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**Believe what  
you read,**

**Teach what  
you believe,**

**Practice what  
you teach.**

## Reflections on the Year of the Priest 2009-2010

### The Mystery and Gift of the Ordained Priesthood

By Msgr. Jay F. O'Connor

When Pope Benedict XVI initiated the recently completed *Year of the Priest*, he placed it under the patronage of St. John Vianney, The Cure of Ars. John Vianney, the pastor and confessor, was the paradigm through which the Church was to celebrate, honor, and reflect upon the mystery of ordained priestly life and ministry.

The hallmarks of this holy priest's life and ministry were humility, fidelity, devotion to the Eucharist, and the care of souls through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He was not the most gifted candidate for the priesthood and many would have discouraged him from a priestly vocation. In the face of many discouraging challenges he remained attentive and faithful to God's call in his life and did whatever was necessary to prepare himself for priestly life and ministry.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was an essential part of his preparation for priesthood and it was also a central component of his spirituality as a priest. He understood the power of God's mercy that sustained him as a priest and he was a willing instrument of God's mercy in his parishioners' lives, and those of many others, in his ministry as a confessor. His priestly ministry is an example of service for the salvation of souls in the name of Jesus Christ. His pastoral care of souls is a human expression of the Mystery of Salvation. He was a priest not for himself but for the People of God. In the humble village of Ars, he unfolded before the eyes of the world the greatness of God's love and mercy that heals hearts,

strengthens souls, and encourages the human spirit through his faithful priestly ministry.

With this in mind, the Archdiocese of Baltimore celebrated the *Year of the Priest* by integrating these themes into ongoing formation program for priests throughout last year. The theme of last Fall's Priests Day of Enrichment was "Cultivating Unity in the Presbyterate." Through the reflections of this day, our priests were reminded that we are priests best when we minister together for the salvation of souls.

The theme of our Priests' Lenten Day of Reflection was the "Priest as a Minister of Mercy." The day offered a reflection on the manifold mystery of God's mercy and the many opportunities a priest has to bring it to the face of the earth through his daily priestly ministry. The day ended with an opportunity for all participants to experience God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The inherent message was that an experience of God's mercy in one's life is essential if one is to be an effective Minister of Mercy.

The third event was the annual Priests' Retreat that concluded the events of the Year of the Priest in the Archdiocese. The theme of the retreat was *Pastores Dabo Vobis (I Will Give You Shepherds)*. This theme, taken from the encyclical of Pope John Paul II, speaks of

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the mystery of God’s love for His People that is at the heart of priestly ministry. Fr. Larry Terrien led the retreat from the perspective of the French School of Spirituality that relates to the major themes of *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. His thoughts helped the retreatants reflect upon many of the themes of St. John Vianney’s life and ministry, and how they are essential elements of every priest’s life and ministry.

There were also many parish celebrations of priesthood and many devotional celebrations of St. John Vianney throughout this year. The *Catholic Review* also ran a series of Reflections on the Priesthood by priests throughout the year. Many lay organizations used the Year of the Priest as an opportunity to thank and honor the priests who serve as their chaplains.

The Year of the Priest in the Archdiocese was a rich opportunity to reflect upon the mystery and the gift of the ordained priesthood for the People of God. It was also a time to reaffirm those who serve as priests in ministry with Deacons, Religious, and Lay Ecclesial Ministers for the good of God’s People and the salvation of souls.

