



El Diácono



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A Newsletter for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Issue 46E

Deacon Retreat

September 6-8

Marriott Pyramid Hotel

Albuquerque

Rebuilding Diaconia

With Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI





From the Desk of the Director



The fourth of July holds many fond memories for me – from early childhood, all throughout my life. Summer fun, fire-works, vacations, etc.

The day is a great time to not only celebrate our freedom as Americans, but to reflect on what it means to be free – especially free as Christians. After all, it is Christ who truly sets us free.

Christian freedom is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers us to live in truth, love, and service, ultimately leading to our complete fulfillment in God's eternal kingdom. We are freed from the bondage of sin, due to our redemption through Christ; we are free to serve and to love our God and neighbor – free to give freely of ourselves by being obedient to the Gospel; free to live in the truth revealed through Christ (a freedom that does not go against the moral order or our human nature); and freedom to live the fullness of life in heaven.

Our diaconal service is certainly a call to freedom – though it sometimes may not seem that way when we don't seem to have time for the things we want to do. But we freely chose this ministry and, I don't know about you, but I truly find serving others to be a source of grace which frees my soul.

This newsletter has lots of information for you about upcoming events – many of which, I hope will provide you with opportunities for encounter with Christ and moments of grace.

Of course, we are excited about Fr. Ron Rolheiser coming to Albuquerque and providing a retreat experience for us. Registration info is below. We are still looking for folks/organizations/businesses to sponsor the retreat so that we can reduce the cost of attendance.

We are equally pleased to invite you to a deacon in-service on Sunday, August 18th on homiletics. Dcn. Jay Cormier of the Diocese of Manchester (New Hampshire) will be our presenter. He teaches homiletics and has written the book: *"The Deacon's Ministry of the Word."* This will mostly be offered virtually through Zoom so that those outside of the ABQ Metro area don't have to travel. See the information page below.

In addition, Deacon Andy Carrillo and I are hosting a pilgrimage for deacons to Rome (and Assisi) for the Jubilee year (February 19-27). We hope you are able to consider joining us.

Finally, there is information about the creation of a new cohort for deacon formation. It is unbelievable that we are talking about a class that will be ordained in 2030! Look for special promotional materials coming out soon.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve you as the Director of the Office of Deacons. Please feel free to contact me about any issues you may be experiencing in your role as a servant for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

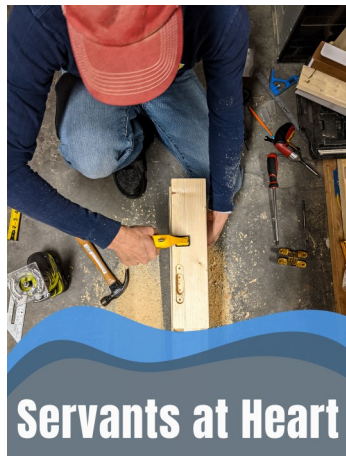


2024 Deacon Community Retreat

September 6-8, 2024

Marriott Pyramid North

Registration is now open



Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, is a Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He is a theologian, professor, award-winning author, and serves as president of the Oblate School of Theology. He holds Bachelor's degrees from the University of Ottawa and Newman Theological College Edmonton and Master's degrees from the University of San Francisco and University of Louvain, Belgium along with a PhD/STD from the University of Louvain. Apart from his academic knowledge in systematic theology and philosophy, he has become a popular speaker in contemporary spirituality and religion and the secular world. He writes a weekly column that is carried in over 70 newspapers around the world.

His books include *The Holy Longing* and *Sacred Fire*.

Thanks to the Retreat Planning Team for their efforts in putting the retreat program together!

To register on-line, go to this link: <https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/2024-diaconate-retreat>

Registration Fees

On or before July 28, 2024

\$ 650.00 (per Deacon Couple)

\$ 500.00 (per Deacon single room)

\$ 325.00 (per Deacon sharing a room)

After July 28, 2024

\$700.00 (per Deacon Couple)

\$550.00 (per Deacon single room)

\$350.00 (per Deacon sharing a room)

No registrations accepted after **August 2**.

