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Report on NADD National Convention

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This April Susan and I went out to cloudy California for the annual gathering of deacon directors. This is always a good time to get to know other directors. The support I get from them has helped me over the past years. It always strikes me how these deacons from across the country have the same attitude of humble service we have here in our corner of Iowa.

The talks and services were filled with ideas and motivation. I purchased a CD

for our media center for wives. And I have a DVD of a great talk on charity and justice I may share this fall at a gathering.

We went to the cathedral every day for Mass. It is a boxy building set in a nice plaza that has a restaurant, ATM for the parish credit union, and a parking garage that you get your ticket validated after Mass – a full service church. The inside of the cathedral is awesome: a huge sanctuary, alabaster windows, and beautiful murals of the

communion of saints lining the walls. The great organ made in Lake City, Iowa accompanied singers from several different languages.

The NADD was very involved with the development of our national directory and is its implementation. A significant way it is helping now is an institute for the training of new deacon directors which David Lopez is attending this month (June 10-15).

Notable June dates:

June 1

Maureen Lenz birthday
Ray Portz ordination

June 2:

Mary Straub birthday
Bob Larsen ordination

June 8:

Jary Lester birthday

June 12:

Mike Hand, Phil Doocy, LeRoy Rupp ordinations

June 13

Ron Forrest ordination (15 years)

June 14

Louis Meiner ordination
Ray and Gaylene Rosburg anniversary

June 29

Ray Portz birthday

Notable July dates:

July 10

Jeff and Trudy Gallagher anniversary

July 12

Trudy Gallagher birthday

July 29

Fred and Beth Karpuk anniversary

David Lopez notes

Fall Class Schedule:

Here are the details for the fall semester of meetings and classes:

- Sept. 8 – annual deacon meeting
- Sept. 15 – Rites class (for candidates)
- Sept. 22 – Rites class
- Sept. 23-24 – Diocesan Ministries Conference, in Spencer
- Oct. 6 – continuing formation for deacons (candidates invited)
- Oct. 13 – Rites class
- Oct. 17-18 – NADD regional meeting



Benedictine Retreat House in Schuyler, Neb., - site of the summer 2007 diaconal retreat. We look forward to seeing everyone in Schuyler for this time of renewal and fellowship.

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David Lopez notes

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- Oct. 20 – Rites class
- Nov. 10 – Rites class
- Nov. 17 – continuing formation for deacons (candidates invited)

The Ministries Conference is of course not mandatory for deacons or candidates, but we do have two speakers coming from St. Meinrad's Seminary to talk about the Eucharist. Bishop will be there as well, leading Vespers on Sunday and Mass on Monday morning. It is shaping up to be a thought-provoking, inspiring, faith-filled day, and we hope many of you will be able to attend.

One of the things that Dcn. Tim and I have discussed, and that has occasionally been raised by candidates or applicants, is the possibility of providing some child care for younger families on these Saturdays.

The first question, I think, is whether there is anyone in our community who would be willing to volunteer one or two days to do this? If so, please contact me in my Chancery office preferably (712-233-7512, davidl@scdiocese.org), or at home in the evenings (712-546-9301, davidlo@frontiernet.net).

If we had several volunteers, we might

be able to set up a tidy rotation; if we have very few or none, we'll move on to whatever other possibilities there might be.

Candidates invited to June Ordination

If any candidates did not receive an invitation to the priests' ordination Mass on June 16, please be assured that this was an unintentional oversight. Candidates and their wives are certainly invited, and if any of you are making the retreat at Schuyler, you are also welcome to use the bus we have arranged that day.

Correction

Last month, I had listed Leroy Rupp and Phil Doocy's ordination date as 6/22 instead of 6/12, as it should be; and I had not listed Mike Hand in that same group. Sorry for the gaff! Thanks, Mike, for bringing that to my attention.



Photos of the St. Benedictine Retreat Center in Schuyler, Neb., from their website www.stbenedictcenter.com.

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