The *Year of the Priest* reminded us of the gift of ministry in the Church and encouraged us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, religious life, and lay ecclesial ministry every day. ♦

## CHANGES COMING TO CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE!

An exciting movement in ministry will slightly impact our formation of deacons. Men desiring to be deacons previously participated in the Church Leadership Institute. Our new process for formation will be entitled *Equip for Ministry*. You will be hearing much more about *Equip* in the days, weeks and months to come. We can easily transition those who have been participating in the Church Leadership Institute...none of your course work there will be lost. Our new process looks like this:

The CLI course titled	will transfer to this Level I Equip course:
Spirituality for Ministry	Spirituality for Ministry
Leadership for Ministry	Human: “Servant Leadership in the Church”
Theology for Ministry	Intellectual: “Theology for Ministry”

Those men wishing to become deacons must complete the following three courses or the CLI equivalent:

- ❖ Spirituality: A Call to Ongoing Conversion
- ❖ Human: “Servant Leadership in the Church”
- ❖ Intellectual: “Theology for Ministry”

For more information, please call Pat Ashby at 410-547-5575. ♦

## HELP STILL WANTED

### **Do you have knowledge of web design?**

The Deacon Communications Committee urgently needs a new member who can provide practical experience in web page design and layout.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore’s website is undergoing a major redesign. We have an opportunity to provide significant input regarding how the Baltimore deacon community is viewed on the internet.

This can have a significant impact on new vocations, continuing formation, and how we share information among ourselves and with the outside world.

If you have web design skills, please consider sharing your gifts with the deacon community! Contact Mark Soloski, 410-664-4654 or [msoloski@archbalt.org](mailto:msoloski@archbalt.org) today.

Your contribution will be of great service to the Baltimore Deacon community.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Plan now to attend the biennial Deacon Day of Enrichment and Recommitment Mass!

Archbishop O’Brien will be with us to celebrate Holy Mass and deliver a message of encouragement. Deacons also will have the opportunity to recommit themselves to the service of the Gospel and the ministry of charity.

Dr. John Grabowski, professor of moral theology at Catholic University will give a presentation on Pope John Paul II’s “Theology of the Body.”

Every deacon in the Archdiocese of Baltimore should make an effort to attend this special **Day of Enrichment**. Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend as well.

The **Day of Enrichment** will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville on October 2, 2010.  
 Recommitment Mass & Speaker ....9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Memorial, Social, & Dinner .....5 – 8 p.m.

Further details will appear in the next issue of **The Deacon’s Call**.

## Vietnamese Catholics: At Home and in America

### Catholic Relief Services and the “Church of Immigrants”

by Deacon Jim Westwater

The Catholic Church in America has always been a “Church of immigrants.” It is well known that no other religious group in America combines as many diverse nationality groups as does the Catholic Church. The United States Catholic Bishops continue to recognize the gifts of culture and faith that immigrants, including Vietnamese-American Catholics, have brought to the American Catholic Church.

Some 35 years ago, before the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, fewer than 20,000 Vietnamese lived in America — mostly students and the families of diplomats and businessmen. According to recent studies there are now over 1 million, of whom nearly 400,000 are Catholic. Indeed, Vietnamese priests in America have been dubbed the “new Irish.”

What accounts for the strength of the faith of Vietnamese immigrants?

Vietnam has approximately 6 million Catholics — the second largest number in Asia after the Philippines, which accounts for over 50 percent of Asian Catholics. Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century missions in Vietnam, Vietnamese Catholicism has demonstrated faithfulness and martyrdom. Having confronted war since its founding, Vietnamese Catholics nurtured a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin. The image of Mary is prominent in homes and in parishes. Before and after Masses in Vietnam, one can witness the peace and sensitivity of such devotion as parishioners recite the rosary.

A Marian apparition is also part of their heritage. Although similar to the apparitions at Lourdes and Fatima, there is only an unverifiable oral tradition at the Vietnamese site in the village of La Vang, about 80

miles north of the ancient capital at Hue. Mary’s apparitions at the sacred site of La Vang occurred during the horrific persecutions of 1798-1801. In 1901, a small chapel was built there and in 1961, Pope John XXIII raised it to the rank of minor basilica; it is now the national Marian center of pilgrimage. This image of Mary as the embodiment of mercy and compassion is also why so many faithful flock to Baltimore’s Church of Our Lady of La Vang, established as a Vietnamese national parish in 2000.

