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The Newsletter of the Deacon Community of the Diocese of Sioux City

I hope everyone is having a blessed, happy, fruitful summer. It was so good to see so many of you at the community retreat in Schuyler last month. I thoroughly enjoyed my first retreat with all of you, and I hope you all got as much out of it as I did. I'm already looking forward to next year...

Most of this mid-summer missive is basic information for the coming year. The community meeting dates and first part of the formation schedule are probably the most important part. I'm including the updated list of available spiritual directors, in case anyone needs it.

We haven't had too many prayer requests sent in. I hope that means that everyone is healthy and that the bounty and providence of God fulfills all our needs and cares. Please continue to pray for each other, and for Bishop Nickless, our "chief deacon" in the Diocese. Pray for candidate Rick and Wendy Roder; Rick is still recovering from a staph infection and hip surgery last month, which kept him from attending the retreat, and Wendy is about to deliver their fourth child by C-section. Pray for Frs. Deman and Wind, and for all our priests.

Last week, the deacons and candidates in Sioux City got together for a cook-out organized and hosted by Beth and Fred Karpuk. Many thanks to them for their hospitality. I'm told it was a very nice and cheerful evening. I'm sorry Cecilia and I missed it; I was sick all last week with an importunate virus, though I'm back on my feet now and feeling much better.

I'll be on vacation with my family from July 24 until August 10. Please pray for our safe travel. We're heading for Ohio for a workshop at the Pontifical College Josephinum, and to visit family and friends. If you need anything from the Office of Deacons while I'm gone, please contact Tim Murphy; if you need anything from the Bishop, contact Msgr Duchaine or Bishop directly.

Essential dates for 2008-09:

Please note the following dates on your calendars, if you have not already done so. If you cannot attend any of these events, please let the Office of Deacons (Tim Murphy or I) or Bishop Nickless know, in advance if possible.

September 13 – Annual Business Meeting, in Early
October 3-4 – Permanent Deacon Ordination at Cathedral (Vespers, Mass, Reception)
November 1 – Fall Day of Reflection; Mass with Bishop Nickless
December 5 – Deacon Community Christmas Party (Cherokee)
March 28, 2009 – Spring Day of Reflection; Mass with Bishop Nickless
April 6 – Chrism Mass, at Cathedral (April 12 is Easter Sunday)
June 19-21 – Annual Retreat, Schuyler, NE

Formation Schedule, 2008-09:

I still have a couple of minor issues with the formation class schedule to iron out, but the fall schedule at least is set:

September 6 –Formation 1: special class day at Catechists' Fall Gathering

(guest speaker: Gina Bauer; location: in Early)

NB: All Aspirants and Candidates will be required to attend; this will count as a normal class day. All current deacons (including the current four Ordinandi) and wives are invited and encouraged to attend.

September 27 – Formation 2: Sacraments, Social Teaching, Colloquium

October 18 – Formation 3: Sacraments, Social Teaching, Colloquium

November 15 – Formation 4: Sacraments, Social Teaching, Colloquium

December 6 – Formation 5: Sacraments, Social Teaching, Colloquium

December 20 – Formation 6: OT, Social Teaching, Colloquium

Here is the schedule for the Fall Gathering:

9:00 am	Mass	Church	
10:00-11:00	Session 1	Gym	
11:15-12:00	Adoration	Church	(Confession will be available)
12:05-12:55	Lunch	Stage	
1:00- 2:00	Session 2	Gym	
2:10- 2:30	Liturgy of the Hours	Gym	
2:30- 3:15	Session 3	Gym	
3:15	Concluding Prayer	Gym	

The Sacraments class (Aspirants, Fall) is being team-taught by Mark and Nicole Thomason and me. The Old Testament class (Aspirants, Winter) will be team-taught by Dcn Tim Murphy and me. We are still looking at textbooks for both these classes (sorry not to have this information available yet).

The Social Teaching class (Candidates, Fall) is being taught by Dr. Linda Harrington. The main text is “The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church,” from USCCB Publishing (#5-692; ISBN 1574556924). Anyone who would like me to order this text for them, please let me know.

More information on the rest of the formation class schedule will be available soon.

Updated list of Spiritual Directors:

Approved for Deacons in the Diocese of Sioux City

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In or near Sioux City:

1. Fr. Jim Bruch, Sioux City
2. Fr. Jerry Feierfeil, Sioux City
3. Fr. Dan Greving, Merrill
4. Fr. Dan Guenther, Sioux City
5. Fr. Roger Linnan, Hawarden
6. Fr. Bill McCarthy, Remsen
7. Fr. Pat O’Kane, Onawa
8. Fr. Kevin Richter, LeMars
9. Fr. James Tigges, LeMars

10. Fr. Thomas Topf, Sioux City (retired)
11. Msgr. Richard Zenk, Sioux City/Akron

Outside Sioux City:

12. Fr. Clair Boes, Sibley
13. Fr. Larry Burns, Early
14. Fr. Clem Currans, Emmetsburg
15. Fr. Ed Girres, Algona
16. Fr. Tom Hart, Fonda
17. Fr. Andy Hoffmann, Manning
18. Msgr. Merv Hood, Fort Dodge (retired)
19. Fr. Brian Hughes, Estherville
20. Fr. Bruce Lawler, Storm Lake
21. Fr. Larry McCarty, Sac City
22. Fr. Jim McCormick, Auburn (retired)
23. Fr. John McGuirk, Wall Lake
24. Fr. Dick Ries, Manson
25. Fr. Tim Schott, Carroll

Currently in the IPF training (due 2010):

26. Msgr. Mark Duchaine, Mapleton
27. Fr. Brian Danner, Madrid
28. Fr. Don Ries, Jefferson

Notable Dates in August and September:

- 8/1 – Glenn Heisterkamp, deceased
- 8/5 – Ed and Peggy Miller, anniversary
- 8/7 – Greg Sampson, birthday; Larry and Pat Sitzman, anniversary
- 8/8 – Ray and Delores Portz, anniversary
- 8/11 – Ron Forrest, birthday
- 8/16 – Marlene Pietz, birthday
- 8/17 – Jane Doocy, birthday
- 8/20 – Leroy and Bonnie Rupp, anniversary
- 8/21 – Bob and Lorri Larsen, anniversary
- 8/22 – Joe and Amy Scurlock, anniversary
- 8/26 – Dick Billings, birthday; Greg and Carole Sampson, anniversary
- 8/28 – Mike and Ann Hand, anniversary
- 8/31 – Mark Prosser, birthday
- 9/9 – Leroy Rupp, birthday
- 9/11 – Vicki Stover, Eldon Sullivan, birthday
- 9/12 – Bob Bruner, deceased
- 9/22 – Barb Reicks, birthday
- 9/25 – Gerry Bertrand, birthday
- 9/28 – Gaylene Rosburg, birthday
- 9/29 – Bob Lenz, birthday