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Class of 2002 Candidates Ordained as Deacons



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In Memoriam

Pray for Deacons at Peace, awaiting the Kingdom, who have left us this century.

Vishno Brennan	Tom Noone
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Joe Heinrich	Henry Keturwitis
Ed Hildebrandt	

On June 1, 2002, at 10 o'clock, Archbishop John Joseph Myers, ordained the 30 men of the class of 2002 to the Order of Deacon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, NJ. In Attendance were family, friends, Deacons, Priests, Religious, and Bishops. During the Liturgy the men heard, Archbishop Myers tell each of them, for the fourth time in their four years of formation, "May God, who has begun a good work in you, bring it to fulfillment." Led by Diaconate Director, Deacon Ed Porter and Formation Facilitator, Deacon Joe Lubas, the new Deacons were warmly congratulated by the entire congregation. Serving at the Mass of Ordination as Deacon of the Word was Ed Porter. The Deacon of the Eucharist was Earl White; and Deacons Joe Lubas and John Baltus, assisted with the Word while Marcelo David and Joe Kim assisted at the Eucharist. Ordained as Deacon were: Ernie Abad, Joe Caporaso, Mike Chechony, Earle Connelly, Marcelo David, Mike DeRoberts, Joe Dwyer, Stan Fedison, Jack Gray, Bob Gurske, John Hogan, Joe Kim, Jack Lynch, Joe Mantineo, John McKenna, Willie Moore, Dick O'Hara, Dan O'Neill, Jim Petrozelli, Bob Pontillo, Pat Quagliana, Phil Rejrat, John Samo, Anthony Scalzo, Rich Searls, Fred Smith, Thomas Smith, Gary Tarkenton, Jim Tobin, and Earl White.

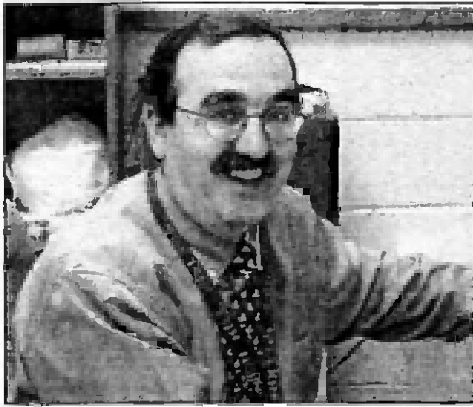


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DeaconNews Spotlight **Deacon Asterio Velasco**



Asterio Velasco '98, our Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Director for 22 Hispanic Acolytes in the class of '03, is also Deacon at St. Joseph & St. Michael's Church in Union City. He has been the director of a very successful bi-lingual religious education program (grades K thru 8) since 1996. Asterio lives with his wife of 24 years, the former Amparo Navarro, a mathematics teacher at Montclair H.S., and their three children: Monica 22, who is studying for a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering at Stevens University; Victoria 20, a Sophomore at Stevens, is also in engineering; and David 17, is a Senior at St. Peters Prep H.S.

Born in Valladolid, Spain in 1950, schooled by the Salesians of Don Bosco, Asterio's first love was Christ and His Church. In preparing for the priesthood he gained a degree in Theology in Salamanca, Spain. While reaching out to the poor and uneducated in Puerto Rico and The Dominican Republic Asterio became committed to education and how it can truly help people to rise above almost any difficulty. After immigrating to the United States 25 years ago he attended Montclair State University and received a Master's Degree in Spanish Literature. Asterio postponed pursuing his vocation until his children were older.

With the encouragement of his family and Fr. Lawrence Rywalt C.P., Assistant Pastor, Asterio entered diaconate formation in 1994 and was ordained in June of 1998 by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick.

In his secular role Asterio, a former department head of language studies, is currently the Assistant Principal at Union Hill High School in Union City, New Jersey. He is mentor, confidant, "spiritual director," and college tour guide for 1400 students. Engaging his love for the Church, Asterio is currently attending Seton Hall University and is studying for a Master's Degree in Theology in Church History. Word has it that the Church History lessons he presents for his diaconate formation class are legend. As if he does not have enough on his plate, Asterio also finds time to work in education at the diocesan level by being part of a formation team for CCD teachers. Putting good use to God's gifts is clearly a Velasco tradition

Asterio wants us all to know of his love for Christ's church, his family, and the teaching profession. His assignment to Diaconate Formation, for those speaking Spanish, is a real blessing in his life and it is complimented by his role as Assistant Principal "Deacon" in a secular high school. Asterio is constantly challenged by his young charges to "proclaim the Gospel by your actions" as St John Neumann tells us.

