

NADD NEWS

SUMMER, 2005

Remain Rooted in Jesus Christ... The Vision Unfolds

From the President

Deacon Daniel L. Peterson

I am pleased to report that progress has been made on the initiatives I set forth at the beginning of my term as president. First, I would like to report that all standing and ad-hoc committee appointments were made within 30 days of my installation. The committees and members are as follows:

NADD 2005/2006 Committee Appointments

(S=Standing, AH=Ad Hoc) (Rep Region #)
Deacon Greg Urban (Ex Officio member, all committees)

Nominating Committee (S):

Deacon Bob McCoy (IX) - Chair
Deacon Tim McAuliffe (PPres)
Deacon Leo McBlain (III)

Finance Committee (S):

Deacon Ken Piechowski (VI) - Chair
Deacon Math Prom (Treas)
Deacon Loris Sinanian (XIV)

Resolutions Committee (S):

Rev. Dave Dowdle (VII) - Chair
Deacon John Sicilia (XII)
Deacon George Tierney (Sec)

Convention Committee (S):

Deacon Al Sandoval - 2006 () - Chair
Deacon Frank Chavez - 2007 (XI) - Chair
Deacon Sam Anzalone (PElect)

Constitution & Bylaws Committee (AH):

Deacon Ray Duplechain (V) - Chair
Deacon Bob McCoy (IX)
Deacon Clarke Cochran (X)
Sr. Jeremia Januschka (XIII)

Professional Resources Committee (AH):

Deacon Ted May (II) - Chair
Deacon Tim McAuliffe (PPres)
Deacon Bill Boesman (IV)
Deacon Tony Detje (I)

Directors' Institute Committee (AH):

Deacon Dan Peterson (Pres) - Chair
Mr. Joe Michalak (VIII)
Deacon Bill Ditewig (BCD)

Emerging Models Committee (AH):

Deacon Mike Berstene () - Co-Chair
Deacon Ken Piechowski (VI) - Co-Chair
Deacon Alfred Mitchell ()
Deacon Ray Duplechain (V)

With few exceptions, all of the appointees are members of the Executive Board or Board of Region Representatives. This was done in order to facilitate committee meetings and reports at least twice a year: in September and April when the Boards meet jointly.

I am also pleased to report good progress on the Deacon Directors' Institute. Deacon Greg and I have made recent visits to Washington, DC and Columbus, OH. We traveled to Washington to visit Deacon Bill Ditewig at the offices of the USCCB. I outlined for him the NADD initiatives I shared with you in the last newsletter and discussed how we can work more closely with the BCD toward achieving these

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goals. I also asked Deacon Ditewig, as Executive Director for the Secretariat for the Diaconate, for his support and assistance in our efforts with the Institute. The meeting was very positive, and Bill agreed to serve as a member of the Institute Committee and to help teach when we get underway.

While in Washington, Greg and I also visited NALM and had a very good meeting with Chris Anderson,

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NADD Executive Board Meeting - St. Edmund's Retreat, Enders Island, Mystic, CT. June 9 - 12, 2005. L to R. Deacon George & Mrs. Diane Tierney; Deacon Math Prom; Deacon Tim & Mrs. Maureen McAuliffe; Deacon Greg Urban; Deacon Dan & Mrs. Judy Peterson; Deacon Sam & Mrs. Carolyn Anzalone

The Papacy and the Diaconate

Bishop William S. Skylstad
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These last few weeks have been remarkable in the Catholic Church. We have witnessed the transition in the papacy as the world looked on in fascination. The coverage by the news media was astounding.

Another event that has happened concomitantly with far less publicity has been the publication of the *Directory for the Diaconate*. This work has been a long time in coming, after much experience and consultation. It's fitting that the *Directory* was published at the end of the reign of Pope John Paul II. His pontificate saw great development of the diaconate.

