

**Are you ready  
to respond  
to the call ?**

**Register as an Inquirer  
by attending one of our  
Inquiry Sessions.**

- 1. Sunday, May 2 - 2:00 p.m.  
St. John Vianney Parish,  
Windsor**
- 2. Wednesday, May 5 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Parish,  
Ingersoll**
- 3. Thursday, May 13 - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Patrick Parish,  
Dublin**
- 4. Thursday, May 20 - 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agnes Parish,  
Chatham**
- 5. Sunday, June 6 - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Michael Parish,  
London**

## **Required Application Documents**

- A church certificate of Baptism, Confirmation and if relevant, Marriage.
- Proof of age.
- A recent photograph.
- A recent medical certificate.
- An official transcript of past or present academic studies if applicable.
- A letter of recommendation from your current Pastor and Lay Minister.
- A letter of recommendation from two people who know you well.
- Criminal Records Check.
- Completed Application Package.
- At the Application Stage, a \$50.00 non-refundable fee is required.

## **PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM**

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## **ADMISSIONS PROCESS 2010 - 2011**

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THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

Called Forth by the Holy Spirit

## CALLED TO SERVE

"The diaconate is a particular vocation called forth by the Holy Spirit. A successful process of training and development can only co-operate with fundamental pre-existing traits and dispositions that point to diaconal vocation and build on them.

The process of training and development can be successful only in supportive life circumstances." \*

Permanent Deacons provide ministry to the poor, those who have been pushed to the fringes by society by age, illness or crime, preaching and liturgy as assigned.

The Permanent Diaconate program is open to men of the diocese who meet admission requirements established by the Diocese of London and successfully complete the admissions process.

"They should be tested first; then, if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons."

The first letter of Paul to Timothy 1:3-10

\* Acknowledgement: Much of the above material is adapted from the National Directory for the Formation Ministry and Life of the Permanent Deacon — United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## DISCERNING THE CALL

The Admissions Committee is seeking applicants based on the following criteria:

- Natural inclination toward service.
- Preferential option for the poor.
- Psychological integrity.
- Capacity for dialogue, implying a sense of docility and openness.
- Ability to share one's faith.
- Good communication skills and capacity to listen.
- Balanced judgment.
- Ability to lead and motivate.
- Self-direction and responsibility.
- Sound faith and good Christian reputation.
- Involvement in the parish and community.
- Positive and stable marriage or committed single life.
- Deep spirituality and prayer life.
- Intellectual capacity to complete the program.

**Discernment: A time of prayer, reflection and personal formation.**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### **Inquirer Stage: May and June 2010**

- Attend an Inquiry session.
- Register as an Inquirer.
- Take part in a preliminary telephone interview.

### **Application Stage: July to November 12, 2010**

- Complete application package and return to St. Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation by November 12, 2010.
- Attend a *Day of Discernment and Prayer* at St. Peter's Seminary on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

### **Screening Stage: January to April 2011**

- Complete a home interview, psychological interview and written test, scrutiny interview of applicant and wife, criminal records check.
- Attend a *Day of Discernment and Prayer* at St. Peter's Seminary on Saturday, January 22, 2011.

### **Admissions Stage: June 2011**

- Information gathered in the above stages will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee, recommendations made to Bishop Fabbro and applicants informed.
- Successful applicants will attend a *Day of Discernment and Prayer* at St. Peter's Seminary on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

**At the end of each stage of the Application Process, candidates will be advised by letter whether or not they will proceed to the next stage.**