



INSTITUTE FOR
DIACONAL STUDIES

EXPLORING THE DIACONATE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONSIDER A VOCATION may sometimes be a gentle voice stirring the soul or a personal longing in our hearts. It may be the urging of friends or spouses. It can also find birth in the invitation of pastors, deacons and parish leaders to pursue such an inquiry. No matter the source of our questions, each of us needs to be affirmed and encouraged to bring a call to a vocation to prayerful discernment.

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue.

Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required.

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| Oct. 27, 2015 | St. Patrick, Lemont (Vicariate V), 7:00-8:00 pm
Location: Patrician Room (630) 257-6134 |
| Nov. 12, 2015 | St. Robert Bellarmine, Chicago (Vicariate IV), 7:00-8:00 pm
Location: Rectorry (773) 777-2666 |
| Dec. 2, 2015 | St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield (Vicariate II), 7:30-8:30 pm
Location: Convent (847) 446-8383 |
| Jan. 14, 2016 | University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm
Location: Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564 |
| Jan. 26, 2016 | Queen of the Rosary, Elk Grove (Vicariate I), 7:30-8:30 pm
Location: Rectorry (847) 437-0403 |
| Feb. 4, 2016 | University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm
Location: Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564 |
| Feb. 6, 2016 | St. Ailbe, Chicago (Vicariate VI), 1:00-2:00 pm
Location: Parish Meeting Room (773) 374-2345 |
| Mar. 3, 2016 | University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm
Location: Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564 |
| Mar. 31, 2016 | University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm
Location: Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564 |
| Apr. 7, 2016 | St. Aloysius, Chicago (Vicariate III), 7:00-8:00 pm
Location: Parish Center Gonzaga Room (773) 278-4808 |

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Application Deadline for 2016-2017 Aspirancy Path is May 1, 2016.
Regretfully, IDS cannot accept late applications for the upcoming formation year.