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TO: INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES COMMUNITY
FROM: DEACON BOB PUHALA, DIRECTOR

Director's Message

And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been -- Rainer Maria Rilke.
Things like ... aspirants and their wives participating in their first IDS academic course – an intensive study of the Catechism; they will experience more fully the four dimensions of formation and how this integration assists them in their discernment journey. Year One candidates will be instituted as Readers, holding a recognized office of the Church for the first time. Year Two candidates will concentrate on their Service to the Liturgy parish internship, which is essential to the development of their ministerial identity. And Year Three candidates and wives will present themselves to the Admission and Scrutinies Board, which assists IDS in discerning the movement of candidates to the Ordination Path, leading to diaconal ordination in May.

Indeed, the new year is bringing things that “have never been.” But they are things that are good, and holy, and worth the sacrifice. So while all of IDS wishes you a Happy New Year, it is more important that you enter the new year with a new soul, new eyes and a new heart, yearning to discover God’s will for each of you. And it is important for you to know that we are blessed to walk with you on this journey.

Exploring the Diaconate

IDS is offering two *Exploring the Diaconate* informational meetings this month.

Tuesday, January 17, 7:30pm, IDS will be in Vicariate V at SS. Cyril & Methodius, Lemont. The meeting will take place in Sivore Hall located in the school basement.

Tuesday, January 24, 7:30pm, IDS will be in Vicariate VI at St. Thomas the Apostle, Chicago. The meeting will take place in the parish hall.

A complete schedule of events may be found on our [website](#).

Please spread the word of this opportunity to discuss a possible call to diaconal ministry!

Around IDS

Fall Semester Courses

- Introduction to the Catechism (Aspirancy Path)
- New Testament (Year 1)
- Ecclesiology & Mariology (Year 1)
- Moral Theology (Year 2)
- Christology & Soteriology (Year 2)
- Homiletics III (Year 2)
- Presiding at the Rites II (Year 3)

January Formation Sessions

- Jan. 10 - Admission & Scrutinies Board (Year 3, Key Event)
- Jan. 14 - Christian Anthropology I (Year 1)
- Jan. 19 - Ordination Prep Meeting (Year 3, Key Event)
- Jan. 21 - Christian Anthropology II (Year 1)

IDS January Birthdays

Prayers for a special blessing on these folks who celebrate birthdays during the month of January: 2 - Pat Brenner; 3 - Laura Georgen; 4 - Charley Shallcross; 5 - Tom Dombai; 9 - Mark Weiss; 17 - Susan Burnett; 17 - Raul Duque; 23 - Yuki Birck; 23 - Dan Georgen; 25 - Laura Sorce; 25 - Cindy Mocariski

Let Us Remember in Prayer Those Entrusted to Our Care

As we begin the new year, please let us know for whom we should pray – either those suffering from an illness or those who have passed from this life to the next. We will include their names in our February newsletter. Please send names to DeAnne Besetzny at dbesetzny@usm.edu.