



Not New to us, But News

By DN Press

On June 29th, 2007, Monsignor Schwartz will takeover as Director for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate. He will also be the Director of Formation. Monsignor Schwartz is no stranger to the diaconate or to Diaconate Formation. He has been a perennial teacher in the program since the first class in 1975. His expertise covers two of the most remembered experiences in the program: Church History and Homiletics. "Feared during Homiletics, loved by all for his inspired presentation of Church History, Monsignor Schwartz is amazing addition to Rockford's Diaconate Program," commented Deacon Tom Welch, Director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate from 1997 to July of 2006.

Monsignor Schwartz is returning from a sabbatical having been the Rector of the Cathedral from 1995 to 2007 and Assistant Principal and Director of Religious Education for Boylan Central Catholic High School from 2000 to 2006 having been a member of the faculty since 1996.

Monsignor Schwartz was born in Aurora, IL. He attended St. Nicholas in Aurora for Elementary followed by Marmion Military Academy. He received his BA from Loras and attended seminary at the North American College in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on December 20th 1968 by Bishop Francis Reh, Rector of the NAC. He was raised to the rank of Monsignor in 1996.

Asked about his new role, Monsignor Schwartz quickly responded that he is excited to make the move from instructor to Director because he sees it as way to become more "actively involved in the ministry that prepares men to receive the call from the Bishop to diaconal service and assist the present deacons in their service among the people of the Diocese of Rockford."

Deacon Patrick Moynihan will head to Everett, Washington to become the President of Archbishop Murphy High School after completing his one year term as Director on June 29th. Deacon Moynihan started with the office shortly after his ordination October 20, 2001. "There have been many high points—beyond my own ordination was that of the first class I worked with, the class of 2003," commented Deacon Moynihan. "I enjoyed working for Bishop Doran and Monsignor Barr. It was a special pleasure to have such great mentors: Deacons Tom Welch and Larry Zitkus. It was exciting and a privilege to be part of the team that constructed the transition of our program into the current Five

Continued on page 2



Deacon Moynihan and Monsignor Schwartz discuss a future liturgy in the Diocesan chapel.

Congratulations to Deacon Greg Urban: Ongoing Formation Opportunities: We

Deacon Greg Urban has been named Director of Planned Giving and Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation for the diocese. For the past four years Deacon Urban has been Executive Director of the National Association of Diaconate Directors (NADD), headquartered in Rockford. He is assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Aurora.

The NADD Chairman had this to say in a letter to NADD colleagues, "Greg has been an enormous asset to our association and I know you join with me in thanking him for his generous service to NADD during the past four years. We also congratulate Greg on being recognized by his Bishop and the other officials of the Diocese of Rockford for both his diaconal service and his personal and professional talents in financial development and planning."

"I am excited about this new opportunity, but saddened to leave NADD and all the deacon directors I have worked with for four years" said Deacon Urban.

are currently planning the 2007/2008 curriculum for those in formation. Courses and presentations available for Ongoing Formation will be provided as they are confirmed.

The following presentation and courses are currently available for Ongoing Formation.

- * **Speech** - Monday, 9/17,9/24,10/1,10/8,10/15 & 10/22; 6:30 - 9PM. Held at the Cathedral of St. Peter. 15 Credit Hours.
 - * **Psychology of Individual Differences** - Monday, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29; 6 - 8:30 PM. Location TBA. 15 Credit Hours.
 - * **Evangelization** - Saturday, 12/1; 9:00 - 2:30 PM. Location TBA. 4.5 Credit Hours.
- * **You must attend all class dates for this course to receive credit.**

Please contact the office to register for the above ongoing formation opportunities.

i Deepening Our Scientific, Philosophical and m Theological Understanding of Creation

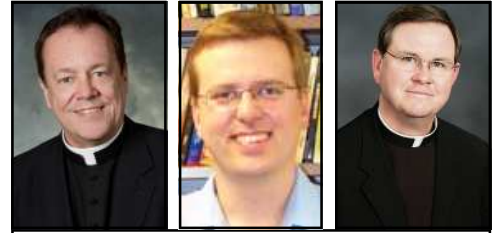
By DN Press

The Priest and Deacon Symposium September 28th and 29th will provide an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the Church's teaching on evolution and the origin of life. This seminar will feature three speakers. The keynote speaker is Fr. Ed Oakes, S.J., a professor of Systematic Theology at Mundelein. Fr. Oakes will be joined by Fr. Timothy Doherty, Diocesan Ethicist, and Dr. Nikolaj Zunic from St. Jerome's University, Waterloo.