The restoration of the diaconate was called for by the fathers of the Second Vatican Council. Initially, many of the council fathers envisioned that the restored diaconate could be of tremendous assistance to the Church in the Third World. But as a matter of fact, the restoration grew primarily in the United States. The initial restoration was not accomplished without significant concerns and hesitation on the part of many. I suppose that is to be expected; the new beginning of diaconal ministry had such high visibility in the Church.

In the early 1980s, I was elected chairman of the Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate. Almost immediately, the National Convention for Deacons was held in Denver, a year or so before Pope John Paul's visit to the United States. The Holy See sent Archbishop Kada, from the Congregation of Worship and Sacraments, to the meeting in Denver to observe the meeting

and, I'm sure, the diaconal community. Archbishop Kada quickly came to know the participants; in particular, a deacon's wife who was terminally ill with cancer.

On one of the nights of the convention the group went to Central City outside of Denver for dinner in an Old West setting. Young women dressed as cowgirls were serving the food at dinner. We asked the archbishop if he would like to have his picture taken with a couple of the ladies serving. Initially he demurred, but then all of a sudden said "yes." We told him that we would get a copy of the picture and send it to the *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper. It was a delightful evening.

A short time afterward, we were notified that when the Holy Father came to visit Detroit, he would meet with the diaconal community. We all met at the Ford Theater, where Pope John Paul II spoke to about 1,600 deacons and their wives. For me, as the chairman of the committee, that moment was very special. For about 10 minutes before the Pope went on stage, we had a chance to visit together in a back room. The conversation was about the diaconate and how it had grown in the United States.

That moment of meeting with the deacons was indeed very historic, and in a way, the gathering was an affirming sign that the diaconate had come of age in the Church.

We in the Church have so much for which to be grateful: Pope John Paul II; a new pope, Benedict XVI; and the restoration of the diaconate, which has been such a clear sign of the movement of Holy Spirit.

Blessings and peace!

NADD CALENDAR

9/14/05	Exec. Board Arrives	Marycrest Retreat Center Denver, CO
9/15/05	Convention Chair/Board of Region Reps Arrive	
9/16-17/05	Exec. Board/Board of Region Reps Meeting	
9/18/05	Departure	
1/12-14/06	Exec. Board/Convention Chair	Marywood Retreat Center Jacksonville, FL
1/15/06	Departure	
4/19-22/06	Convention 2006	Hyatt Regency Tech Center Denver, CO
4/18/06	Boards (Exec. & Region Reps) Meet	
4/19/06	Pre-Convention Wkshop/ Directors' Institute	
6/1-3/06	Ex. Board Meeting	The Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus, OH
6/4/06	Departure	
9/13/06	Ex. Board Arrives	Orange, CA TBD
9/14/06	Convention Chair/Board of Region Reps Arrive	
9/15-16/06	Exec. Board/Board of Region Reps Meeting	
9/17/06	Departure	

From the President

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their Executive Director, particularly regarding our collaboration on the Emerging Models Project. I think it important that we, as representatives of the diaconate, maintain close ties with not only the bishops, but also with those helping develop lay leadership.

To continue this Institute work, about a week later, Deacon Greg and I traveled to Columbus. We first met with Bishop Frederick Campbell, Chair of the BCD. Our purpose was two-fold: to introduce NADD to the new chair of the BCD in a more formal way and to ask for the bishop's support for our initiatives, particularly with the Deacon Directors' Institute and our partnering with the Pontifical College Josephinum (PCJ), and NADD promoting a Professional Journal for the diaconate. Bishop Campbell was most enthusiastic on both counts. Bishop encouraged us to proceed with both these initiatives.

Our next stop was the PCJ. There we met with Deacon Michael Ross, Ph.D., Academic Dean; Msgr. Langsfeld, Rector & President; and Prof. James Keating. We outlined our desire to affiliate with a seminary or university, such as PCJ, as we build the Deacon Directors' Institute. I outlined our goals and timeline and we reached consensus. To say that the PCJ leadership was enthusiastic with our initiatives would be an understatement. They shared with us information about their recent affiliation with NDICE and how this might be a logical expansion for them further into the diaconal area. They stated their desire to see the PCJ become the premier institution for diaconal related studies in the United States. Deacon Greg and Deacon Mike will be working on the formal details of an affiliation agreement.

