

# THE *Belleville Deacon*

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Josie Weiler, wife of Deacon Wayne Weiler and Cathy Mueller, wife of Deacon Gary Mueller address the attendees at the Cathedral of St. Peter Come and See presentation on Saturday, October 15, 2022. They provided a presentation on the role of the deacon's wife. Eleven men and wives were in attendance. Looking on are presentation team members Deacon Wayne Weiler, Deacon Gary Mueller and Assistant Director Reverend Michaelsami Arockiam.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reverend Steven M. Pautler



We are preparing to begin the second phase of calling men to the Diaconate. Only one more *Come and See* presentation is scheduled. You do not have to attend to be considered as a possible aspirant, but is recommended that you do.

The applicant must first receive his pastor's recommendation. The applicant will then receive an application packet directly

from the Diaconate Formation Office, or during the application meeting, January 28, 2023. Applicants will then be interviewed. Selected applicants will be recommended to the Bishop for acceptance into the aspirancy period of the formation program.

**For more information join us for the last Come and See presentation:**

St. Mary Parish

Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
7:00 p.m. (Church)  
1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

## PERMANENT DEACON APPLICATION PROCESS TO BEGIN SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023



The formal application process for men interested in becoming aspirants for the Permanent Deacon Formation Class has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2023. Prospective aspirants and their wives are asked to gather at the lower level of The Cathedral of St. Peter, (Undercroft - South Entrance) 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220 at 10:00 a.m.

Those desiring to be considered **must** complete the formal application and return it to the Vocation Office. Applications must be returned to the Diocesan Vocation Office by March 4, 2023.

In the event that your schedule doesn't permit you to attend, please contact the Vocation Office to schedule a time with a member of the formation team to review the application process.

*The Diocese of Belleville and Diocese of Springfield-Cape have announced that the following Deacon Candidates will be installed to the Ministry of Acolyte*

Jay Fowler	David Miskell
Brad Haar	William Mueller
Kevin Henderson	Robert Peters
James Keepses	Leonard Ratajczyk
Anthony Kellerman	Thomas Ritzheimer
Daniel Kimutis	Branden Schrader
Daniel Laquet	Fred Sterns
Douglas Lugge	Justin Wolfslau
David Mills	

*for the Diocese of Belleville and the Diocese of Springfield-Cape*  
by

**Most Reverend Michael McGovern**  
Bishop of Belleville

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER**  
200 W. Harrison Street,  
Belleville, IL 62220  
10:00 a.m.

**PRIESTS, DEACONS AND THE FAITHFUL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND PRAY FOR THOSE CALLED TO SERVE.**



## Important Dates For Deacon Aspirants/Inquirers

### Come and See

Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
St. Mary, Mt. Vernon, IL  
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### Deacon Aspirants Application Process Begins

Saturday, January 28, 2023  
Cathedral of St. Peter Undercroft  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

### Deadline for Aspirant Application

Diocesan Vocation Office  
Saturday, March 4, 2023

### Deacon Aspirant Candidates

meet with Bishop McGovern  
March 2023 - May 2023

### For Deacon Candidates (in Formation) Class of 2023

### Formation Session

November 11th – November 13th  
Diocesan Pastoral Center, Building #6

### Installation: Ministry of Acolyte

Saturday November 12th  
Cathedral of St. Peter – 10:00 a.m.

### Formation Session

December 9th – December 11th  
Diocesan Pastoral Center, Building #6

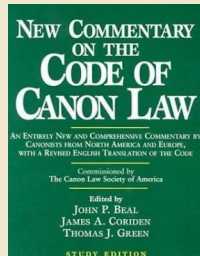
### Canonical Retreat

Monday, April 24th – Friday, April 28th, 2023  
Toddhall Retreat Center, Columbia, IL

### Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023  
Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, IL  
10:30 a.m.

### For Aspirants, Candidates and Ordained Deacon



### PREPARING FOR DEACON ASPIRANCY, ORDINATION AND REVIEW

**Can. 1008<sup>a</sup>** By divine institution, some of the Christian faithful are marked with an indelible character and constituted as sacred ministers by the sacrament of

holy orders. They are thus consecrated and deputed so that, each according to his own grade, they may serve the People of God by a new and specific title.

**Can. 1009 §1.** The orders are the episcopate, the presbyterate, and the diaconate.

**§2.** They are conferred by the imposition of hands and the consecratory prayer which the liturgical books prescribe for the individual grades.

Soon the initial application process for those men seeking to become Permanent Deacons will begin. The application process allows the Formation Committee to gather necessary information that will help with your discernment and readiness to begin the Aspirancy period.