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Like the Catholic Church in America, the Vietnamese Catholic Church has made a profound impact on Vietnam’s educational and social services. Leaders of the Vietnamese Catholic Church and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continue — quietly and heroically — living a ministry of love and service to the Vietnamese people, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The Church and CRS in Vietnam confront daily challenges from the government in their efforts to serve the poor in a culture where other religions are predominant.

Since returning to postwar Vietnam in 1992, CRS deserves accolades: for its care for the victims of leprosy; for its health and education programs for adults with disabilities; for its support of runaway children and those affected by HIV and drug practices; for its programs in peace building and education to the dan-

gers of decades — old bombs and mines; and, for offering emergency assistance to farmers during floods.

The prophetic reflection of the Church — that the split between the Gospel and culture is without doubt the drama of our time — also resonates in Asia, a continent of nearly 4 billion people (two-thirds of humanity) and with some 115 million Catholics (less than 3 percent of all Asians). This dialogue between faith and culture serves as an invitation in ministering to the recent influx of millions of Vietnamese immigrants in the United States. In the inspirational words of Pope John Paul II: “The Church hears the suffering cry of all who are uprooted from their own land, of families forcefully separated, of those who, in the rapid changes of our day, are unable to find a stable home anywhere.”

Being able to celebrate one’s faith and tradition is a challenge for faithful Vietnamese — whether in Vietnam or in America. Vietnamese Catholics confront the profound moral and cultural challenges caused by the social upheavals of war, forced migration, poverty, and globalization.

In his thoughtful writings on Vietnamese-American Catholics, Fr. Peter Phan of Georgetown University noted: “While belonging to neither the American Church nor the Vietnamese Church, Vietnamese Catholics belong to both. We can harmonize the two cultures by following Christ the Immigrant ... and contribute to the shaping of a new society and a new Church.” ♦

*Jim Westwater, a deacon at St. Isaac Jogues parish in Baltimore serves as assistant director of the Archdiocese Deacon Formation Program and global fellow for Catholic Relief Services.*

## Special Dates to Remember

### BIRTHDAYS

#### July

1<sup>st</sup>.....Thomas Cook  
 7<sup>th</sup> .....Philip Harcum  
 7<sup>th</sup> .....Ray Moreau  
 12<sup>th</sup>.....Bob Malinowski  
 13<sup>th</sup> .....Fred Mauser  
 13<sup>th</sup>.....James Sullivan  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Robert Vlcej  
 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Joseph Krysiak  
 24<sup>th</sup> .....Alphonse Bankard  
 31<sup>st</sup> .....Willard Witherspoon

#### August

1<sup>st</sup>.....John Gramling  
 1<sup>st</sup> .....Hugh Mills  
 2<sup>nd</sup> .....Herman Wilkins  
 5<sup>th</sup> .....Frank Rangione  
 6<sup>th</sup> .....Timothy Maloney  
 6<sup>th</sup> .....John R. Martin  
 14<sup>th</sup>.....Daniel Roff  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....Thomas Yannuzzi  
 20<sup>th</sup> .....Charles Cook  
 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Carl Anderson  
 23<sup>rd</sup> .....Stephen Cooley  
 23<sup>rd</sup> .....Eugene Miller  
 25<sup>th</sup> .....Wardell Barksdale  
 27<sup>th</sup> .....William Jauquet  
 28<sup>th</sup> .....John Hawkins

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

#### July

1<sup>st</sup> .....John Martin ('73)  
 1<sup>st</sup>...Russell Matthews ('73)  
 4<sup>th</sup> .....Al Kosla ('82)  
 5<sup>th</sup>.....Robert Oliver ('80)  
 5<sup>th</sup>.....Francis O'Keefe ('80)  
 9<sup>th</sup> .....Leroy Moore ('88)  
 10<sup>th</sup> .....Charles Baynes ('82)  
 10<sup>th</sup>.William DeAngelis ('82)  
 14<sup>th</sup>.....Willard Pinkney ('74)  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....Stanley Wise ('81)

#### August

4<sup>th</sup> Albert Chesnavage ('74)  
 7<sup>th</sup> .....Francis Werner ('76)  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Patrick Goles ('74)  
 31<sup>st</sup>.....Eugene Miller ('74)