Retreat Sponsors and Donors Needed

As you can imagine, inflation has made hosting a major event like a retreat very expensive. In order to keep the cost of attending affordable, the Retreat Planning Team is soliciting sponsors and donations. You can find more information about how to sponsor the retreat by [clicking here](#).





Rebuild My Church Update

The Rebuild my Church Core Team continues their work in building a pastoral plan for the Archdiocese which will be customized for each deanery. In fact, the deaneries are the focal point of much of the “rebuilding” activity. Your support for this process is critical so please support the work of your respective deans in this effort.

The five reflection themes for the Rebuild My Church initiative came from the synodal process held last year.

- a. Education and Formation
- b. The Role of Women
- c. The Life of the Spirit
- d. Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue and Events, and
- e. Cultivating a culture of synodality that emphasizes listening and understanding.



Stay tuned for more information as the process progresses.



Last fall a task force recommended a formation process and program for forming and assigning Parish Directors (PDs) formerly known as Parish Life Coordinators (PLCs). While there is no current need for PDs in the Archdiocese, it is anticipated that there

will soon be a shortage of priests to serve as pastors. Fr. Glenn Jones (Vicar for Clergy) has asked for a list of deacons who might be interested in pursuing a ministry as a Parish Director. These positions are normally full-time and demanding, but also fulfilling.

If you would like to be placed on a list of those interested in this ministry, please complete a simple on-line form at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/parish-director-interest-form>

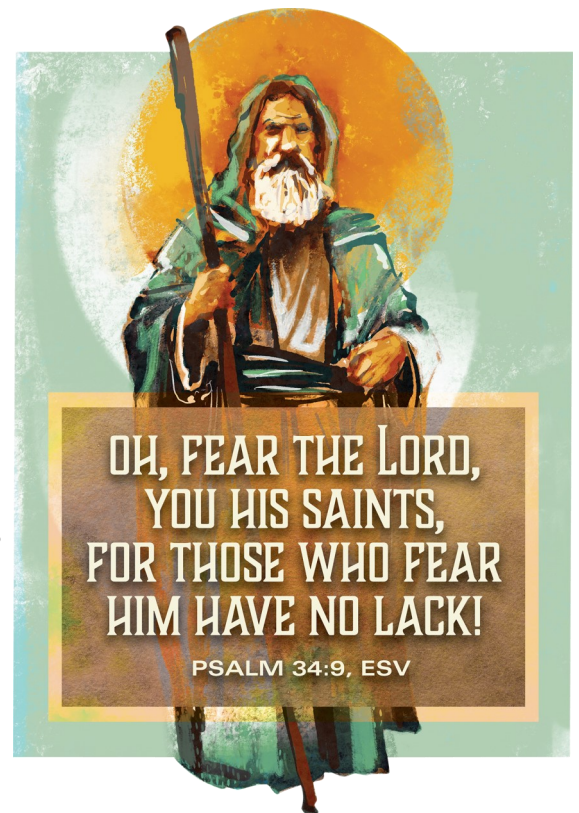
This is not an application, but the list will be used to invite deacons to apply for formation as a PD. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Keith at the Deacon Office.