It is suggested that those seeking Aspirancy, those in formation and ordained deacons to review particularly, *The Prerequisites for Ordination and Irregularities and other impediments.*

If you have any questions, concerns or if you need clarification please contact Father Steven Pautler or Father Michaelsami Arockiam.

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuriscanonici/eng/documents/cic\\_lib4-cann998-1165\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuriscanonici/eng/documents/cic_lib4-cann998-1165_en.html)

## Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology Annual Preaching Conference

January 3rd - 5th 2023



*“AΩ The Beginning and the End:*

*Constructing Effective Introductions  
and Conclusions to Homilies”*

For the 5th year, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology will be hosting their Annual Preaching Conference. The conference is opened to everyone who is interested in improving their preaching skills. Priests, Deacons, Candidates and those interested in the Diaconate are invited to attend. Cost: \$125 per person (includes all presentations, Monday evening dinner, all meals and reception on Tuesday, Wednesday breakfast. If you are interested please contact Father Steven Pautler, (618-722-5043) or [spautler@diobelle.org](mailto:spautler@diobelle.org).

You can register directly: <https://www.shsst.edu/PreachingConf/>

### MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Reverend Michaelsami Arockiam



The “Come and See” program conducted on October 15 in the Cathedral of St. Peter to interview potential candidates for Diaconate ministry in our Diocese of Belleville, witnessed two fundamental truths about vocation and ministries. Eleven candidates participated in the program and most of them were accompanied by their wives. Father Pautler, Deacon Wayne and his wife Josie, Deacon Gary and his wife Kathy, and myself addressed the gathering recalling the way we ourselves received the vocation from the Lord to the Priestly and Diaconate ministries.

In the “question and answer” session, Josie and Kathy spoke and pointed out how their husbands’ vocation and ministry takes precedence and permeates all their existing relationships; they have grown in spirituality, in understanding and intimacy as they serve the Lord together as couples.

The first truth, then, is that Christ the Lord indeed demands absolute loyalty towards Him and transforms all our relationships in order that those whom He calls serves Him alone (Lk.9:51 - 62). The second truth is that there is a cost to pay in one’s ministering the Lord: patience, frustration, anguish, threats, being misunder-

stood and ignored – all these make one’s ministry “complete.” The candidates themselves realized this truth in the light of their own involvement in the parish ministries. I hope and pray that the Lord chooses these candidates with such maturity to serve Him in His Church.

### MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Patti Warner



And then there was one. Time has passed quickly for us in the deacon formation office. We are now down to our last Come and See session, to be held in Mt. Vernon this month. Soon thereafter, the season of Advent will be upon us. This time of awaiting can provide an opportunity to dig a bit deeper into your possible call to the diaconate. It’s an ideal opportunity to talk more with your family and your pastor.

As we all await the coming of our Messiah, I encourage you to explore your feelings of anticipation about the possibility of ordained ministry. Advent presents a wonderful backdrop for discernment. You may want to call upon Mary in prayer since she certainly can understand our feelings of expectation and longing. My hopeful prayer is that as you further discern, this Advent for you will be just a little richer than Advents past. Peace!



**MEMORIAL MASS  
FOR DEPARTED PRIESTS  
AND DEACONS  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER  
WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 2, 2022  
11:00 A.M.**

### Necrology of the Permanent Deacons

Deacon Richard E. Bagby  
Deacon Robert H. Becker  
Deacon David J. Bigham  
Deacon Paul H. Bruening  
Deacon John E. Coates  
Deacon Walter J. Daut  
Deacon Donald R. Deitz  
Deacon John P. “Jack” Dilley  
Deacon James R. Downen  
Deacon James Duff, Sr.  
Deacon Otto Faulbaum  
Deacon Julius S. Gasawski  
Deacon Linus H. Horcher

Deacon Dr. Carl J. Hauptmann  
Deacon Joseph H. Igel  
Deacon Ken. Kronenberger  
Deacon Robert Kirchgraber  
Deacon Charles Litteken  
Deacon Robert G.H. Lippert  
Deacon Dennis Rickert  
Deacon Michael A. Rowland  
Deacon Robert F. Saunders  
Deacon Charles Speaks  
Deacon Donald Sparling  
Deacon Joseph E. Stock  
Deacon Jerry Stockmann  
Deacon Tom J. Underwood  
Deacon Thomas M. Wagnitz  
Deacon Leo A. Weilbacher  
Deacon Bob L. Westerfield