship for the 21st Century, Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.
  - Jan. 6: Archdiocesan Epiphany event, SHMS—Fr. Paul Berg presenting
  - Jan. 30—Feb. 1: Deacon couples' retreat, Maryville
  - Feb. 19: Pastor Prep, CP
  - Apr. 17—19: MOSAIC retreat, Maryville
  - May 11—15: Clergy Spring Retreat, SPC
  - Jun. 26—28: Deacon Men's Retreat, Capuchin Retreat Center
- CP= Cathedral Place (office bldg behind the Cathedral)
- BSC = Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
- SJC = St. John's Retreat Center
- SPC = St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Ctr.
- SHMS = Sacred Heart Major Seminary

## Diaconate Notes, cont'd.

responsible for forming them, wonder in our own minds whether or not we would have been accepted under the conditions that they are experiencing.

All this is to say that the Permanent Diaconate of Detroit is continuing to improve by the grace of God in ways that were never dreamed of just a short few years ago. God continues in work in and through His Church here on earth to bring his beloved brothers and sisters to their divine destiny. He continues to use us, unworthy servants that we are, in ways that are beyond our comprehension. Thank God for sending His Spirit to continue to work in us (men, women and children) through the grace of ordination and the bond of love we have for one another.

Thanks be to God,

*Deacon Michael McKale*