
In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate, the National Association of Diaconate Directors (NADD) and the USCCB Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations commissioned CARA to undertake a comprehensive national study of the diaconate. Word, Liturgy, Charity explores trends, focuses attention, and increases understanding about the evolving role of diaconal ministry in the Church in the United States.

This study builds on and extends previous studies of the diaconate that were published in 1981 and 1995 as well as annual research that CARA has gathered for the USCCB since 2005. All aspects of diaconate ministry are explored including the history of the diaconate, trends in the diaconate, characteristics of deacons, their formation, and preparation for ministry, their ministries and satisfaction with their ministry, the wives of deacons, and the relationship between the deacons and their bishops.

Written by CARA researchers, Mary L. Gautier, Michal J. Kramarek, Mark M. Gray, Jonathon L. Wiggins, Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ and Thu T. Do, LHC, Word, Liturgy, Charity is a valuable resource for understanding the diaconate, particularly for those who have little or no background in the subject. The authors explore trends in the diaconate as well as current and emerging opportunities and challenges in the ministry. They draw on data from surveys of active deacons and deacon directors as well as focus groups of deacons, deacons’ wives, deacon directors and bishops. The book provides a unique view of the permanent diaconate, their ministry today and into the future.

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate is a national, nonprofit research center that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church. Founded in 1964 and affiliated with Georgetown University since 1989, CARA has three major dimensions to its mission: to increase the Church’s self-understanding, to serve the applied research needs of Church decision-makers, and to advance scholarly research on religion, particularly Catholicism. To learn more, visit the CARA website at cara.georgetown.edu.

Learn about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Burlington at vermontcatholic.org/permanentdiaconate or contact the director of the Permanent Diaconate, Deacon Pete Gummere, at pgummere@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 ext. 1152.

—Submitted Article
08|08 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm
Edmundite Father David Cray presenting, “Praying with St. Dominic,” Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.

08|11 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Mass
Holy Family Church, Essex Junction
8 - 10 am
Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8:30, Padre Pio Mass at 9, then adjourn to parish hall for presentation and refreshments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7|22 - 27 SUNDAY - FRIDAY
Totus Tuus
Christ the King, Burlington
Join us for Totus Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.

07|25 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm

07|28 SATURDAY
Festival of the Islands Flea Market
Amadeus Parish Center, Alburgh • 9 am - 2 pm
Craft/vendor/white elephant sale. In addition to a variety of gently used items and homemade crafts, the snack bar will be open. Participants must reserve tables in advance. Fees: $15/8 ft. table, 2 tables for $25.
FOR MORE INFO: Maurice Gauthier (802) 796-4418 or (802) 309-4731.

07|29 - 08|10
Camp Guggenheim 2018
Camp Guggenheim is a summer camp for teens in the Adirondack Mountains on Lower Saranac Lake. Run by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, this camp offers swimming, hiking and praise. The Diocese of Burlington sponsors transportation to the following: July 29 to Aug 3 (for 13-15 year olds), Aug 5-10 (for teens ages 16-18). Cost: $300

07|29 - 8|03 SUNDAY - FRIDAY
Trotus Tuus
Sacred Heart – St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
Mater Dei, Newport
Join us for Totus Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.

08|01 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm
Edmundite Father Lino Oropeza presenting, “Praying with the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary,” Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.

08|04 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9 am
Rosary and reconciliation at 8, followed by Mass at 9.

08|05 SUNDAY
WAUSA Our Lady’s Blue Army – St. Anne’s Shrine Day of Prayer
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle la Motte • 9 am - 4:30 pm
All parishioners are invited to join the World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Prayer Day and Picnic with the special intention for our country and for peace in the world. Starting rosary at 9:30, Mass at 10:30, living rosary procession at 11:40, picnic at 12:30, Stations of the Cross at 2, and Divine Mercy 3. Participate in all or parts of the prayer schedule. Cookout will feature hot dogs, hamburgers and chips. Bottled water will be available. Please bring other options as desired.

08|05 SUNDAY
Parish Picnic & Ice Cream Social
Our Lady of the Snows, Woodstock
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Join us to celebrate Our Lady of the Snows Feast Day at an outdoor BBQ featuring hot dogs, burgers, Italian sausages and a “make your own” ice cream sundae bar. Sign up in person or email pbhregan@gmail.com by Aug 1.

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