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From the President-Elect

Deacon J. S. (Sam) Anzalone

Thank you for choosing me as your new President-Elect during our New Orleans meeting. I will do all that is possible to reflect your confidence in my ability to serve you over these next three years as one of your elected NADD leaders. Please pray for us.

Gathering with the new Executive Board organized at the close of this year's convention and then preparing for and participating in our June board meeting has enabled me to quickly get on board and contribute to the agenda now before us. I am enthusiastic to be working with President Dan Peterson and the other members of our board to serve the association in a most collaborative way. Dan and I had the added benefit in June of meeting with Bishop Campbell and members of the BCD, along with Deacon Bill Ditewig and leaders of several deacon organizations. It is most gratifying to witness the BCD commitment to furthering the diaconate.

According to the NADD Bylaws, among the primary responsibilities of the President-Elect is to "maintain communication with the Region Representatives of the Association" and "chair meetings conducted between the Executive Board and the Region Representatives."

Thanks to the diligence of our Executive Director, Deacon Greg

Urban, the Region Representatives are included in all typical distribution of NADD bulletins and updates. My specific duty is to communicate directly to the Board of Region Representatives in matters that are to come before us during our September and April sessions with the Executive Board. As you would expect, the agenda for that meeting this September is now being developed.

Another responsibility of the President-Elect is to "perform those duties as assigned by the President." In order to continue to grow in understanding association priorities to better serve you, I asked President Peterson to assign me to the Conventions Committee for 2006 and he consented. Under the able leadership of Deacon Alfonso Sandoval, planning for the Denver meeting next year is well launched and I hope to be able to contribute to our program there in a meaningful way.

Please let me know personally of any aims and priorities you have for our association. It would be a privilege to hear any thoughts and desires you believe would accelerate the advancement of the diaconate while continuing the growth of our association's capability to serve the membership.

We all acknowledge that Jesus is the One who leads us along the way, by the truth, into the life for which we have been chosen. Let us support one another, seeking always to serve as He serves.

The Feast of St. Lawrence - August 10



*The Pontiff Sixtus, from the cross
On, which he hung, saw at its foot
His deacon Lawrence weeping sore,
And these prophetic words he spoke:*

*Let tears of sorrow cease to flow
At my departure from this life;
My brother, I but lead the way,
And you will follow in three days...*

*Our Church is very rich,' he said,
'I must confess that it has wealth;
Our treasuries are filled with gold
Not found elsewhere in all the world.*

*He hastens through the city streets,
And in three days he gathers up
The poor and sick, a mighty throng
Of all in need of kindly alms.*

*He sought in every public square
The needy who were wont to be
Fed from the stores of Mother Church
And he as steward knew them well.*

Reference. "The Poems of Prudentius" translated by Sr. M. Clement Eagan, C.C.V.I. "The Fathers of the Church," Vol. 43; The Catholic University of America Press, Washington, DC 1962.

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The Constitution and Bylaws Ad-Hoc Committee, under the leadership of Deacon Ray Duplechain, has begun a study of the needs of our organization as we move forward into the twenty-first century. The committee is reviewing the work of the prior C&BL committee as a basis for continuing study. Among other things, I have asked the committee to review the consultative role of the Board of Region Representatives with an idea to make it more a role of governance and to look at our current membership classes to see if they are adequate. The goal I have set for this committee is for Deacon Ray to present to the Executive Board and to membership an amendment proposal for revision of our Constitution and Bylaws, as separate documents, in time for a membership vote at the business meeting at our Convention 2006 in Denver. Deacon Ray will keep us informed through Deacon Greg as this work continues. There will be time set aside for member comments on the proposed changes. I ask that you share your thoughts with the committee members at that time or anytime throughout this process.

