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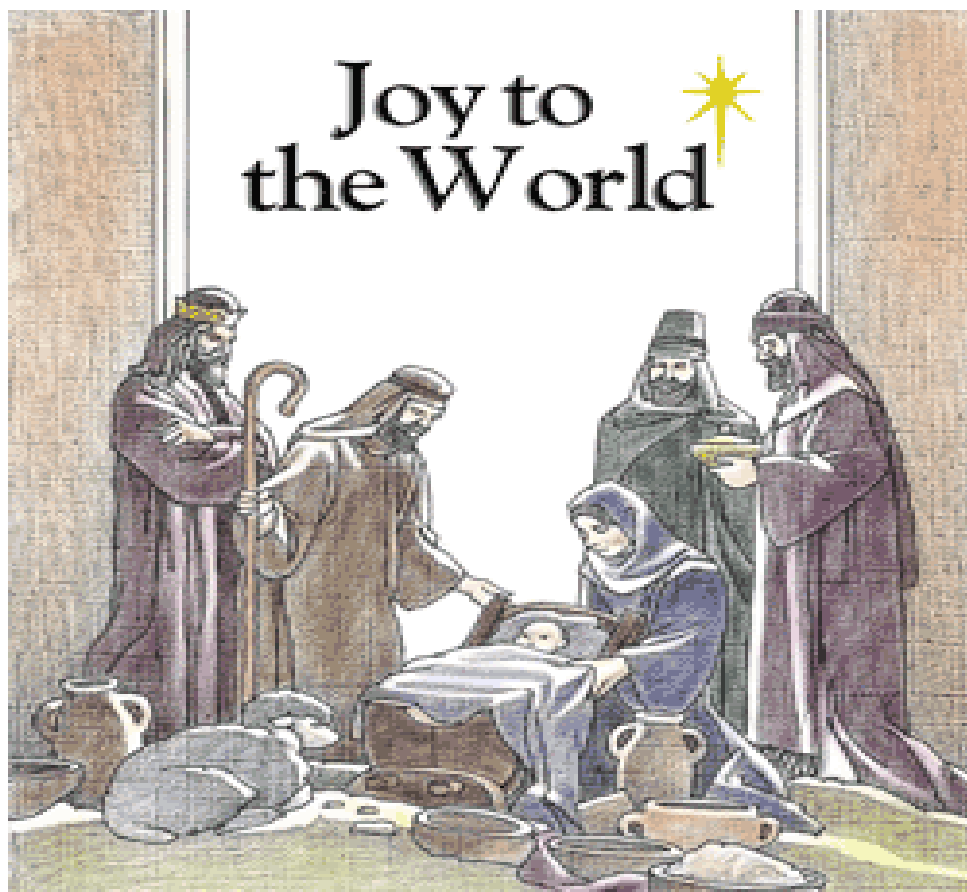
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A Newsletter for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Issue 28

WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

Matthew 2:2



....and there, ahead of them went the star they had seen at its rising,
until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9

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Diciembre 04, 2016

Diacono Andy Carrillo

Director de Oficinas de Diaconos

Señores Diaconos:

En nombre de la familia Aguirre Valenzuela, queremos manifestarles nuestro mas profundo agradecimiento ; por las visitas ,su presencia en la celebración de la misa, sus oraciones y apoyo a esta familia , sobre todo a Dn. Héctor Javier Aguirre.

A pesar del dolor que estamos pasando por la perdida de mi esposo, sentimos que no estamos solos, Dios nos acompaña y nos fortalece cada día. Dios nos ha mandado personas de buen corazón, que nos han apoyado incondicionalmente como ustedes. Les damos las gracias a cada uno de ustedes.

Que Dios los bendiga y ayude a seguir adelante .

Mis oraciones y agradecimiento estan con ustedes.

Bertha Alicia e hijos Alam, Jesús y Javier Aguirre.

English translation:

Dear Deacons,

In the name of the Aguirre Valenzuela family, we want to express our profound gratefulness for the visits, your presence at the celebration of the Mass, your prayers and your support for this family and, above all, for Deacon Hector Javier Aguirre.

Although the pain we are going through from the loss of my husband, we know that we are not alone. God is with us and strengthens us very day. God has sent us people with good hearts that support us daily without conditions, just like you. We give each and everyone of you thanks. May God bless you and may He help us go forward.

My prayers and gratefulness be with you.

Bertha Aguirre and sons, Alam, Jesus Y Javier Aguirre

St. Stephens Fund

The above assistance was able to be provided through the St. Stephen's Fund. It is a fund that is solely funded by the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and is used for deacons in time of need. Unforeseen, and sometimes even tragic circumstances can occur in life and during these times, we can use a "lifting hand" to help with a heavy burden.

The Diaconate Office would like to thank all of those who currently contribute to keep the fund solvent.

If you would like to contribute, please contact the Diaconate Office for information. Monthly, quarterly, and yearly contributions of any amount are welcome.



Police Chaplaincy

By Deacon Mark Bussemeier

For the past two years I have had the pleasure to serve as a Chaplain for the Albuquerque Police Department. Just as the hospital chaplaincy I served in Ohio, for me, this is both the most difficult and the most fulfilling of ministries.

Police chaplains serve in a wide variety of ways. We may be called upon to assist in death notifications, assist and support victims in times of crisis, respond to suicide incidents, and serve as part of a crisis response team. We visit sick or injured personnel, are a resource for members of the department and their families, and serve as a liaison with other clergy in the community. We are often called upon to deliver the invocation or benediction at public ceremonies as representatives of the police department. We are also on hand to serve inside the police stations, often loitering with intent, gently opening the door to needed conversation.