July 3—St. Thomas, Apostle
July 11—St. Benedict
July 15—St. Bonaventure
July 22—St. Mary Magdalene
July 25—St. James, Apostle
July 26—Sts. Joachim and Anne
July 29—Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola
August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori
August 8—St. Dominic
August 10—St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe
August 15—The Feast of the Assumption of Mary
August 20—St. Bernard
August 21—St. Pius X
August 22—Feast of the Queenship of Mary
August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 27—St. Monica
August 28—St. Augustine
August 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist
September 3—St. Gregory the Great
September 9—St. Peter Claver
September 13—St. John Chrysostom
September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 16—Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
September 20—Sts. Andrew Kim and Companions
September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle
September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina
September 27—St. Vincent de Paul
September 30—St. Jerome

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

July through September





Deacon Candidates of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 2024

FOLLOW HIS Example

Steve Garcia
Queen of Heavens, ABO

Tyler Cole
Nativity of the BVM, ABO

Arthur Trujillo
OLO Guadalupe, Parale

Francisco Martinez
St. Jude I Luddens, ABO

Emilio Brizal
OLO Sorrows, LV

Bryan Huffaker
Prince of Peace, ABO

Guadalupe Sosa
Sacred Heart, Clovis

Dick Sanchez
Nativity of the BVM, ABO

Anthony Martinez
OLO Guadalupe, Tans

Francisco Rodriguez
Sacred Heart, Clovis

Jerry Griggs
San Miguel, Socorro

Rudy Kael
San Felipe, ABO

Ricardo Macias
OLO Sorrows, LV

Jeff McCarthy
Cristo Rey, SF

Is God calling You?
Deacon Formation:
<http://santafedeacons.net/formation.htm>

NEW FORMATION COHORT BEING FORMED

Currently, we have two cohorts of men in deacon formation, 2025 & 2028. Get ready because we are starting a new cohort with an anticipated ordination in 2030. A promotional campaign will begin shortly with posters and brochures being sent to each parish. But you don't need to wait. If you know of a man who you feel might make a good deacon, please discuss it with your pastor and, with his approval, encourage him in his vocation. A good place to start is to send him to the Deacon website:



<http://santafedeacons.net/index.htm/files/Becoming%20a%20Deacon.pdf>

Mentors are needed for the growing number of men (and their spouses) in formation. We are looking for deacons and their wives to provide mentoring for up to three couples from your deanery. Training is provided. The time commitment is about two to three hours per month for this very rewarding ministry. You must have at least three years of ordination experience to qualify. Check with Dcn. Doug Feery, Deacon Mentor Coordinator at dopayfee@gmail.com.



Deacon In-service

**Sunday
August 18
2:30pm**

**Catholic Pastoral Center (Albuquerque)
And Virtually (via Zoom)**

*For when I preach the gospel,
I cannot boast, since I am
compelled to preach. Woe to me
if I do not preach the gospel!*

1 Corinthians 9:16, NIV

Preaching the Word

Dcn. Jay Cormier
Professor, St. Anselm College
Manchester, New Hampshire
Author of *The Deacon's Ministry of the Word*
(Liturgical Press)

[REGISTER ON-LINE](#)

(See details on the next page)





Deacon In-service

We are happy to offer a workshop on homiletics for our deacon community. This project is partially underwritten by a grant from the Catholic Foundation. This will be a “hybrid” event. A small number will gather in person at the Catholic Pastoral Center (Sandia Room) while others attend virtually via Zoom. This decision was made to assist those outside of the ABQ metro area to attend without the burden of travel on a Sunday afternoon. The added benefit is that we will be able to record this event so that those unable to attend can benefit from the experience.

About the presenter:



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Jay Cormier, D. Min. is editor and publisher of *Connections*, a monthly newsletter of preaching ideas, approaches and resources for homilists and preachers. He is adjunct professor of liturgical preaching at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA., and lecturer in humanities and communications at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. Dr. Cormier leads workshops around the country for both clergy and laity in preaching skills and liturgy; he also facilitates training programs for professional, business and nonprofit organizations in communications and management issues.

Dr. Cormier is a regular contributor to the monthly prayer journal *Give Us This Day*, published by Liturgical Press; he has also written for *America*, *Worship* and *U.S. Catholic*. He is the author of several books in preaching, liturgy and communications, including *The Deacon's Ministry of the Word* (Liturgical Press); *"Heaven Is Like": A Gospel Model for Writing, Preparing, and Delivering the Sunday Homily* (Rowan & Littlefield); *Lord, Hear Our Prayer: The Prayer of the Faithful for Sundays and Holy Days* (Liturgical Press); and the series *Table Talk: Beginning the Conversation on the Sunday Gospel* (New City Press).