#### Correction

*Paul Gifford's name was accidentally left off the list of deacon ordination anniversaries in the May-June issue.*

*Paul was ordained on May 21, 2005. The editorial staff sincerely apologizes for the error.*

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

#### July

3<sup>rd</sup> .....Will & Lois Diane Witherspoon (34)  
 4<sup>th</sup> .....Robert & Lorraine Schott (53)  
 9<sup>th</sup>.....Robert & Betty Keeley (50)  
 15<sup>th</sup> .....Timothy & Meghan Maloney (10)  
 16<sup>th</sup> .....James & Joyce Mann (44)  
 16<sup>th</sup> .....Alex & Anita Rodriguez (28)  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....Lawrence & Carol Matheny (29)  
 18<sup>th</sup> .....James & Kathleen Sullivan (40)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> .....William & Linda Nairn (38)  
 27<sup>th</sup>.....Paul & Nancy Dignan (61)  
 27<sup>th</sup> .....Ralph & Connie Trautwein (47)  
 29<sup>th</sup>.....David & Anna Conley (52)  
 30<sup>th</sup> .....Lawrence & Harriet Teixeira (33)

#### August

1<sup>st</sup>.....James and Rose Clack (29)  
 4<sup>th</sup> .....Richard & Lee Anne Clemens (37)  
 6<sup>th</sup> .....Larry & Donna Wilson (38)  
 7<sup>th</sup> .....George & Diane Sisson (34)  
 13<sup>th</sup> .....Charles & Sheila Hicks (55)  
 14<sup>th</sup>.....Joseph & Connie Cinquino (34)  
 14<sup>th</sup> .....John & Carol Manley (45)  
 17<sup>th</sup> .....Thomas & Ellen Cook (36)  
 19<sup>th</sup>.....Paul & Helen Ciesla (43)  
 20<sup>th</sup>.....Nickolas & Lisa Pitocco (37)  
 20<sup>th</sup>.....J. Kenneth & Sue Ann Pivec (49)  
 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Anthony & Mary Jean Grillo (51)  
 25<sup>th</sup>.....Victor & Carol Petrosino (47)  
 27<sup>th</sup> .....Michael & Annette Baxter (32)  
 27<sup>th</sup>.....Clifford & M. Angela Britton (33)  
 27<sup>th</sup> .....Simon & Theresa Driesen (55)  
 29<sup>th</sup>.....Charles & Patricia Baynes (40)  
 29<sup>th</sup>.....Frederick & Chris Seibold (46)  
 31<sup>st</sup>.....Kevin & Monica Brown (31)

### The Deacon's Call Newsletter of the Baltimore Deacon Community

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Issues are published bimonthly, in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The deadline for articles is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

Your comments and ideas for future newsletters are welcome. We need articles! Please consider writing a brief article on an aspect of your ministry or a review of a book you have read or a film you have seen.

We also need brief items for the "Great Deacon Resources" feature — just a title, author, and a sentence about why it's a great resource. Please email comments to any member of the Communications Committee:

Mark Soloski, Chair

Will Witherspoon

Jan Smith

Dean Lopata

Angela Martin

### IN MEMORIAM

John J. Codd Sr. ....August 4, 2004  
 Francis X. Moritz.....August 4, 2006  
 D. Vincent Provenza.....August 12, 2004  
 Vincent J. Perticone.....August 14, 2003  
 Richard Johe.....August 14, 2005  
 Chester J. Jakowski.....August 27, 2001  
 George F. LeFevre .....August 28, 2000

## Celebrating Five Years of Ministry

### The Deacon Class of 2005 Gets Together for a Reunion and Retreat

by Deacon Paul Gifford

During the weekend of May 22 most of the Deacon Class of 2005 gathered at the home of Deacon Fred and Kathy Passauer in McHenry, Md., to celebrate the fifth year of our ordination.

