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Bishop Cisneros to Speak About New Roman Missal at Convention

“The Deacon and the New Roman Missal” is the title of the keynote address to be presented by Bishop Octavio Cisneros at the NADD convention. The address will examine the role of the deacon at Mass as well as some of the topical issues associated with promulgation and welcoming of the new Missal.

NADD has closely followed the recommendations of the Committee for Divine Worship for many months to help our membership prepare for the new Missal. As a member of the Divine Worship Committee, Bishop Cisneros has provided guidance leading to our board-approved convention theme, “The Deacon as Sacramental Servant.”

In his keynote address, Bishop Cisneros will explain the challenges of the eleven English-speaking nations in developing a translation that all of them will use. He will also discuss the practical aspects of catechesis and alliance in support of the introduction.

More information about the 2010 convention will soon be arriving by mail and also posted on the NADD website.

Calling All Candidates for Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer

NADD membership will elect a new Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer during a business meeting of the 2010 convention. This is a reminder that it is now time to nominate someone or to submit your own name as a candidate for either office.

Elections will be conducted during a business session of the NADD convention by written ballot. A simple majority will decide the results.

Here is a summary of responsibilities for each position:

Chairman of the Association

- Provide vision for the Association and function as its leader
- Monitor the work of the Executive Director
- Preside at meetings of the Membership, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee
- Report annually on the “State of the Association” to Membership and on the “Progress of the Association” to the Board of Directors
- Develop agendas for Board meetings, Executive Committee meetings and membership meetings in collaboration with the Executive Director
- Represent the Association at its meetings of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, and at other groups of which the Association is a member or to which the Association has been invited to send a representative
- Appoint members of standing committees in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws
- Establish special committees and appoint the members thereof

Secretary/Treasurer

- Record and publish in a timely manner (30 days) the minutes of meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee
- Collaborate with the Executive Director and the Finance Committee to develop the annual budget and present it to Membership
- Collaborate with the Executive Director and the Finance Committee to manage Association Finances, reporting as appropriate to the Membership, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- Report on the financial condition of the Association at all meetings of the Membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee
- Record resolutions that have been adopted by the Association and distribute to all appropriate persons or organizations
- Other duties as assigned by the Membership, Board of Directors, Executive Committee or Chair
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Both offices have two year terms. Officers may be re-elected once to serve a total of four years. Nominees for either office must be current voting members of the Association. All nominations should be sent to:

Deacon Gerald DuPont
NADD Nominations Committee Chair
1050 Zettel Road
New Ulm, Texas 78950
Or by email: "gerald@gwdupont.com"

Accepting Award Nominations Through February 26

Nominations for NADD awards are being accepted through February 26. The awards process calls for members to submit nominations to their Regional Representatives identifying the nominee, the particular award (see below) that is appropriate, and the reason the person should be recognized. Regional Representatives collect and forward all award nominations to Deacon Tom Dubois, Executive Director. After the February 26 closing date, the Executive Committee will review nominations and choose recipients. Awards will be presented during the Gala Awards Banquet on the last day of the convention. NADD recognizes achievement through three awards:

The **William Philbin Award** is granted to a past or present director of the permanent diaconate for outstanding service to the national or local diaconate. It is presented in memory of William Philbin, an exemplary early leader of the permanent diaconate in the United States.

The **Bart O'Leary Award** is granted to a person for outstanding leadership and service to the National Association of Diaconate Directors. It is presented in memory of Bart O'Leary, twice President of NADD, who exemplified dedication and leadership during his years as a member of the Association.

The **NADD Recognition Award** is bestowed to members and others who have rendered particular service in a leadership role or who have provided distinctive support to the mission of the Association.

“Entendiendo la Espiritualidad del Diaconado” is Back in Print

NADD has reprinted *El Sacramento de Servicio: Entiendo la Espiritualidad del Diaconado* (The Sacrament of Service: Understanding Diaconal Spirituality) by Rev. William T. Donovan, Ph.D. "The diaconate is the church's pre-eminent sign of the basic mission of all believers to serve others. Deacons give sacramental witness to what makes us fundamentally human: an other-centered responsibility for those in need," notes Fr. Donovan.

Both the Spanish and English versions of the book are available through the NADD website. The price is \$6.95 plus shipping and handling for NADD members; \$7.95 plus shipping and handling for non-members.

NADD to be a co-sponsor of the 2011 National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry

NADD has elected to become a co-sponsor of the 2011 Collegeville National Symposium on Lay Ecclesial Ministry. The Symposium is sponsored by St. John's School of Theology/Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota.

The Symposium is created through collaboration between St. John's and two USCCB committees: the Secretariat of Laity, Family Life and Youth and the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity. The 2011 Symposium's goal is to advance the theological work that began with the 2007 symposium, *Working in the Vineyard of the Lord*, which sought to advance the theology of vocation and authorization for lay ecclesial ministry. The 2011 Symposium will expand the study of critical issues facing lay ecclesial ministry and dialogue about effective ways to support and advance ministry in the Church. It will be limited to 200 participants.

As a co-sponsor, NADD has a spot in shaping the Symposium. We will be participating as member of the planning committee through conference calls and an on-site meeting in August 2010. Papers pertaining to the Symposium will be distributed in advance of the meeting to allow sponsor-organization members to review the subjects and make recommendations. These materials will be shared with NADD members for your input.