The Ministry and Life Institute gives Deacon Directors tools to enhance the life and ministry of deacons in your diocese

MLI WEEK : June 6-10, 2021 AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHENUM, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Ministry and Life Institute Series:

MLI - Ministry and Life Institute (Post Ordination)
NDI - National Directory Institute (Inquiry through Ordination)

MLI is part of the NADD Deacon Institute Series that is offered in collaboration with the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. MLI concentrates on the post-ordination path while NDI focuses on inquiry through ordination. The Institutes are offered on alternate years.
Pope Francis said, “When [deacons] serve at the table of the Eucharist, there you will find the presence of Jesus, who gives himself to you so that you can give yourselves to others.” The sacrament of Holy Orders configures deacons to serve the mission of the Church in a unique way, both at the Altar and in service to those in need. While the deacon’s formation in the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dimensions begins prior to his ordination, such holistic formation must continue throughout his life and ministry.

The National Directory reminds us that “the post-ordination path should provide the deacon with ample opportunities to continue to develop and integrate the dimensions of formation into his life and ministry. In this way, the quality of his life and ministry will be ensured; avoiding the risk of ministerial burnout...Post-ordination formation can entail a process of renewal and revitalization (ND 241).” This renewal and revitalization must extend to the broader aspects of deacons’ lives to strengthen their marriages and to help them balance the demands of family with their ministry and career.

The Ministry and Life Institute (MLI) of the National Association of Diaconate Directors offers diocesan staff practical and helpful approaches to integrate formation into the busy lives of deacons. Offered with the encouragement of the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, the MLI is a practical resource for deacon directors, vicars for clergy and other diocesan officials responsible for the care and ongoing formation of permanent deacons.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. James F. Checchio
Bishop of Metuchen
CCLV Chairman

MLI Focuses on the Post-Ordination Path of Deacons

The Ministry and Life Institute (MLI) expands on the brevity of the National Directory’s seventh chapter, “Post Ordination Path in Diaconal Formation.” MLI provides deacon directors with practical insights and guidance that can be applied to support and manage the deacons in your diocese on behalf of the local Ordinary.

MLI is encouraged by CCLV

Each Participant in MLI will:

- Enjoy stimulating, practical information in a retreat-like setting that includes Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and daily Mass
- Gain useful guidance on topics of spiritual renewal, Canon Law, the challenges of multiple generations of deacons including senior deacons, deacons from various cultures, diaconate administration, widowhood and celibacy, deacon effectiveness, growth in preaching and ongoing formation
- Receive ongoing support and assistance from the MLI team
- Join the ranks of 224 NADD Institute alumni who have already benefitted from theologically grounded knowledge and practical insights these Institutes have provided for the formation, ministry and life of deacons

MLI Class Format & Highlights

The Ministry and Life Institute combines expert presentations, panel discussions, class discussion, and the opportunity to interact with instructors and other attendees on topics common to deacon directors.

- The use of case studies and hands-on practical examples to examine common issues
- Confidentiality when participants ask questions or share issues
- Comprehensive approach to ministry and program development including the challenges of large and small dioceses; rural and urban settings
- Ample time for informal discussions and networking with presenters and other participants
- Lasting friendships with fellow directors providing long term support and assistance to identify “best practices” for implementing the National Directory
- Discounted MLI room rate at the Sheraton – includes buffet breakfast
2021 MLI Schedule

Sunday, June 6 - Arrival
MLI begins with Vespers at 4:30 pm in the Jessing Center followed by a welcome reception. Includes introductions of staff, participants, and an overview of the week.

Monday, June 7
Lauds and Mass.

Tuesday, June 8
Lauds and Mass.

Wednesday, June 9
Lauds and Mass.

Thursday, June 10
Lauds and Mass.

MLI Presenters*

NADD has assembled a talented presentation staff for the 2021 Ministry and Life Institute:

Deacon Dennis Dorner, Chancellor & Director of the Permanent Diaconate, Archdiocese of Atlanta; NADD Chairman

Bishop Frederick Campbell, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Columbus,

Deacon Ken Barrett, JD, St. Andrew Apostle Church, Silver Spring, MD, Instructor Diaconate Institute, Pontifical College Josephinum

Deacon Ray Duplechain, MA, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Former NADD Chairman

Deacon Gerald Jorgensen, Ph.D., J.C.L., Metropolitan Tribunal Judge and Promoter of Justice, Assistant Formation Director, Archdiocese of Dubuque

Deacon James Kincel, Diaconate Director, Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

Deacon David Kushner, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio

Deacon Gerald DuPont, Ph.D., Director of Permanent Deacons Emeritus, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Consultant to USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, President of the International Diaconate Centre

Rev. Luke Ballman, Secretary, Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, USCCB

Deacon Steve Swope, Associate Director of Formation Emeritus, Archdiocese of Atlanta

*Subject to change due to Covid and travel restrictions
Resources and Ongoing Support

Resource materials, handouts and copies of instructor Power Point presentations will be given to each participant on a memory stick. MLI committee members and presenters are available for assistance and consultation during and after the MLI week.

MLI Tuition

Tuition for MLI is $1,000 per participant and includes:

- The Institute in Columbus on June 6 to 10, 2021
- Lunches, breaks, social hours and closing dinner
- Pre-Institute communications to prepare participants for arrival
- Assistance, mentoring and consultation from MLI committee members and presenters
- Seating is limited; enrollment is on a first come, first-served basis
- Participants must make their own hotel reservations and pay for their own rooms.
- Hotel: Sheraton Suites, 201 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43235. Room rate is $79.00 per night plus applicable tax of 17.5%. A buffet breakfast is included in the room rates.

For Reservations, please call Marriott Reservations at 1-888-236-2427 on or before May 15, 2021

How to Register

Registration may be done online at Register for MLI

Payment at the time of registration may be made by credit card.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact NADD at 404-274-9896 or by email: admin@nadd.org