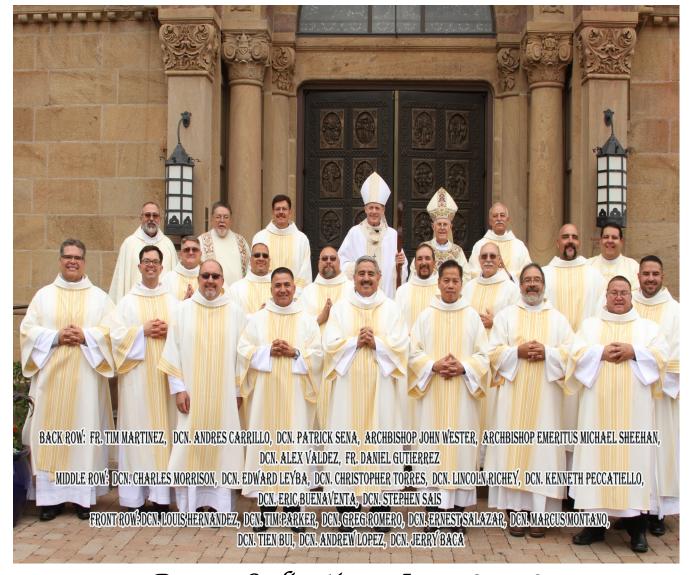


# EL Diácono



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## Deacon Ordination - June 16, 2018 Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi Icons of Christ Servant

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# Que Pasa?

# At the Deacon Office

You will soon receive an invitation to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate. Please mark August 9, 2018 on your calendar for this celebration. Mass will be at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi at 5:15 p.m. A reception will be held immediately following the Mass. What a great opportunity and grace Our Lord has given every deacon. He calls us to share in his ministry of service to his people in our Archdiocese and beyond. Each ordained deacon is called to be an Icon of Christ Servant.

It was a great joy to see so many deacons at the Ordination of our newest deacons. It was truly a great celebration. It was a celebration of a church fully alive. If you serve with any of these newly ordained men, please give them your support. It really goes without saying as I know you will be there for whatever they may need.

Our first retreat was June 29 – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. A team consisting of a deacon couple and a priest were the presenters for this retreat. They are associated with Earthen Vessels, a group from the Seattle area. As you know, there will be three retreats all to be held at the Pecos Monastery. The first retreat gave participants a time to share on the Paschal Mystery. One of the comments from a couple who attended was "it was a very spiritual time of reflection. The place was great for the retreat. It brought back many memories from formation retreats." Another couple shared that "since it was a smaller retreat (about 50 people) they were able to talk with more people." At least one couple shared that they would rather gather in one large group. Please remember that we are taking a different direction for this year. An evaluation of the direction will be evaluated for next year's retreat(s).

On July 7, 2018, deacons and wives gathered for a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination celebration. These men were ordained either June 26 or July 10, 1993. This is the group of men that I was ordained with. We started with Mass at 4:00 at St. John the Baptist Church in Santa Fe. Fr. James Sanchez celebrated the Mass with Fr. John Daniel con-celebrating. Archbishop Wester was unable to attend. After Mass, we gathered in Lamy Hall for an Enchilada dinner. It was great to gather and remember the four years of our formation. Deacon John Russo, one of our formation directors, was able to join us and help celebrate.

If you were ordained in 1972 or in 2018 or any where in between, thank you for your service to the People of God!+!

#### **Deacon Andy Carrillo, Director, Office of Deacons**

"Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."



#### **Diaconate Formation**

#### **Director of Formation Fr. Tim Martinez**

#### 2022 Diaconate Formation

#### **Class/Event Dates**

August 2018, Aspirancy Retreat September 7 & 8, 2018, Risen Savior Parish, Albuquerque

#### Save the Dates

#### 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate

August 9, 2018 @ 5:15 p.m. - Cathedral Basilica of Santa Fe de Assisi

#### **Deacon Retreat**

Date: August 10-12 and August 24-26, 2018

Location: Pecos Monastery, Pecos

#### **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.

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### The ordination of seventeen men to the permanent diaconate.



The candidates gather around the sanctuary.

The candidates prostrate themselves and the cantor begins the litany of the saints.





The Archbishop alone stands and prays, "Lord God, hear our petition and give your help to this act of our ministry. We judge these men worthy to serve as deacon and we ask you to bless them and make them holy."

He then invites the men to kneel and lays hand on each of the candidate's head, in silence.





The Archbishop places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of the newly ordained and says: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what your read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."

At the end the Archbishop assigns each newly ordained deacon to a parish. All of the newly ordained were assigned to their home parish.



June, 12th, 2018

Dear Gift Bearers,

Catholics often go to Mass and pay no attention to the various parts of the Mass. Take for instance,

when you bring the bread and wine forward during the offertory. No one seems to take notice; they are often busy flipping through music books, managing their kids, or just waking up from a homily snooze. But bringing the bread and wine that you bring forward is an essential part of the Mass and if we take the time to understand their significance, the offering you bring forward as Gift Bearers will take on a deeper reality.

Think about this: Consider the time when Jesus walked the earth. During His time, having bread and wine on the table meant a life of hard work. In ancient Middle East grapes, wheat, fruit, vegetables and dairy products could be grown. Meat was expensive and usually obtained by the rich. Bread and wine were the essentials of survival and represented



the goodness of the earth and God's provision of food and well-being.

In the early history of the Church, Christians would bring small loaves of bread and place them in baskets at the back of the church. They also brought small containers, or cruets, of wine, which they poured into a common flagon. The basket of bread and wine flagon would then be brought forward by gift bearers during the offertory. This bread and wine consecrated at Mass was literally the offering of the people. They were the gift to God from the People of God. As Gift Bearers, you are a direct continuation of presenting these gifts to God at every Mass.

The bread and wine you bring forward symbolizes the full meaning of feasting together in unity. It is the unifying dimension of the Eucharist we celebrate at each Mass. Saint Paul states, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Bread and wine that you bring forward at Mass indicates the unity of the body of Christ.

Sharing a meal with others is the bonding experience God has given us. What you do at each Mass as Gift Bearers may seem like a small task, but it is a key element linking the Word of God and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. I applaud your dedication to this vital ministry and pray for your continued success as Gift Bearers and in life.

God Bless you always,

Deacon John "Jack" Granato, Ph.D.

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The link for the brochure is <a href="http://ihmcc.org/pdfs/PilgrimageBrochure.pdf">http://ihmcc.org/pdfs/PilgrimageBrochure.pdf</a>

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#### **NOTE**

Keep in mind if there is any information you would like to incl*ude in the El Diacono that would be of interest to the Deacon Community, i.e.*, special events, accomplishments, ministry work, etc., please inform the Diaconate Office and we will be happy to announce it.

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