

Deacon “Come and See” Events

Permanent deacons are ordained clergy who have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Deacons are called to a special ministry of charity through which they assist the needy, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, immigrants, and others. As ministers of God’s Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including baptizing, witnessing marriages, presiding at funerals and wake services, and serving as ordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the diaconate. The initial selection process for the next aspirancy class will be preceded with a series of “Come & See” events at various parishes around the Archdiocese in **January-March 2018**. Potential applicants should review the schedule below for the locations and dates of these events in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. Interested persons may contact Deacon Desi Viktor, Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or by e-mail at vikord@adw.org. The mailing address for the office is: Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, D.C. 20017-0260. Additional information is available at <http://adw.org/permanent-deacons/>

The schedule to “come and see” for potential applicants follows:

Date	Location
Wed., January 17, 7:00-9:00pm	Pastoral Center Dining Room
Wed., February 7, 7:00-9:00pm	St. Joseph, Largo
Thurs., Feb. 15, 7:00-9:00pm	St. John Evangelist, Clinton
Wed., Feb. 21, 7:00-9:00pm	St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring
Wed., March 7, 7:00-9:00pm	St. Aloysius, Leonardtown
Wed., March 14, 7:00-9:00pm	Pastoral Center Dining Room

Please RSVP to Ms. Diane Biggs, 301-853-5345 or biggsd@adw.org and let her know which session you would like to attend. Wives are encouraged to accompany their husbands.