At its heart, police officers and their work are underappreciated; their work can rapidly shift from long periods of boredom to moments of genuine fear. Having someone on their team to talk to about this, not as a fellow cop but as a genuine listener, can be invaluable.

The role of police chaplain can be very demanding as our services can be requested at all hours of the day or night, under all kinds of conditions. I have stood with families for hours in freezing weather awaiting the Medical Investigator and been called out in the middle of the night to notify a family that a loved one has been killed. Unlike ministry inside the church, there are no regular hours.

The position of police chaplain carries no law enforcement powers, but does require one have or develop a basic understanding of police work and the challenges law enforcement officers and their families face on a daily basis. This understanding enables us to be a very effective part of the department, assisting inside and outside the police station. We are bound by the same ethics as law enforcement officers but have confidentiality as part of our mission. An officer can speak to us knowing that what they say to us stays with us.

The International Conference of Police Chaplains, an organization that trains and supports chaplains around the globe, notes the position and function of a police chaplain differs from that of a minister in a church. Our role is to serve, not preach – it is a ministry of presence, bringing the light of Christ into the darkest corners of our community. A minister in the church takes an active role in the development of people's faith life, while a chaplain supports people in the circumstance in which they find themselves at that moment. Much like the difference between a family physician and a medic in the battle field.

Chaplains must be able to deal with a variety of people with different faith backgrounds, as well as people without faith backgrounds. We are not present to proselytize – attempting to convert someone to our way of belief. Rather, we are like the keel board of a sailing ship, helping to keep things righted when the seas are turbulent around those whom we serve.

Chaplains serve as Ambassadors of Christ dedicated to providing a ministry of presence, support and counsel to members of the Police Department, their families and the community. Currently, there are three deacons serving as chaplains with the Albuquerque Police Department. In a community where some 40% of people are Catholic, only 12% of our chaplains are. I'd love the opportunity to discuss my ministry with anyone who would like to do so. Who knows, perhaps there's a chaplain in you.

Submitted by:
Deacon Mark Bussemeier
Risen Savior Catholic Community
Albuquerque

Bio:

Deacon Mark Bussemeier was ordained in 1995 for the Diocese of Toledo in Ohio. He completed his clinical pastoral training in 1993 and served as a hospital chaplain from 1993 through 1999. Following his ordination he was assigned as the pastoral minister to an inner-city parish in Toledo, ministering to the poor and the homeless. He has been with Risen Savior Parish in Albuquerque since 2000 and served on the Deacon Formation team for the Archdiocese from 2002 to 2009, as its director from 2005.



Diaconate Formation

Director of Formation Fr. Tim Martinez

2018 Diaconate Formation

Class Dates

January 13 & 14, 2017, Risen Savior, Albuquerque

February 10 & 11, 2017, Risen Savior, Albuquerque

March 10 & 11, 2017, Risen Savior, Albuquerque

Save the Dates

Deacon In-Service

April 1, 2017

Location: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, Albuquerque

Deacon Retreat

Date pending

DEACON ALIVE!

A new radio program has started on 98.9 FM called Deacons Alive. This is hosted by Deacon Mike and Kathy Wesley on the 4th Tuesday of each month. It airs at 12:00 noon and is re-broadcast at 8:00 pm. The purpose of the program is to interview deacons and their wives, informing the listener of what being a deacon is all about. If you would like to be on the program give Deacon Mike a call or send him a text to 505-249-7774. You can also zap him an email at dcn.mike@q.com. Above all please spread the word! Give Deacons Alive a listen and send us your comments.

Deacon Council

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NE Deanery, Deacon Michael Sedillo

NW Deanery, Deacon John G. Sutton

SE Deanery, Vacant

SW Deanery, Deacon Nicholas Keller

Next Deacon Council meeting:: February 11, 2017, Diaconate Office.



SAVE THE DATE!

**2017 Region XIII
Deacon Conference
August 18-20, 2017
Phoenix, Arizona**



“The Character of the Deacon”

**“The Character of the Deacon given at ordination ignites
a desire to be an envoy from Christ”**

Dcn. James Keating

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Rev. Eugene Florea—Director of Merciful Heart Hermitage, Diocese of Phoenix

Rev. Paul Sullivan—Director of Vocations, Diocese of Phoenix

**Mrs. Lani Bogart—Director of Marriage and Family Life, Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
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Mrs. Barb Lishko—Director of Marriage Ministries, St. Andrew Parish, Chandler AZ

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2016 Retirees



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Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary, Albuquerque



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Questa



Eloy Martinez

San Juan Bautista, San Juan Pueblo



Robert Welch

St. Anne, Tucumcari

The Diaconate Office would like to thank you for your ministry to the Church, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and the many services provided to the people of God and the entire community. May God bless you abundantly.



"May Perpetual Light shine upon them"



Deacon Ben Vigil
October 23, 1923 — November 3, 2016



Deacon Hector Aguirre
April 27, 1969—November 9, 2016

*The Diaconate Office would like to wish all of you a Happy
New Year.*

*May the blessing of Christmas be with yours throughout the
year and may you be renewed in Faith, Hope and Love.*

*Deacon Andres Carrillo, Director of Office of Deacons
Yolanda Sutton, Office Assistant*

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