

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 1, 2024:** **** Continuing Formation Report due for 7/1/23-6/30/24****
- October 3, 2024** **Holy Hour for diaconal vocations, St. Mark's Church, Greece (see the attached flyer)**
- October 8, 2024** **"Praying With Icons," Paula & Dcn George Welch and Fr. Mike Costik at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua**
- October 26, 2024:** **Phoebe's Friends Retreat, Padre Pio Chapel, Gates**
- September 5-7, 2025:** **Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua**

Plans are also under way for a **summer picnic**, and the date and location will be announced via Community Update and at the SSDCA website (<https://www.ssdca.org/>) once they are confirmed. Please check the SSDCA website regularly for news from and about the community.

The Deacon Personnel Board will be commencing this year's "**Growth in Ministry**" interviews, so if you are contacted by a DPB member your consideration in responding promptly will be most appreciated. As you may recall, the DPB interviews one third of the active deacons (and their pastor/supervisor) each year to keep the "Growth in Ministry" process on a three-year cycle.

Next **Thursday, October 3, 2024**, there will be a **Holy Hour for diaconal vocations, followed by an information session** for inquirers, at **St. Mark's Church, Greece**. Please see the attached flyer. If you are aware of any interested folks from among your parishioners or acquaintances, please share the information with them, especially if they are in the Monroe County area. Join us if you are able, and if not, please consider praying the attached "*Prayer for Diaconal Vocations*" as you pray the Office or the Rosary that evening. We anticipate accepting a new formation class in Fall 2025 provided that we have a sufficient number of applicants.

The Annual SSDCA Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House with Fr. Bob Werth was a success. We had just shy of 50 folks on hand. At the retreat, the **Deacon Stanley Zawacki Award** was presented to **Sue Lorz** from St. Leo the Great Parish in Hilton, for her charitable care for Deacon Bill Lenhart (and Bill and Kathy's daughter Karen was present); to **Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM**, for her cooperative ministry with and to our community while she served as the Administrator of Bishop Clark's office; and to **Mary & Don Eggleston** for their service to our community in many ways and on several committees. All well deserved! We are scheduled for **September 5-7, 2025** at **Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua** for next year's retreat.

This Tuesday, September 24, 2024, SSDCA hosted a [luncheon for the wives of deceased deacons](#) in the Monroe County area. We gathered for Holy Mass, presided by Father Ed Palumbos, and

lunch at the Padre Pio Chapel, Gates. Thank you to Mary & Don Eggleston, Marcia Bovenzi, and Patty Giblin for their hard work in pulling this event together.

Kindly know that you can reach out to SSDCA leadership at any time with suggestions or questions. Lon Smith (lon.smith@dor.org) is still the president! Rick Rall (richard.rall@dor.org) is vice-president and Bernadette Rall (brall4@naz.edu) is secretary. Don Eggleston (donald.eggleston@dor.org) is the incumbent treasurer and webmaster, but at year's end he'll be turning over those reins to John Payne, who volunteered to serve as treasurer, and to Vince Franco, who volunteered to manage the SSDCA website.

SSDCA events are underwritten by your generous contributions of dues. If you would like to contribute (\$40.00/couple, \$20.00 single), you can mail a check to my attention at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester NY 14624. Please make the check payable to the ***Diocese of Rochester*** and note in the memo line SSDCA dues, or St. Lawrence Fund if you prefer that your contribution go to that fund. Thank you very much!