

EXPLORING THE DIACONATE

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONSIDER A VOCATION may sometimes be a gentle voice stirring the soul or a personal longing in our hearts. It may be the urging of friends or spouses. It can also find birth in the invitation of pastors, deacons and parish leaders to pursue such an inquiry. No matter the source of our questions, each of us needs to be affirmed and encouraged to bring a call to a vocation to prayerful discernment.

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue.

Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required.

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| Oct. 12, 2016 | St. Cajetan, Chicago (Vicariate V), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Memorial Hall (School Basement) |
| Nov. 9, 2016 | St. Pascal, Chicago (Vicariate IV), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Neckerman Room (Rectory) |
| Jan. 17, 2017 | SS. Cyril & Methodius, Lemont (Vicariate V), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sivore Hall (School Basement) |
| Jan. 24, 2017 | St. Thomas the Apostle, Chicago (Vicariate VI), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Parish Hall |
| Feb. 26, 2017 | St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield (Vicariate II), following 11:45 a.m. Mass
Location: St. John Paul II Room |
| Mar. 2, 2017 | Vicar for Deacons Office, Forest Park, 7:30 p.m.
Location: St. Bernadine (816 Marengo Avenue) |
| Mar. 21, 2017 | St. John the Evangelist, Streamwood (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Parish Center |
| Mar. 30, 2017 | St. Aloysius, Chicago (Vicariate III), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Gonzaga Hall (1510 N. Claremont Ave.) |
| Apr. 6, 2017 | University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Prist Center (Building 201P) |
| Apr. 21, 2017 | University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m.
Location: Prist Center (Building 201P) |

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Application Deadline for 2017 - 2018 Aspirancy Path is May 1, 2017.

Regretfully, IDS cannot accept late applications for the upcoming formation year.



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