

## Community Update 08-28-24

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The Gift of Service SFXC bulletin 08-25-24.docx; Prayer for Diaconal Vocations (Kandra).pdf; Praying with Icons.png; Holy Hour flyer 10-03-24 diaconal vocations.png;

### EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**September 6-8, 2024:** Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua  
**There is still time to register with Nancy Lynch at Notre Dame Retreat House if you are planning to attend, 585-394-5700**

**October 1, 2024:** Continuing Formation Report due for 7/1/23-6/30/24

**October 3, 2024**  
 (see the attached flyer) Holy Hour for diaconal vocations, St. Mark's Church, Greece

**October 8, 2024**  
 "Praying With Icons," Paula & Dcn George Welch and Fr. Mike Costik at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua (see attached flyer)

**October 26, 2024:** Phoebe's Friends Retreat, Padre Pio Chapel, Gates

**September 5-7, 2025:** Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua

There is a **Phoebe's Friends retreat** scheduled for **Saturday, October 26, 2024** from 9:00am-3:00pm at the **Padre Pio Chapel, Gates**. The theme is "*Aging with Grace*," and the presenter is Dr. Angela Kristan. The retreat will include prayer, presentations, lunch, and a service project, and the cost will be \$20.00/person. Additional details will follow from Phoebe's Friends. Please reach out to Bernadette Rall ([bernadette.rall812@gmail.com](mailto:bernadette.rall812@gmail.com)) or Rose Marie Lombard ([rmlomb43@gmail.com](mailto:rmlomb43@gmail.com)) with any questions.

There will be a **Holy Hour for diaconal vocations**, followed by an information session, on **Thursday, October 3, 2024** at **St. Mark's Church, 54 Kuhn Road, Greece**. This is an initiative of the Hilton-Greece-Charlotte parishes. It will be announced in the *Catholic Courier*, but if you have any parishioners or acquaintances who might be interested in hearing more about the diaconate, please share this opportunity with them. Men and their wives are encouraged to attend and to meet the deacon couples who are serving in the parishes.

"**Deacon Sunday**" is **October 13, 2024**, <https://www.vocationministry.com/vocation-day/vocation-days/deacon-sunday/>, so those of you who prepare the General Intercessions at your parish may wish to add one for an increase in vocations to the diaconate. It also may be a good opportunity to engage in conversation with inquirers and their wives at the parish level. I always encourage inquirers to meet up with our deacons and their wives if they have not already done so in order to get a "boots on the ground" perspective of balancing family, secular employment, formation, and ministry. Thanks to those couples who have met with inquirers over breakfast or lunch – your lived experience and witness is a great resource for those who are discerning a call to ordained ministry!

For those who order an *Ordo* each year, Paulist Press has announced that they are taking orders: [https://www.paulistpress.com/Pages/Center/ordo\\_list\\_2025.aspx](https://www.paulistpress.com/Pages/Center/ordo_list_2025.aspx)

I've also attached a bulletin article, appropriately titled "*The Gift of Service*," by Father Daniel Ruiz, pastor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Rochester, in which he recognizes the service and ministry of **Deacon Carlos Vargas, Deacon Agenol Rodriguez, Deacon Jorge Malave, and Deacon Salvador Otero.**

Wishing you all an enjoyable Labor Day weekend, with safe travels if you are finishing off Summer in the air, on the road, or on the water....

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