

*Are you ready
to respond
to the call?*

**Attend an Inquiry Session
and register as an Inquirer**

Sunday, April 24, 2016

1:30p.m. – 4:00p.m.

St. John Vianney Parish
385 Dieppe St., Windsor

Thursday, May 19, 2016

7:30p.m. – 10:00p.m.

St. Agnes Parish
52 Croydon Dr., Chatham

Sunday, May 29, 2016

1:30p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. George Parish
1164 Commissioners Road West, London

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Isaiah 61.1



Further information may be found in the companion
brochure:

The Permanent Deacon: Called to Serve,
or by contacting:

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*Formation & Study
Program*
Admission Process
2016 - 2017



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Discerning the Call

There are two types of discernment that must take place when a man feels that he is being called to become a permanent deacon.

The *first* is internal discernment, through which:

- he prayerfully examines the call he believes he is receiving from God, discusses this call with the significant others in his life and decides whether to apply to the Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program;
- if accepted into the Program, he continues to prayerfully examine his call in the context of his family, career and formation experience.

The *second* is external discernment, which consists of:

- an initial process of discernment and evaluation by the Church, through the Program's Admissions process, after which the bishop determines whether to accept him into the Program;
- an ongoing process of discernment and evaluation during the Formation Years, after which the bishop determines whether to call him to ordination as deacon.

Acceptance into the Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program cannot guarantee progression through the formation process nor can it be understood as a promise of ordination.

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

1Timothy 3.10

If You Are Interested, You Must Be ...

- a Roman Catholic registered in a parish in the Diocese of London
- recognized by others as a man of faith, moral integrity and commitment
- active in parish or community service, demonstrating maturity and leadership
- between 35 and 60 years of age at the time of application to the Program
- academically, psychologically and physically capable of participation in formation and ordained ministry
- if married
 - validly married for at least 7 years, with a strong marital relationship
 - supported by your wife in your decision to apply to the Program
 - aware of Church law concerning celibacy should your wife die
- if single
 - committed to a healthy moral single lifestyle
 - aware of Church law requiring celibacy after ordination
- free from any outstanding Church law issue, such as a failed marriage not yet annulled
- financially stable and able to support yourself and your family from your secular employment or pension income
- able to commit 10 - 15 hours per week to formation or ordained ministry

Application Process

Inquirer Stage: May 1- June 21, 2016

- Attend an *Inquiry Session* by May 29, 2016
 - ◆ We encourage your wife to attend as well!
- Register as an *Inquirer* by June 13, 2016
- Take part in a *Preliminary Telephone Interview* by June 21, 2016

Application Stage: June 27 - November 24, 2016

- Attend the *Day of Prayer & Discernment* on Saturday, September 10, 2016
- Complete an *Application Package* and return by October 24, 2016

Screening Stage: November 28, 2016 - May 18, 2017

- Attend the *Day of Prayer & Discernment* on Saturday, January 21, 2017
- Take part in a *Psychological Assessment* by March 25, 2017
- Take part in a *Scrutiny Interview* by March 25, 2017
- Take part in a *Home Interview* by March 26, 2017

Admissions Stage: May 22, 2017 -

- Attend the *Day of Prayer & Discernment* on Saturday, June 10, 2017
- Begin the *Permanent Diaconate Formation & Study Program* in September 2017

At the end of each Stage of the Application Process, Applicants will be advised by letter whether or not they are eligible to proceed to the next Stage.