

# 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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| <b>Oct. 10, 2017</b> | <b>University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (IDS Office), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Prist Center (Building 201P)</b> |
| <b>Nov. 14, 2017</b> | <b>SS. Cyril &amp; Methodius, Lemont (Vicariate V), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Sivore Hall (School Basement)</b>             |
| <b>Dec. 5, 2017</b>  | <b>St. Eugene, Chicago (Vicariate II), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: School Annex Room 110</b>                                  |
| <b>Jan. 17, 2018</b> | <b>St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield (Vicariate II), following 11:45 a.m. Mass<br/>Location: St. John Paul II Room</b>   |
| <b>Feb. 7, 2018</b>  | <b>Office of the Diaconate, (Vicariate IV) Forest Park, 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: St. Bernardine (816 Marengo Avenue)</b>   |
| <b>Feb. 21, 2018</b> | <b>St. John the Evangelist, Streamwood (Vicariate I), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Parish Center</b>                           |
| <b>Feb. 28, 2018</b> | <b>St. Cajetan, Chicago (Vicariate V), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Memorial Hall (School Basement)</b>                        |
| <b>Mar. 14, 2018</b> | <b>SS. Peter &amp; Paul, Chicago (Vicariate VI), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Social Center (Behind the Church)</b>            |
| <b>Mar. 21, 2018</b> | <b>St. Aloysius, Chicago (Vicariate III), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Gonzaga Hall (1510 N. Claremont Ave.)</b>               |
| <b>Apr. 11, 2018</b> | <b>St. Thomas the Apostle, Chicago (Vicariate VI), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Parish Hall</b>                                |
| <b>Apr. 18, 2018</b> | <b>University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein (IDS Office), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Location: Prist Center (Building 201P)</b> |

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**Application Deadline for 2018 - 2019 Aspirancy Path is May 1, 2018.**

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



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