



The Diaconate Program of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

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Deacons, Candidates and Wives Retreat – Oct. 8-10, 2010

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From: Msgr. Pat Ragsdale, Director of the Diaconate Program

To: Deacons and Wives and Candidates and Wives of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

Greetings,

All deacons are required to participate in an annual spiritual retreat. All wives are invited and encourage to accompany their husbands to this occurrence. This year we are having a combine retreat for deacons, deacon candidates and wives starting on Friday, Oct. 8, at 7 PM and ending on Sunday, Oct. 10 at Noon at the Oblate Renewal Center, 5700 Blanco Road, San Antonio, Texas 78216. (210) 349-4173

Sign In will be on Friday, October 8, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please make sure you bring your name badges, or deacon ID, if you have one.

The cost of the weekend retreat will be \$250.00 for each couple in a private room, \$130.00 per each deacon sharing a room with another deacon, and \$55.00 per attendee that will be commuting. All fees include three meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday and refreshments during breaks. There will not be dinner on Friday night.

There will not be any single rooms available so that we may accommodate as many couples as possible in the rooms. Persons from out of town or with disabilities will get first predilection to reserve a room at the Oblate Renewal Center. There are a total of 58 double occupancy rooms. Rooms will be assigned on a “first come” basis; (priority will be given to those from out of town or disable) If you want to reserve a room, please return your reservation form, including payment, promptly.

Deacons: If your spouse will not be attending and you have a preference as to who will be your roommate, please indicate this on your registration slip; but remember one slip does not register two deacons.

Please register and prepay by October 1, 2010. Absolutely no phone or email reservations will be accepted. No mail-in reservations will be accepted after October 1, and no walk-ins will be allowed. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact my secretary, Maria Gonzalez. (210) 734-1626 or diacprog@swbell.net.

The theme of the retreats will be: **“Discerning our call to the Diaconal Ministry”**

The participants in the retreat will be will be Msgr. Jose Lopez, Rev. Jeff Pehl, Rev. James Tucker, Rev. Larry Christian, Rev. Frank Macias and Sally Gomez-Jung. They will be making presentations on: The History of the Order of Deacon in the Church, Diaconal Service in the Life of a Parish, The Need for Psychological Evaluation in the Life of a Candidate, Theological Reflection in Formation, and the Role of a Spiritual Director in Formation. The presenters will be available for a question and answer session. We look forward to a prayerful and spiritually fulfilling retreat.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Pat Ragsdale, Director

Cc: Bishop Oscar Cantu, STD

Father Tony Vilano, Director of Office for Clergy