A graduate of St. Anselm College, Dr. Cormier holds a master's degree in communications from Emerson College and a Doctor of Ministry degree in theology and communications from Andover Newton Theological School. He has served as Director of Communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, the Archdiocese of Washington (D.C.) and the Diocese of Manchester (N.H.).

Ordained to the diaconate in 2014 for the Diocese of Manchester (N.H.), Dr. Cormier serves as deacon at Saint Jude Parish in Londonderry, N.H., where he and his wife, Ann, make their home.

Register on-line: <https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/deacon-inservice-2024>



Join Deacon Andres Carrillo & Deacon Keith Davis on a

Deacons' Jubilee to Rome & Assisi

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February
19-27, 2025



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Rome and visit the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls and pass through the Holy Door.

Day 2: St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, St. Mary Major and the Jubilee for Deacon's events

Day 3: St. Peter's Basilica and Jubilee for Deacon's events.

Day 4: St. Sebastian, the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and Jubilee for Deacon's events

Day 5: St. Lawrence, Orvieto & Assisi

Day 6: Assisi

Day 7: Siena

Day 8: Return home

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the
blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of
the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will
shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of
Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that
same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for
ever.

Amen



For more information, or to register,
scan the code below.





St. Stephen Fund



This fund is established according to the Archdioceses of Santa Fe by-laws and constitution. It is an approved fund for the designated purpose of giving financial assistance to Permanent Deacons and/or their wives. The St Stephen Fund is intended to be temporary assistance during a time of crisis or when grave financial need has been identified. Assistance from the fund is intended to be a one-time gift, but under certain circumstances the St Stephen Fund Committee may decide to help on more than one occasion. The Permanent Deacon or widow requesting assistance must complete a Request for Assistance form and send to the St Stephen Fund Committee for review and then forward to the Office of the Director of Deacons for action.

Direct Contributions

You can now make direct contributions to the St Stephen's Fund through the link below.

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Twvtgk>

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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.



VIRTUS® *Online*

Just a reminder that all deacons must remain in compliance with the Archdiocesan Call to Protect protocols, including keeping current (every five years) with your VIRTUS training. If you are not certain if you are in compliance, you can look it up at the link below, or contact Yolanda at the Deacon Office.

[English Virtus Link](#)

[Spanish Virtus Link](#)

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



Diaconate Information

Director of Deacon Formation: Deacon Keith Davis

Cohort 2025

Current Class size: 14 Candidates
Ordination in 2025



Cohort 2028

Current Class size: 17 Aspirants
Ordination in 2028

Deacon Inservice & Retreat

Deacon Inservice

Homiletics with Dcn. Jay Cormier
Sunday, August 18, 2:30—5:30pm
Sandia Room and On-line



Retreat

Sept. 6-8, Marriott Pyramid, ABQ
With Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
"Rebuilding Diaconia"

Deacon Council Update

The Deacon Council was created to represent the Deacon Community in advising the Archbishop on matters concerning the diaconate. However, the council has struggled in recent years and is in the process of rebuilding and reimagining itself.

Significant changes will be proposed for review and approval at the Deacon Retreat this September. They include the makeup of the council, how leadership is called and other changes to enable the council to perform its primary role.

According to the current Constitution, the purposes of the Council shall be:

- ♦ To serve as an advisory body to the Archbishop;
- ♦ To provide a forum in which input from deacons and their families can be communicated and acted upon; and
- ♦ To represent the Community of permanent deacons.