On Asterio's office wall is a poster that sums-up his subtle Christ centered, Don Bosco oriented Salesian walk:

- "Want to be happy for one hour,
Go watch TV."
- "Want to be happy for a day,
Go to an amusement park."
- "Want to be happy for a lifetime,
Go out and help others!"



Our Director Speaks **Deacon Ed Porter**

CONGRATULATIONS!
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Yes, it's a time of congratulation. We hear it throughout the Church. It's a time to congratulate for Graduation, Confirmation, First Communion, Marriages – and Holy Orders. How blessed we are. We here in the Archdiocese are particularly blessed this year. Thirty new deacons, twenty-two men admitted to candidacy for ordination next year. The Diaconate has much to celebrate.

As our newly ordained and our candidates move into their assignments let us – each of us – offer our prayers for them their wives and their families.

Have a good summer.

Deacon Dwyer **will direct** **Development Office**

Deacon Joe Dwyer, class of 2002, has been named Director of the Office of Development by Archbishop John J. Myers, effective, July 1, 2002. Deacon Joseph will work with the Archbishop and Vicars General to restructure the office to meet the challenges of the

(continued) GM Speed, Deacon Joe



Deacon Ernesto Daroy Abad, teacher, is married to Margo. They are from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange.

Deacon Joeseph Robert Caporaso, a retired elementary school principal, is from the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Elizabeth.

Deacon Michael John Chechony, a chef, is from St. Joseph's in Oradell. He and his wife Mary Linda have two children: Nicole Marie, and Laura Ann.

Deacon Earle Stephen Connelly Jr., is a Pastoral Associate for Faith Development at The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Secaucus, NJ. Earle is married to Angela and they have two children: Earle and Joanne

Deacon Marcelo Suarz David, is a bank employee and is from the Parish of the Resurrection in Jersey City. Marcello is married to Rubilita, and they have two children Rucelle Marie, and Renna Marie.

Ordinands of the Diaconate Class of 2002



Deacon Michael DeRoberts, from St. James the Apostle Parish in Springfield, is a self-employed tax consultant. He and his wife Anna have two children: Danielle, and Lauren

Deacon Joseph Anthony Dwyer Jr., is the Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Newark. His parish is Holy Family in Nutley. He and his wife GERALYN have two children: Joseph & Jenna.

Deacon Stanley Francis Fedison, retired from IBM after 26 years of service, has worked in the activities

coordinator at area nursing homes for the past 10 years. Stan and his wife Jean have two children: Christopher, and Diana. They are from Our Lady Mother of the Church in Woodcliff Lake.

Deacon John Arthur Gray, a project-engineering manager with a nuclear utility, is from St. John the Baptist Parish in Hillside. Jack and his wife Virginia have four children: Virginia Irene, Merridith Ann, Jonathan Matthew, and Thomas Patrick

Deacon Robert Gurske, a network administrator at Kent Place School in Summit is from the Parish of St. Bartholomew the Apostle in Scotch Plains. Robert is married to Joanne and they have two children: Kate, and Mary.

Deacon John Edward Hogan, retired from Consolidated Edison, comes from the Church of the Assumption in Emerson. He is married to Mary Lou and they have five children: Mary, Susan, Karen, Lorraine, and John; and five

grandchildren: Sean, Joseph, Brian, Lindsay and Matthew.

Deacon Joseph Sungkyu, Kim, a small business owner and president, is from The Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook. Joseph and his wife Mary Soonja have four children: Myung Soon, Myung Hee, Myung OK, and Chulsoon; and four grand children Hyemin., Peter Kijeong, Angela, and Andre

Deacon John William Lynch, a research & development process supervisor, is from St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish in Scotch Plains. He is married to Eileen and they have three children, Jennifer, Matthew, and Mark.

Deacon Joseph Louis Mantineo, a Teacher of Italian for 35 years comes from St. Philip the Apostle in Saddle Brook. Joseph and his wife Kathryn (Mirty) have four children: Kathryn Teresa, Joseph Jr., Lisa Marie, and Mary Elizabeth.

Deacon John Joseph McKenna, is the Director of Planned Giving for the Archdiocese of Newark. He is from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield. John and his wife Linda have three children: Kathleen, John, and Kevin.

Deacon Willie Elmer Moore Jr., a supervisor for the County of Union Department of Parks & Recreation is from Blessed Sacrament - St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Newark. Willie and his wife Juanita have four children: Philip John, Sequoia, Canice, and Kelsey.

Deacon Richard O'Hara, from St Joseph's Parish in West Orange, an

English & Latin teacher is married to Margaret and they have two children: Daniel and Timothy.

