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## Ordination Class of 2008

**E**ight brothers have successfully completed four years of study and spiritual development and will be ordained by the Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito on Saturday, September 6 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Ignatius Loyola. The entire diaconate community is cordially invited to be present in support of our newest deacons on this most important day in their lives. The eight include:



William R. Ferguson - Saint John the Evangelist  
William A. Jacobs - Saint Therese de Lisieux  
Richard Lyles - Saint Francis of Assisi  
Miguel R. Muñoz - Cathedral of Saint Ignatius of Loyola  
Joseph O'Connell - Saint Rita  
Lon M. Phillips - Ascension  
Stephen R. Scienzo - Saint Peter  
Martin E. Serraes - Holy Name of Jesus

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes as they begin their ministry to the people of God in Diocese of Palm Beach.

## Four Deacons Appointed to Personnel Board

**B**ishop Barbarito has named four deacons to serve on the Personnel Board in accordance with the recently published Policies and Procedures Relating to Permanent Diaconate. Appointed to serve a two-year term is Deacon Jack Raisch, Saint Anastasia Parish, representing the Northern Deanery; Deacon Joe Pollock, Saint Peter Parish, Cathedral Deanery; Deacon Greg Sherman, Holy Name of Jesus, Central Deanery and Deacon Richard Santana, Emmanuel Parish, Southern Deanery. Serving as ex-officio members are Deacon Sam Barbaro, Episcopal Delegate and Deacon Dennis Demes, Director of Formation.





## Annual Retreat for Deacons and Wives

It is almost that time again to gather for our annual retreat weekend at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach. This year we are pleased to have Fr. Jim Marchionda, O.P. present to lead us in prayer and song during the weekend of November 21-23. Be sure to confirm your attendance by calling the Diaconate office at 561-775-9540.

### Continuing Education Opportunities

- The Catholic Coalition on Preaching a partnership of member organizations is sponsoring **Convocation 2008** September 24-27 in Louisville, Kentucky. An informational brochure is available, please call Ana at 561-775-9540 to obtain a copy.
- Pontifical College Josephinum Institute for the Formation and Ministry of the Permanent Diaconate. Registration information can be obtained by calling 1-877-933-2266.

### Deacon Mentors & Vocation Coordinator Appointed

In accordance with the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States, Bishop Barbarito has appointed four mentors and a vocation coordinator to serve the diaconal community of the diocese. The mentors role follows the recommendations contained in the National Directory by providing assistance and guidance to the newly ordained during the first three years of their ministry. The new mentors are Deacon Joseph DiMauro, Deacon Steven McMahon, Deacon Greg Sherman and Deacon Richard Santana.

Deacon Jaime Zapata will serve as the vocations coordinator and will work closely with Father Yves Francois, Diocesan Director for Vocations and with Deacon Dennis Demes.

### A Reminder . . .

Let's keep the prayer line open by contacting the office via email or with a telephone regarding any medical or health matter or emergency that needs our attention.

Also, if you have moved or have a new telephone number or email address, please inform the office as soon as possible.

