



"Women in the Diaconate"

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Morning Session: 10:00 – 12:00

"The Diaconate: Fundamental Issues"

Keynote Address: Deacon William Ditewig, Ph.D., Diocese of Saint Petersburg, FL

- Historical and Theological Insights
- World War II and Priest-Survivors of Dachau
- Vatican II Bishops' Discernment
- Vocation of the Diaconate

"Talitha kum! Little Girl, get up! * Following One's Call Despite Ambivalence"

***(Mark 5:41)**

Panelist: Carolyn Johnson, Ed.D., Professor, Felician University, Lodi, NJ

- Renewal – Clerical Resistance
- Pope Paul VI – Study Suppressed
- Pope Benedict XVI – Ambivalence
- Pope Francis I – Another Commission

"Baptism as the Matrix of All Ministry in the Church"

Panelist: Rev. Gerard (Jerry) Austin, O.P., S.T.D., Dominican Scholar in Residence, Barry University, Miami, FL

- Primacy of Baptism and Eucharist among the Seven Sacraments
- Baptismal Priesthood
- Ministry as Historical Development
- Clericalism's Resurgence



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Afternoon Session: 2:00 – 4:00

"Living the Call of the Holy Spirit"

Panelist: Deacon Gretchen Peske, RN, MSN, Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA

- Accepting God's Plan
- Bi-vocational Functions and Challenges

"Commitment – Service – Ministry"

Panelist: Deacon Thomas Hanlon, Chaplain, Archdiocese of Miami, FL

- Miami-Dade Police Department Responsibilities
- Sacramental Responsibilities

"Giving Witness: Called By Name"

Panelist: Deacon John Monahan, JD, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ

- Listening and Responding to the Spirit's Call
- Ministry of Justice

"Restoring Women Deacons: Reasons for Hope and Action"

Panelist: Deborah Rose-Milavec, MA, Director, FutureChurch, Lakewood, OH

- Women Deacons: It's Time!
- Discerning the Spirit's Call
- Initiating an Open Dialogue
- Reality in Action