Fred and Kathy moved west a few years after ordination and Fred is the Pastoral Associate for six parishes in Western Maryland. Fred and Kathy graciously opened their home and an adjacent lodge to us and organized the weekend.

Friday night we all made the long trip west then gathered in the evening for dinner at the Passauer Home. We shared what was going on in our ministry, our families and our lives. We all reminisced over episodes in our ministry and found we all share some of the same joys and disappointments.

It was so good to get together with these men and their wives who had spent so much time together for the three years of formation.

We further explored our joys and disappointments the next morning under the spiritual direction of Msgr. Paul Byrnes. Fr. Paul was the retreat master for our first retreat during formation. He retired from active ministry several years ago and now lives a semi-contemplative life along the shores of Deep Creek Lake. Again, it was interesting that for the most part we all share many of the same experiences in our ministry. Input from the wives helped remind us that we are still a couple and need to continue to make time for each other.

Fr. Paul concluded our mini-retreat by asking us to reflect on “mystical” moments in our ministry. This was a thought-provoking question and caused us to reflect on things we took for granted. We realized, indeed, we had experienced some “mystical” moments in our ministry.

That afternoon was free time. Although it had rained off and on during the day, at the suggestion of

Fr. Paul, many of us headed to Swallow Falls to see and enjoy some of the natural beauty in the area.

That evening some of the parishioners that Fred and Kathy serve provided a wonderful dinner for our group. Good food and wine always create wonderful conversations and renew old friendships.

Sunday morning we gathered at St. Ann Church in Grantville where we all vested for the service. During the service Fr. Jim Hannon led us in the renewal of our vows. As this was also the celebration of Pentecost the service and the renewal of our vows brought great spiritual gifts to us and, we hope, to the congregation who were so hospitable to us.

As we parted and headed back to our different parishes and communities we were refreshed and renewed. It is truly with and through others that we are most effective in our ministries. ♦

### 2010 Deacon Family Picnic – Great Food, Friends, and Fun!

Many thanks to Darlene Zeiler for planning and hosting another terrific picnic on June 27, this time at St. John's Church in Westminster. Msg. Jay O'Connor joined the 40 or so deacons, wives, and children in an afternoon of feasting and friendship under the Portico's awning and bountiful trees.

Nothing could beat the smell of those sizzling hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken on the grill, the icy cold drinks and freshly shaved snowballs, or the delicious spread of homemade food we shared.

First place winners in the tasting contest (and everyone was a judge!) were Kathy Sullivan's baked beans, Jan Smith's mesclun and pepper salad with cranberries, and Irene Mann's incredible trifle. They received stylish homemade aprons and shopping bags, compliments of Darlene with help from Blanche Stine (who later challenged a group of ladies in a competitive game of Triominos). Second place awards went to Sue Ripper's deviled/angeled eggs, Mary Alice Mauser's cucumber salad, and Betty Jenkins' apple pie. But not to be forgotten are all the other perfectly yummy dishes and desserts. It was great to get together, and we hope to see you next time! (Be sure to see the photos on page 8 of this issue!) ♦

## BOOKS OF NOTE

by Deacon Lee Benson

*Good News about Sex and Marriage*, by Christopher West (Servant Books, 2004).

Over the past years my wife Debra and I have been involved in marriage preparation, and we are always looking for better ways to communicate the truths of our faith to the couples that come to us.

Recently we found Christopher West's *Good News about Sex and Marriage* and its companion Pre-Cana presentation *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage (GPJFM)*. We attended a training session on *GPJFM* and found it a beautiful way to make the connection between faith, morality, and sexuality.

West uses the CCC, many of John Paul II's writings, and various Church documents, making them accessible to the average reader. Following John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, he starts with the book of *Genesis* and unfolds God's plan for man and woman, explaining that marriage is not just a social contract; rather God created marriage to be union between a man and a woman in which "we make visible God's invisible mystery."