This symposium aims to explore our position in the universe as a divinely created being from a variety of different perspectives. In a predominantly secular age, under the pervasive influence of a scientific and technological culture which increasingly reduces life to a purely physical order, it is necessary to recapture an authentic understanding of human nature as imbued with a spiritual dimension and a value which transcends the categories of profit and utility. The speakers will address topics which elucidate what it means to be created in the image of God and will expose the challenges which a Christian-inspired anthropology faces in our day. For the preacher, this symposium will provide an intellectual engagement with and greater insight into issues that deal with human dignity and the human being's place in God's creation.

Specific objectives for the symposium are to elucidate God's role in the act of creation of both the universe and the human being; to provide a clear and accurate understanding of the Catholic Church's teaching of the human being's creation, especially as it relates to the doctrine of evolution; to demonstrate the value and effectiveness of philosophy as an intellectual discipline in the study of reality, human nature; and to provide examples for practical application of the doctrines covered above for use in homilies and catechetical teaching.

As in the past, attending this symposium will qualify for preaching recertification in addition to ongoing formation hours. For those attending this symposium, preaching recertification will not be required again until 2010.



Presenters: left to right, Keynote Speaker, Fr. Edward T. Oakes, S.J., Ph.D., Mundelein, Dr. Nikolaj Zunic, Asst. Prof. of Phil., St. Jerome's University, and Fr. Timothy Doherty, STL, Ph.D., Diocesan Ethicist.

Continued from page 1

Year Program in alignment with Directory promulgated in November 2003. Rockford is and has always been a leader in the development of the diaconate."

Deacon Moynihan will assist for the last time at Holy Family Parish on June 24th at 9:30 AM mass. There will be a reception in the Family Center from 10:30 to 12:00.

The Moynihan family will also hold an "Open House" at their hopefully "empty" residence on June 30th, the day before the family departs. Those interested in stopping by can get directions from Pam Davis. "You can also ask Bob Sweeney where I live—he definitely knows since he generously drove me to most of my formation classes. Thanks Bob!" exclaimed Deacon Moynihan.

Ordination Anniversaries: Class of 1980 celebrates 27 years! The Most Reverend Arthur J. O'Neil ordained the Class of 1980 as permanent deacons 27 years ago June 28. Of the 12 men ordained, Deacons Donald H. Brunette and Julio Rosado still serve this diocese. Deacon Nick Deutsch incardinated to the Diocese of Orlando in 1993. Retired Deacons Don Callahan and Walter Freund reside in this diocese. Deacons Lawrence Hauck, Lloyd Kipping, Gregory Liegel, Melvin Murphy, Thomas O'Neil and Eugene Wedoff have gone onto eternal rest. Deacon Jim Woeste is celebrating 22 years as a permanent deacon. Jim was ordained June, '85 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and now serves this diocese.

Birthday and Anniversary Wishes: Phil Abel, Bob Bracken, Chuck Cooper, Gaye Devona, Marty Czerniewski, Dennis Garber, Ron Graw, Art Holt, Cynthia Kocol, John Kohler, Margaret McNealy, John McPhee, Don Miller, Beverly O'Leary, Steve Puscas, Mike Ryan, Sylvia Schubert, Greg Stevens, Al Swearingen, Jane Swearingen, Ron Szakatits, Tim White, and David Wilbricht. **Marriage:** Don and Violet Callahan, Al and Helen Dietz, Jim and Kathryn Dombek, Greg and Elvira Duffey, Ron and Rosie Graw, Bill and Carol Johnson, Ken and Margaret McNealy, Pat and Mariane Maher, Bob and Judith Milano, Bill and Christine Rees, Hans and Kathy Rokus, Fred and Kay Skrade, Jim and Mamie Valesano, and Jim and Barbara Woeste. Special anniversary wishes to Jack and Beverly O'Leary and Dennis and Janice Garber. The O'Leary's are celebrating 50 years of marriage June 29 and the Garber's celebrated 45 years of marriage June 9.

May they be touched by Jesus' healing

hands: We pray for Monsignor Eric Barr's mother, Rachel, who went to eternal life, Saturday, June 9, 2007 after a long illness. We pray for our brother, John Kohler and for Jim Newhouse's wife, Mary. Continue to pray for Jack O'Leary's wife, Beverly, for Tom O'Brien's wife, Maria and for Bob Brandenburg's wife, Arlene. Continue also to pray for our brother, Lee Deatherage and for our Bishop, Thomas G. Doran.

Necrology: We pray also for our brother deacons who have gone to eternal life: LaVerne DeMong [June 26, 1996], Raymond Kramer [June 6, 1997], Robert Nebel [June 23, 1998], Claude Goetz [June 22, 2000].