You may have heard me say this before, but I can guarantee you will hear me say it again in the future: in order to be effective in our own ministries, we first need to be rooted in Jesus Christ. And second, as an organization devoted to diaconal leadership, we need to support our bishops singularly and collectively. We must never stray from these basic principles! To put some action into these words, with the consensus of the Executive Board, I have appointed a NADD Chaplain. The duty of the NADD Chaplain will be to keep us, as a Board and an organization, focused on Jesus Christ our savior and the needs of his people. The chaplain will coordinate prayer at our meetings and prayer support for those of us who become sick or are otherwise in need of prayers. With his consent, Past-President Deacon Tim McAuliffe has agreed to accept a one-year appointment to this position. I encourage you to send your prayer requests to Deacon Tim at pastp@nadd.cc.

Individually and as an organization, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the diaconate. As my predecessors have done before me, I intend to continue these diligent efforts throughout my term.



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Since this section is for members only, please do not give the password and username to non-members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Approximately 70% of our members have now renewed their 2005/6 memberships.

Unless you renew by August 15, you may not be listed as a NADD member in the 2005/6 Directory Administrators of Diocesan Diaconate Programs.

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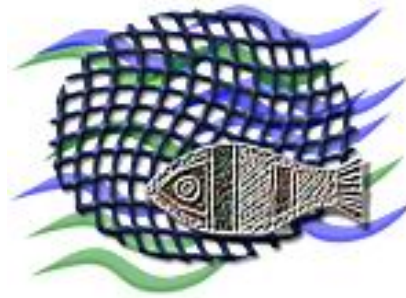
**Update from the
Secretariat for the
Diaconate**

Deacon William T. Ditewig

In June the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate met in Chicago as all of the bishops of the United States gathered for their annual June meeting. This was the first meeting of the new Committee, now under the leadership of Bishop Frederick Campbell of Columbus, and it included the advisors to the Committee. NADD was most ably represented by President Dan Peterson and President-Elect Sam Anzalone. Although the meeting was relatively brief as these things go (two hours, including lunch), the bishops left the meeting extremely enthusiastic about their participation on the Committee. Throughout the rest of the bishops' meeting, Bishop Campbell and other members of the Committee would approach me about how impressed they had been by the initiatives being taken by the various national organizations associated with the diaconate, especially the NADD and the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE). What got the bishops so enthusiastic? It was the commitment that they saw in these organizations to the growing professional approach being taken with regard to the diaconate in general, and to diaconate formation in particular. They were particularly

impressed with the growing collaboration between NADD and NDICE with other national associations and institutions to further the development of the diaconate.

When we look at the various issues the bishops are now dealing with, it's easy to see a new spirit at work within the body of bishops. They are all concerned with the best stewardship possible of the church's limited resources, so they are always on the watch for ways to collaborate. They are now beginning an intense scrutiny of our own staff structure here in Washington to make sure that the structure best



reflects the vision and goals of the bishops as a national body. They believe that the Conference has, in the past, taken on too many documents, too many projects, and too many endeavors that, while certainly laudable in themselves, did not always help them speak with a unified voice or with a particular pastoral focus. To remedy this, they are taking steps to re-focus their vision for the national Conference and the plans and programs they support.

For the diaconate, this

means that we will increasingly be encouraged to find ways and means of even greater collaboration and collegiality outside the purely diaconal circles in which many folks currently operate. In my opinion, this is just another sign of our growing maturation and integration into the larger ecclesial life here in the United States. Certainly what the bishops heard at their June Committee meeting is that the NADD is at the forefront of such efforts, and they appreciate it greatly.

In another example of this collaboration, I am pleased to announce that on 5 July 2005, I received a letter from Mr. Carl A. Anderson, the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. In response to our request, the Knights of Columbus have agreed to subsidize a three year research project by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

Diaconate formation programs around the country already participate in CARA's annual data collection, research and reporting on lay, priestly and diaconate formation programs. Beginning this year and repeated for at least two more years, this new project will collect and analyze data on the post-ordination life of deacons, giving us the most comprehensive up-to-date information on the diaconate in many years. I hope that such collaboration will continue for many years to come!

Gods blessings on each of you!