West does not present an overly romantic image of marriage; rather he tells how sin affects marriage and encourages couples to invite God into their marriage. "It makes sense that, since it was man and woman's turning away from God that distorted their relationship in the first place, restoring the truth and meaning of human sexuality requires a radical return to God."

West gives a concise explanation of the foundation for the Church's teaching authority and delves into the specifics of the marriage vows.

He addresses questions about impediments and encourages the couples to reflect on the meaning of the words exchanged in the vows.

For us, the real strength of this book comes in the chapters that address sexuality before and after marriage. Without simplifying the question, he presents a clear and understandable argument about the harm done to the relationship when couples engage in sex before marriage.

By not loving each other in the way God intended, they open themselves to exploiting one another for their own self-centered satisfaction. They prove to themselves that they are willing to have a sexual relation with someone outside of marriage and they drain all the mystery out of the honeymoon.

Next West turns to the questions about sexuality within marriage. He articulates the clear distinction between contraception and family planning and explains how the use of contraceptives opens a marriage up to harmful emotional and spiritual side-effects. Contracepting couples close off their fertility to one another and open themselves to the potential of using one another only for sexual satisfaction.

As West likes to say, "Do you really want to marry someone who can't say "No" to sex?" Without going into the specifics, Mr. West then offers a way to regulate births through natural family planning (NFP). With all the foundation built for a God-filled marriage, NFP offers an answer that is not just "what the church says." Instead the NFP gives the couples a way to

fully love one another, "totally, freely, fruitfully and faithfully."

Debra and I experienced the power of this presentation in one class when a young man connected the dots that lead to NFP. During our talk on contraception he kept asking, "But what other way is there?" We tried to hold off his questions, and his fiancée kept poking him and telling him to wait — she knew the answer. We saw the light go on inside him when we talked about NFP — it was not just one more burden that Church authority was placing on him. Debra and I hope they both made NFP part of their marriage.

Some say that West talks too much about sex. Certainly this program is not meant to be a comprehensive marriage prep program, but a complement to one. West talks about sex clearly, confidently and lovingly. Marriage is definitely not all about sex but our sexual relation in marriage is a foundational component. Obviously we all love many, many people but we express our love in a sexual way only with our spouse.

West does not use the technical language of philosophers or theologians and does not superficially treat the subject matter. He uses a question and answer format throughout the book, drawing upon questions posed to him by couples. Therefore the book presents the material in a real-life way. If you have any questions about the Pre-Cana program, *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage* or *Good News about Sex and Marriage*, feel free to contact me at labdon70@gmail.com. ♦

## THE DEACON PERSONNEL BOARD, 2010-2011

The Deacon Personnel Board (DPB) held its annual planning session on June 5, which marked the transition from the 2009-2010 to the 2010-2011 DPB.

### Outgoing members are:

Larry (Tex) Teixeira, who served three years on the Placement committee, chairing it for the past two years;



Darlene Zeiler, who served three years as

liaison to the Ongoing Formation committee and was the driving force behind the 2008 and 2010 Deacon Picnics;



Jim Ryan, who was liaison to the Communications Committee for one year and to the Ongoing Formation Committee for the past two years.



Thanks to Tex, Darlene and Jim for their years of service.

### Newly elected DPB members are:

Michelle Rubio, representing deacon wives;



Kevin Reid, representing the Neumann Vicariate;



Skip Comegna, representing the Seton Vicariate.



Our planning session, facilitated by Msgr. Jay O'Connor, began by looking back on what the DPB accomplished in 2009-10 and asking what was especially helpful to the Archdiocese of Baltimore (AoB) deacon community. Highlights included the Convocation, the newsletter, the vicariate meetings, retreats for both deacons and wives, the completion of updated Letters of Understanding (98 percent, with two awaiting the assignment of new pastors), the first joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the DPB and the Priest Personnel Board (PPB), and the development of streamlined placement procedures.

Looking ahead, we asked questions to help set effective goals for 2010-11:

- What does the AoB need the deacon to be in 5 years?
- What does the DPB need to know to represent the deacon community more effectively?
- Should we have an overarching theme driving our goals and actions for this year and the out-years?