Deacon Daniel Joseph O'Neil, is a branch Purchasing Agent. Dan and his wife Peggy, are from St. James the Apostle Parish in Springfield.

Deacon James Howard Petrozelli, a tractor-trailer driver, is from St. Lawrence Church in Weehawken. Jim and his wife Angela have two children: James Jr., and Ann.

Deacon Robert Stanley Pontillo, an electrician, is from St. Andrew's Parish in Westwood. Married to Kathleen, they have three children and two grandchildren: Laura, Joseph, and Michael; and John & Maggie.

Deacon Pascahl (Pat) Charles Quagliana, and his wife Karen are from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland. Pat is self-employed.

Deacon Philip John Rejrat, a real estate operations specialist with Verizon, is from St. Adalbert's Parish in Elizabeth. He is married to Frances. They have six children: Susan, Patricia, Philip, Peter, David, and Christiana; and three grandchildren: Michael, Megan, and Stephen.

Deacon John Alan Sarno, an investment banker from St. Catharine's Parish in Glen Rock is married to Cheryl. Jim and Cheryl have two children: Amanda and Michael

Deacon Anthony Corrado Scalzo, a vice president of sales, is from Saint Rose of Lima's Parish in Short Hills. Anthony and his wife

June have two children: Anthony William and Joseph Angelo.

Richard Blaine Searls, in the graphic arts, comes from Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield, NJ. Rich and his wife Joanna have three children: Richard, Michael, and David; and one grandchild: Gianna Marie.

Deacon John Fredrick Smith, an electrical contractor, from St. Phenomena's Parish in Livingston is married to Sue. They have three children: Carolyn, Katie, and Patrick; and one grandchild: Riley Hope.

Deacon Thomas Michael Smith, CSW, from St. Mary's Parish in Plainfield, a social/pastoral worker, is the Director of the Vicariate for Human Services Ministry with the Deaf, Catholic Community Services, Archdiocese of Newark.

Deacon Gary Francis Tankard, a retired social studies teacher and department chairperson from Ascension Parish in New Milford is married to Margaret and they have two children: Gary and David.

Deacon James Patrick Tobin, Captain of Investigations in the Bergen County Prosecutors Office comes from Assumption Parish in Emerson. Jim and his wife Elizabeth have three children: Thomas, Joseph, and Kathryn.

Deacon Earl William White, from the Parish of St. Stephen's Church in Kearny, is a senior vice president, Portfolio Manager U.S. Trust Company and is married to Patricia. They have three children: Megan, Earl P., and Caitlin

Deacon Joseph Raymond Heinrich

(1920-2002)

Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick ordained Deacon Joe on June 4, 1988, at a time when there were only a handful of Deaf Roman Catholic Deacons in the country (there were only five). The Archbishop said of Joe: *"In a very particular sense, Deacon Heinrich is sent especially among our deaf and hearing-impaired brothers and sisters, to affirm them in the practice of Christian charity, by example, direction and encouragement. He will thus contribute to the vitality of the people of God who are entrusted to our care."* Joe was a pioneer and a role model. Even before he was ordained, Joe and his wife Mary helped welcome deaf people throughout the Archdiocese and ministered to their spiritual and emotional needs for many years. He and Mary were active parishioners at St. John the Apostle Parish in Linden, where he preformed his liturgical roles as Deacon. Joe baptized 3 of his grandchildren and 7 of his great-grandchildren. Joe's courage and dedication to serving the Catholic Deaf population and all God's people will be long remembered.

Deacon David Garcia

(1926-2002)

Deacon David Garcia was born in Mexico on December 29, 1926 and brought to America shortly afterwards. He attended Seton Hall Prep and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He completed the Diaconate Program in 1976 and was assigned to St. Agnes parish in Clark and later served as Deacon in Our Lady of the Lake parish in Verona. David was very dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Two sisters, Mary of Kendal Park and Aurora of Whippany, survive him.

Deacon Henry Keturwitis

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of Deacon Henry Keturwitis, who left this world on Thursday April 4, 2002 after a long illness. His funeral mass was held on Monday, April 8, 2002 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Elizabeth, NJ. Deacon Henry was ordained in 1981 by Bishop Joseph J. Francis and at his passing was retired from active ministry. Remember also in your prayers Henry's widow Isabelle and their children and grandchildren.

Deacon Edward J. Hildebrandt

Retired Deacon Edward J. Hildebrandt, from Carlstadt, NJ, has gone to his eternal rest in the peace of Christ. May the angels welcome him to the table of Gods heavenly banquet. Deacon Hildebrandt was ordained on December 17, 1978.