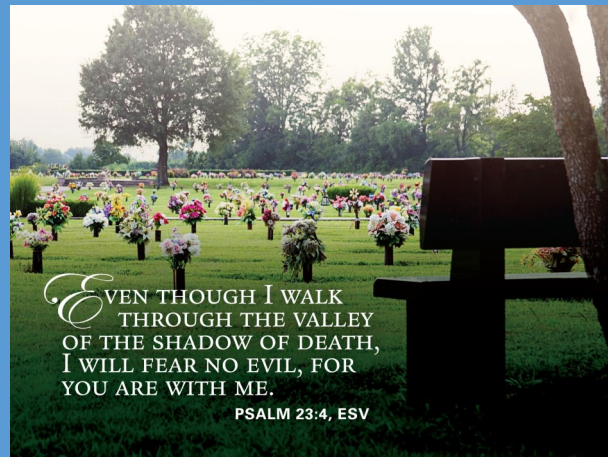
Our current structure relies on deacon and deacon wife representatives from each deanery who are elected to serve. But many of our deaneries are not effective in gathering deacons to meet; moreover, electing deacons and wives.

A task force from the current council membership is looking at ways to improve the effectiveness of the council. Their work will go through an approval process that ultimately includes the entire deacon community.





Rest in Peace



Pray for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. ~Amen~

July

- 7—Deacon Hemming A. Atterbom (2005)
- 8—Deacon Harry Beare (2022)
- 18—Deacon Ron Schultz (2010)
- 24—Deacon J. Robert Martinez (2008)
- 28—Deacon Joe Trujillo (2010)
- 31—Deacon Charles Cullen (2017)
- 31—Deacon Phillip Salazar III (2019)

August

- 19—Deacon Rudy Zamora (2018)
- 26—Deacon Carlos Pacheco (2016)

September

- 6—Deacon Richard D. Prentiss (2000)
- 20—Deacon Raynaldo Cordova (2017)
- 23—Deacon Kenneth Trujillo (2022)





Deacon Personnel Board

By Deacon Andy Carrillo, Board Chair

The Deacon Personnel Board, established by Archbishop Wester last October, is working on reviewing data received from the Deacon Survey. Criteria have been set to assist in reviewing the data. It includes sorting the information by deanery; reported amount of time in ministry: sorting to include parish and number of families registered. As more information becomes available it will be shared with the deacon community.

The Board is working on policies that will assist the Archbishop and the Director of the Office of Deacon. The policies are developed by the Board, reviewed by Fr. Glenn Jones, and sent to the Archbishop for his approval. These policies will then become part of the Deacon Manual. Several proposals are on the Archbishop desk for his approval and will be shared with the community.

A review of the process to requests a transfer from an assigned parish to another parish is taking shape. When a deacon is looking to be transferred, the first step is to request a transfer through the Director of the Office of Deacons. Once this is done the Director will inform the deacon of other necessary items. Final approve for a transfer is granted by the Archbishop.

Several parishes are in need of deacon. The first step for a pastor in requesting a deacon is for the Pastor to make the request known to Fr. Glenn and Deacon Keith Davis. It is always better to have a request in writing.

Please assist the Board with your prayers.



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The Catholic Center

ASSIGNMENT MEMO -Thursday, June 6, 2024

Archbishop John C. Wester has made the following assignments.

- Effective Thursday, March 14, 2024 -Deacon Donald Roseborough has been incardinated to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and granted retirement after serving for over 21 years.



Just for Fun!



"I thought you invited me to be a Premises Keeper!"



