

[Deacon & Deacon's Wives Retreat - April 27 - 29, 2010](#)
Oblate Renewal Center - San Antonio, TX

From: Fr. **Jim Rutkowski**, Director of the Diaconate Program
To: **Deacons of the Archdiocese of San Antonio**

Greetings,

Deacons are obliged to make an annual retreat to reflect on their ministry and vocation as a deacon. For those deacons who were unable to attend the fall retreat in October, 2009; you now have another opportunity to complete your required annual retreat. Remember, your wives are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

Please Note The spring retreat is during the week; Tuesday through Thursday. The application form for this retreat is attached. It will be on: **April 27, 28, 29, 2010** at the Oblate Renewal Center.

Sign In will be on Tuesday, April 27, from 5:30 -7:00 pm. Please make sure you bring your Bibles.

The cost of the weekend retreat will be \$240.00 for each couple in a private room, \$120.00 per each deacon sharing a room with another deacon, and \$55.00 per attendee that will be commuting. The cost for single occupancy rooms will be \$190.00. There will be 10 single occupancy rooms available; "first come," with more possible depending on the booking of double occupancy rooms. After the registration deadline, additional single occupancy rooms may become available. All fees include three meals on Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday.

Deacons and couples with disabilities will get first floor preference. 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.

There are a total of 58 rooms, 48 double occupancy and 10 single occupancy. There will be a maximum of 200 attendees total (including commuters). Rooms will be assigned on a "first come" basis; if you want a room return your reservation form, including payment, promptly.

Please register and prepay by April 16, 2010. Absolutely no phone or email reservations will be accepted. No mail-in reservations will be accepted after April 16, and no walk-ins will be allowed. If you have any questions regarding registration, please call Maria Gonzalez at (210) 734-1626.

Representatives from each deanery will be contacting you to encourage your participation. The theme of the retreat will be: **The Ministry of the Deacon.**

Your brother deacons, and wives of deacons, will be making presentations on: **Assertiveness In Ministry, Creativeness In Ministry, Humility In Ministry,** and **Balancing the Family and Diaconal Ministry.** Additionally, we will have break-out sessions for deacons only and wives only. We look forward to a prayerful, and spiritually fulfilling retreat.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Fr Jim Rutkowski, Director