May God give rest to his loving soul

Class of 2003 Admitted to Candidacy



On Tuesday, May 28, 2002 Bishop David Arias celebrated the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for the Class of 2003 at St. Nicholas Church in Jersey City. Asterio Velasco was Deacon of the Word and Deacon Director Ed Porter was Deacon of the Eucharist.

Class of 2002 Honor Archbishop Myers



On behalf of the men and wives of the class of 2002, Elizabeth Tobin, Joanne Gurske, Cheryl Samo & Peg O'Niell, presented Archbishop Myers with a beautiful porcelain diorama of the Davenci's Last Supper as a gesture of their appreciation and admiration during the class's "Call to Orders" on May 31, 2002 in the Archbishop's residence.

Retreat Notes



Eleven Deacon's wives descended on San Alfonso's, Long Branch for their Retreat Weekend on March 9, 2002. Talks centered around: "Saints as Companions," "The Love of Christ - with St. Alphonsus," "Studying our Faith with St. John Neuman," "The Love of Neighbor with St. Clement". and "Prayer with St. Gerard Majella"

The next Deacon Retreat will be in October and the next Deacon-Wives Retreat will be in early September. Msgr Richard M McGuinness will be the retreat-master. Deacon Vince Accardi will fill us in with more details by mail!

Deacon Baker Appointed to PAC



On April 16, 2002, Deacon Robert Baker, Class of 1999, Council of Deacons member, and Deacon at St Nicholas Church in Jersey City, was appointed by Archbishop John Joseph Myers to a two year term on the Parish Assistance Committee (PAC). PAC is an archdiocesan advisory committee, made up of Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay members that recommend the distribution of allocated archdiocesan resources to parishes in need

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Peace

On the Lighter Side

Deacon Thomas Smith's "Rapid Fire Sermons"

Be fishers of men – you catch 'em –
He'll clean 'em

Don't put a question mark where God
put a period.

Don't wait for six strong men to take
you to church – go now – unaided.

Exercise Daily: Walk with the Lord.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

Give God what's right not left.

Give Satan an inch he'll be a ruler.

God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.

God grades on the Cross,
not the curve.

God loves everyone, but probably
prefers "fruits of the spirit" to
"religious nuts"!

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

WARNING: Exposure to the Son may
prevent burning!

Watch your step carefully!
Everyone else does!

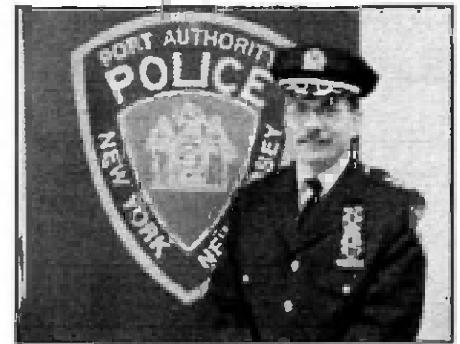
We don't change the message,
the message changes us.

Wisdom has 2 parts: 1) Having a lot to
say. 2) Not saying it.

Worry is the darkroom where
"negatives" are developed.

God promises a safe landing not a
calm passage.

He who angers you controls you!



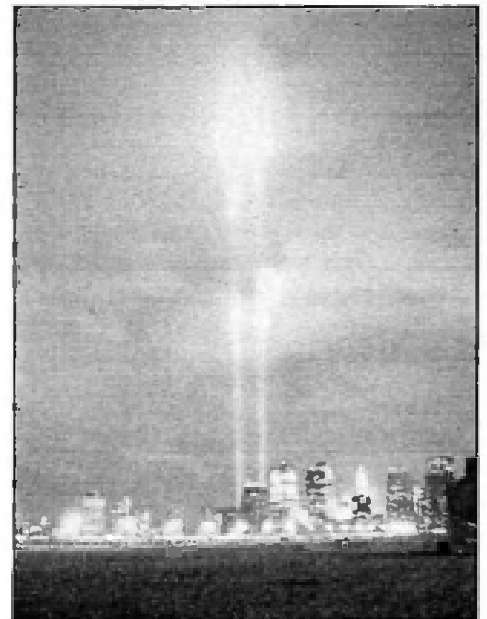
9-11 Stalwarts

Honored in Atlanta

On March 16, 2002 Mike Moran - FDNY, Jim McGrath - NYPD, and Chief (Deacon) Len Mackesy - PAPD were invited Marshals of the Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade.

See www.stpatsparadeatlanta.com

The Light Overcomes the Darkness



Did You Know?

When requesting a celebrant's blessing at Mass to proclaim the gospel, Deacons are to say only this: "Give me your blessing Father." These are the words we are to use with a: Priest, Monsignor, Bishop, Archbishop, Cardinal, and even the Pope.