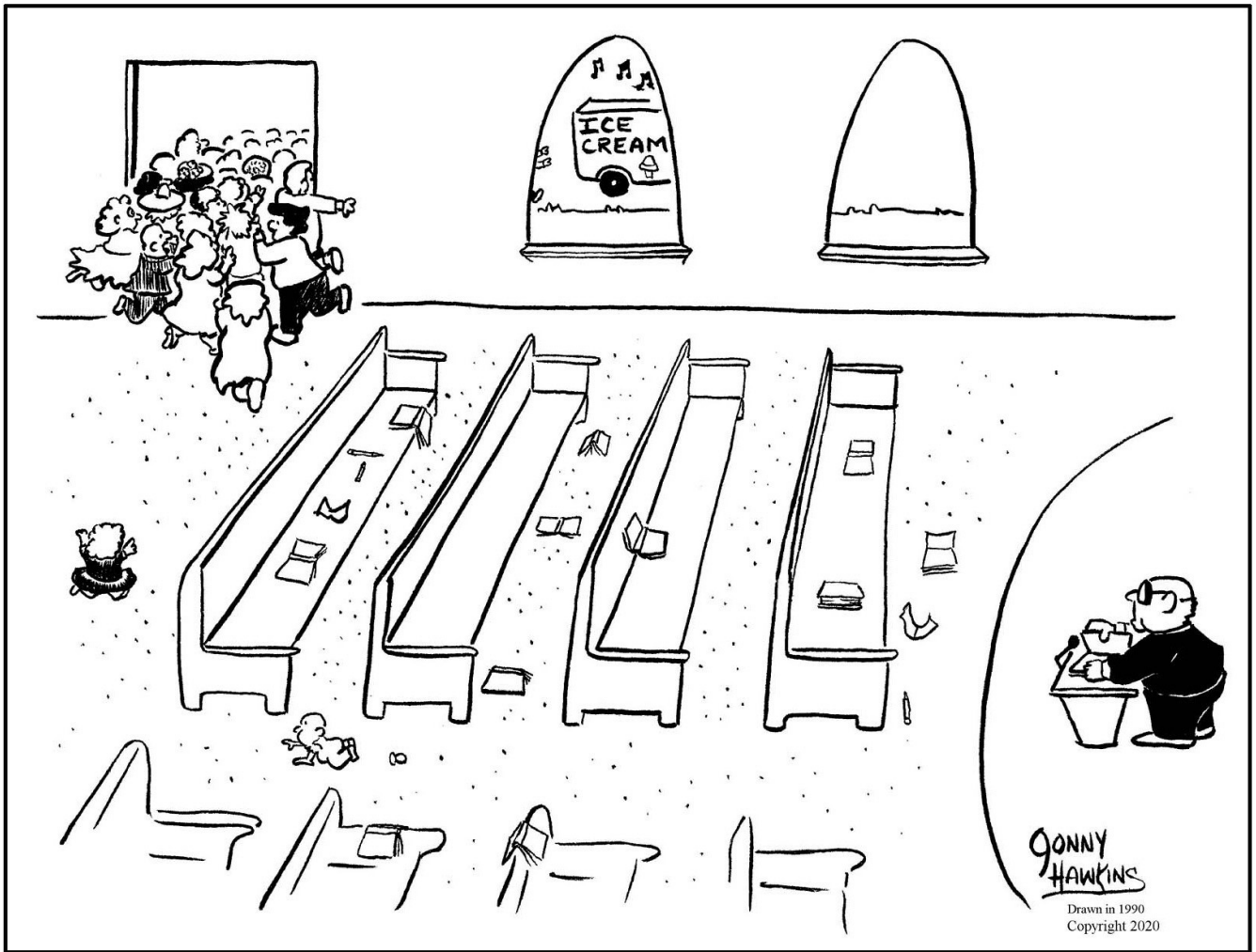
"May I have a word with you about the new summer choir outfits?"



Deacons: Update your contact information. If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Diaconate Office. This helps facilitate communication between you, the Diaconate Community and the Archdiocese. Phone 505-831-8246 or email the Diaconate Secretary at ylovato@asfnm.org

NOTE

Keep in mind if there is any information you would like to include in the El Diácono Newsletter 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. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the October through December 2024 time frame with a submission deadline of September 10th, 2024 to the Director of the Office of Deacons.



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