

Diaconate Formation “Come and See” Events for 2022

Deacons are called to a special ministry of service through which they assist the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the imprisoned, immigrants, among others. As ministers of God’s Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach, and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, and preside at prayer services, funerals, wakes, and graveside services.

The Office of Diaconate Formation of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is beginning a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the Permanent Diaconate. Formation of the new class for ordination in 2027 will begin with a retreat in **October of 2022** to start a year of aspirancy. The initial selection process for this class will begin with a series of “Come and See” events at various parishes around the Archdiocese in **January through March 2022**. 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. Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins), active in the parish, and recommended by their pastors.

Interested persons may contact Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at **301-853-4582** or by e-mail at HuberC@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 and an *Inquirer’s Information Form* is available at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>.

The schedule to “come and see” for potential applicants and their wives is:

Since the January meetings have been moved to online-only, please contact Mrs. Diane Biggs for the Microsoft Teams meeting link.

Online Only, 7-9 PM: Thurs. Jan. 20; Tue. Jan 25; and Wed. Jan. 26. Also, Thur. March 10; Tue. March 15; and Mon. March 21.

Wed. Feb. 2, 2022, 7-9 PM	Incarnation, NE Washington, DC
Tue. Feb. 15, 2022, 7-9 PM	St. Rose of Lima, Gaithersburg
Thur. Feb. 17, 2022, 7-9 PM	St. Philip the Apostle, Camp Springs
Thur. Feb. 17, 2022, 7-9 PM	Our Lady Help of Christians, Waldorf
Tue. Feb. 22, 2022, 7-9 PM	Annunciation, NW Washington, DC
Mon. Mar. 7, 2022, 7-9 PM	St. Aloysius, Leonardtown
Wed. Mar. 9, 2022, 7-9 PM	St. Joseph, Largo
Wed. Mar. 16, 2022, 7-9 PM	St. Mary, Landover Hills

Please RSVP to Mrs. Diane Biggs, 301-853-5345, biggsd@adw.org and let her know which session you will attend, and if your wife (if married) will be attending with you as well.

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