



Do you feel called to give service to the Church?

Are you drawn to a greater life of prayer and ministry?

Do you have a desire to represent Christ by bringing the Church to the people in your parish, workplace and community and helping with their charitable and sacramental needs?

### Consider discerning the Permanent Diaconate

The Permanent Deacon Formation Office of the Archdiocese of Washington is holding "Come and See" meetings at several parishes throughout the Archdiocese for men interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate. Deacons and their wives will share their experiences and tell you more about the diaconate and the formation program.



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## Office of Permanent Deacon Formation



"So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Acts of the Apostles 6:2-4 (NAB)

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# Thinking of becoming a Deacon?



Archdiocese of Washington



**Join us 7:00-9:00 p.m. at one of these sessions around the Archdiocese**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**  
**St. Gabriel Catholic Church**  
26 Grant Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20011

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**  
**St. John Catholic Church**  
43950 St. John's Road, Hollywood, Maryland 20636

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
**St. Raphael Catholic Church**  
1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**  
**St. Nicholas Catholic Church**  
8603 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20708  
*This session is after the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass*

**Thursday, February 27, 2020**  
**Church of the Annunciation**  
3125 39th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20016

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**  
**Church of the Incarnation**  
880 Eastern Avenue NE, Washington, D.C. 20019

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**  
**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
8908 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, Maryland 20735

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**  
**St. Peter Catholic Church**  
2900 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Maryland 20832

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**  
**St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church**  
11801 Claridge Road, Wheaton, Maryland 20902

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**  
**Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church**  
100 Village Street, Waldorf, Maryland 20602

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
2020 St Joseph's Drive, Largo, Maryland 20774

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## Deacons are Ministers of Charity

Deacons are the Church's ordained ministers of charity and justice, dedicated to living and working in the secular world as family men, whether married or celibate, building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of our modern world.



## Deacons Proclaim the Word

Deacons proclaim the Gospel and preach the good news of Christ Jesus. Responsibilities of deacons include teaching, catechesis for those becoming Catholic, sacramental preparation, leading Scripture studies and talks on retreats.



## Deacons serve at the Liturgy

Deacons assist priests at Mass; preside at baptisms, weddings, funerals, and graveside services; lead Communion services, benediction and prayer services; serve the bishops as masters of ceremonies for confirmations and in special liturgies such as installations, dedications and ordinations.