We plan to institutionalize this inquiry with annual surveys/queries of the deacon community as well as the Archbishop, the Bishops and the PPB. The results of this will enable the DPB to plan more strategically, ultimately writing a vision that will impact the “standard” things we do: annual activities plus, this year, interviews and welcome of the Class of 2011, our Oct. 2 Day of Enrichment, and completing work on the deacon website upgrade. In addition, we will investigate the following new ideas:

- The community interest in gathering local deacons in similar ministries (health, prison, etc); this will be discussed at Vicariate gatherings.
- Outreach to parishes without deacons, on the theory that interest in the diaconate can be stirred by observing a deacon in action.

If the above is to be successful, we need your help. Our committees need workers, both one-time and ongoing. The 2010-11 DPB is shown below, with their committee assignments. Please feel free to contact any of us with your comments and (we hope) your offers to get involved. ♦



**2010-11 Deacon Personnel Board:** (l-to-r) Fred Mauser, Jan Smith, Kevin Reid, Marty Wolf, Michelle Rubio, Skip Comegna, Dean Lopata (Absent: Paul Mann)

Member	Representing	Committees
<a href="#">Skip Comegna</a>	Seton	Ongoing Formation Chair, Executive
<a href="#">Dean Lopata</a>	Seton	DPB Vice Chair, Executive, Communications
<a href="#">Paul Mann</a>	Neumann	Placement
<a href="#">Fred Mauser</a>	Seton	DPB Chair, Executive
<a href="#">Kevin Reid</a>	Neumann	Placement Chair
Michelle Rubio	Wives	Ongoing Formation
<a href="#">Jan Smith</a>	Wives	Communications
<a href="#">Marty Wolf</a>	Neumann	Policy

## 2010 Deacon Family Picnic



The 2010 deacon family picnic was held on June 27 at St. John's in Westminster. A good time was had by all! Hope to see you next year!

## COMMITTEES

### Deacon Personnel Board

Chair: [Fred Mawser](#)

### Policy Committee

Chair: [Frank Zeiler](#)

### Communications Committee

Chair: [Mark Soloski](#)

### Ongoing Formation Committee

Chair: [Skip Comegna](#)

### Placement Committee

Chair: [Kevin Reid](#)

Are you interested in serving on a committee? Just email the appropriate committee chair.

## Current Emmaus Groups

### St. Ephrem Fraternity

2nd Tuesday of each month  
10 a.m. — Immaculate Conception  
Contact: [Deacon John Gramling](#)  
410-823-0694

### Harford County - St. Stephen

4th Friday of each month  
7:30 p.m. — St Mark, Fallston  
Contact: [Deacon Simon Driesen](#)  
410-457-0451 or  
[Deacon Chuck Hicks](#)  
410-879-2496

### St. Lawrence

3rd Friday of each month  
8:15 a.m. — Shrine of the Sacred Heart  
Contact: [Deacon Ray Moreau](#)  
410-464-4005

### St. Vincent Fraternity

Contact: [Deacon Mike Flamini](#)  
410-563-1783

### The Amen Corner

Last Thursday of each month  
Noon — An Poitin Stil Irish Pub  
Contact: [Deacon Ken Pivec](#)  
410-661-1469

### Holy Trinity

2nd Tuesday of each month  
6 p.m. — Holy Trinity, Glen Burnie  
Contact: [Deacon Kevin Brown](#)  
410-544-6330

### Urban Emmaus Group

2nd Saturday of each month  
8 a.m. — St. Peter Claver/St. Pius V  
1546 N. Fremont Ave., Baltimore  
Contact: [Deacon Will Witherspoon](#)  
443-255-0270

### Deacon Families of Central Maryland (includes wives)

Fourth Sunday (location changes)  
Contact: [Deacon George Sisson](#)  
301-473-4800

If you have started a new Emmaus Group, please provide the pertinent information to [The Deacon's Call](#) so we can include it in future issues.