

February 22, 2010

Dear Reverend Father,

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy on Continuing Education, Catholic deacons are obligated to participate in an annual spiritual retreat which specifically addresses their diaconal ministry. There are two retreats offered; one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The Deacon can attend either one of the retreats. If your Deacon has already attended the retreat that was held in Oct., 2009, they do not need to attend this one. For those Deacons that still need to attend, the Spring retreat will be at the Oblate Renewal Center on April 27 - 29, 2010. This is a closed retreat for deacons and deacon's wives.

The cost of the weekend retreat will be \$240.00 for married couple in a private room, \$120.00 per each deacon sharing a room with another deacon, \$190.00 for a single occupancy room, and \$55 per attendee that wish to commute. This sum may represent a severe constraint on the family finances of some deacons, and consequently, may prohibit their attendance. Attached is the registration form to be sent in with the check for the retreat fee.

May I ask you to discuss this matter with the deacon or deacons assigned to your parish in order to: (1) encourage participation in the retreat, and (2) determine if he, or they, will need financial assistance from your parish to permit attendance.

Thanking you for any assistance you can render in this matter, and for your continued support, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Fr. Jim Rutkowski, Director

DEACON'S RETREAT REGISTRATION April 27 - 29, 2010

Please register and prepay by April 16, 2010

Check for full amount must accompany the Registration Form. A separate form is required for each deacon or couple.

Please make checks payable and mail to:

Archdiocese of San Antonio  
Diaconate Program Office  
2718 W. Woodlawn Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78228

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DEACON'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEACON'S SPOUSE (Only if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

Room for a couple: \$240       Deacon will share a room \$120       Private room for one person \$190

Deacon will commute \$55       Deacon and wife commuting \$110

ROOM WITH DEACON: (If possible) \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Dietary/Disabled, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_