



The Deacon Society of St. Lawrence of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY

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Here is an update of activities involving the deacon community. May/June 2018

ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY WILL OFFER WORKSHOPS AIMED AT DEACONS SEEKING HOMILY FACULTY

Deacons may preach at the Sunday liturgy and on Holy Days once they have received the faculty from the Bishop and with the permission of their Pastor.

The workshops announced today by the Education Committee of the St. Lawrence Society will assist ordained deacons who are preparing to seek the faculty to preach.

The updated process for application was announced earlier this year by Bishop LaValley and Rev. Christopher Carrara,

the Vicar for Pastoral Personnel.

The workshops are free. They will be offered in Lowville at St. Peter's on July 21; Ogdensburg at St. Mary's Cathedral on August 4 and in Plattsburgh at St. Peter's on August 11.

Details and registration forms are being e-mailed this weekend. They will be sent by USPS to those without e-mail on file with the Society.

Any deacon interested in pursuing the faculty to preach is encouraged to discuss

this with your pastor and then register for a workshop. Attendance is not required in the process.

Each workshop is scheduled from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be available. If you are interested, pick the site and date that is best for you.

An article detailing the diocesan preaching faculty requirements was published in the March/April newsletter. It is available on-line at the Society site:

www.stlawrencesociety.org

DEACON ASSEMBLY 2019 NEW DATES — NEW IDEA

Bishop Terry LaValley has announced a major change for the annual deacon gathering. Next year we will meet later in May, the 23rd and 24th. Our Assembly will immediately follow the Priest's Assembly at the Crowne Plaza earlier in the same week. We will have a joint session with our brother clergy and the Bishop on Thursday. Details to follow.

DEACON COMMUNITY GATHERED FOR FIFTH ASSEMBLY



Mirror Lake still had a little ice on the surface when our community gathered for the 2018 Deacon Assembly in Lake Placid May 2 and 3.

The conference was the fifth called by Bishop Terry LaValley who met with the deacons and then our wives in separate, closed door question and answer sessions.

Bishop

Christopher Coyne, Diocese of Burlington, Vermont was the key note presenter. Lisa Mladinich, an author, broadcaster and presenter conducted a workshop for the ladies. Father Doug Lucia returned to educate the deacons on Canon Law/Annulments in the men's workshop.

All the presenters were well received.



Dcns. Crowley, Fuller and Frank during 2018 Assembly

Deacon Council

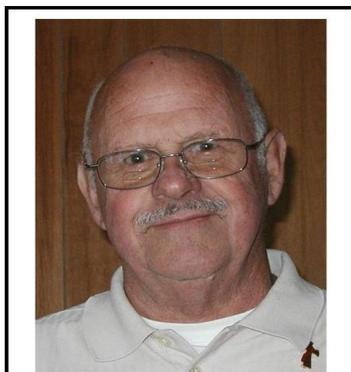
The Council of Deacons met with Bishop Terry LaValley following the 2018 Deacon Assembly in Lake Placid. Some highlights of that meeting:

The Council is forming an ad hoc committee to study ways to expand our ministry to the incarcerated. Deacon Tom Kilian (a retired prison chaplain) will chair a group that will assess the needs of chaplains in the facilities in our diocese and recommend a course of action to meet those needs.

Deacons are encouraged to become active in pre-planning their funeral arrangements. Guidelines will be developed and distributed.

An amendment to the Council's by-laws has been introduced which, if adopted, will eliminate separate representation on the council for chaplains, diocesan employees, retired deacons and those living out of the diocese (now called District E). All deacons will be listed (and represented) in their county of residence. There is no change in representation for the wives and widows of deacons.

The amendment will be published on the members page of the web site. Your opinion should be expressed to a council member prior to the October meeting, tentatively set for October 13, 2018.



DEACON RICHARD C. WARNER

Born: October 15, 1936

Ordained: October 1, 1983

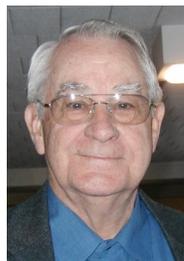
Died: April 14, 2018

A memorial service will be held at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown at 11:00 am on July 28, 2018 for Deacon Richard Warner.

Dick is survived by his wife Anna, their children and grandchildren.

COMMUNITY BITS AND PIECES

Bishop Terry LaValley has accepted requests for retirement from the following Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Ogdensburg:



Deacon Lawrence R. Connelly
Wife: Margaret

Ordained October 4, 2003.

Larry has been ministering in the Parish of the Visitation (Norfolk) and St. Raymond (Raymondville) since ordination.

Deacon Edward R. Miller
Wife: Jenny

Ordained May 30, 1981

Ed is a long time deacon associate at the Church of the Holy Family in Watertown.



“Retirement” means that a permanent deacon is no longer expected to exercise an office, ministry or assignment after reaching a suitable age. Although after retirement he may voluntarily assist at liturgies, a retired deacon is no longer expected to assume any liturgical or service responsibilities in the parish. A deacon attaining the age of retirement (75) may request to stay in active or limited ministry in accordance with this policy. (June 1, 2017)

Deacon Facts:

- ◆ There are 90 men on the current roster of deacons in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.
- ◆ Four of those men live outside the diocese
- ◆ Eighteen are officially retired (which includes Dcns. Miller and Connelly.)

Across the Diocese...



Dcn. Bruce Daugherty gett'n better every day



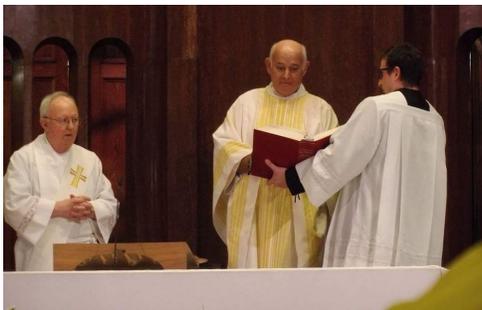
Dcn. Chaplain Ron Gingerich flanked by Rev. Chaplains Chris Carrara and Shane Lynch.



Dcns. Nick Haas and Brent Charland with Bishop LaValley and Fr. Joe Giroux



Dcn. Jim Snell makes a hospital visit.



Dcn. Kevin Mastellon and seminarian Kevin McCullouch with Fr. Arthur LaBaff at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal



Dcn. Henry Leader and Bishop LaValley in Gouverneur

.....and around the world



Dcn. Bernie Slate and Bryan Bashaw on pilgrimage to Greece with Fr. Chris Looby.



Johnna and Dcn. Bryan sightseeing in Greece.



Dcn. Neil and Dee Fuller



Dcn. Tom and Mary Lou Kilian



Were in Hawaii this spring.



Dcn. Brian and Monique Dwyer took in a U2 concert in Montreal.

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