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**Date:** August 1, 2016  
**To:** Deacons and Deacons in Formation  
**From:** Mr. Luis O. Capacetti, Moderator, Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal  
**Re:** Marriage, Annulment and the R.C.I.A.

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The Metropolitan Tribunal conducted two presentations on: “Marriage, Annulment and the R.C.I.A.” on June 11, 2016. Seating for the sessions planned for August 20th and August 26th is still available on a limited basis.

This presentation will assist you in your ministry to serve those persons in the parish that are presently married or have been previously married, and those planning to enter the Church.

The presentation also provides a “toolkit” to help identify and define annulment and/or convalidation needs to facilitate the delivery of accurate direction to persons that have current marriages outside the church and/or prior marriages so they may enter the Church as planned.

In our efforts to accommodate the remaining parishes in our archdiocese, the **last offering** for the year has been added for Saturday, September 10th. The sessions are three hours, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, each based on feedback. Because the August sessions are nearly full, we encourage people to attend the September session.

**Within the presentation, these questions and more will be addressed:**

- What is a valid and Sacramental marriage in the Church?
- What is the role of Baptism?
- When is a convalidation needed?
- What is an annulment and the recent changes?
- What questions should be asked when Eastern Rites are involved in a marriage?
- What is the *Briefer Process*?

There is no cost for the presentation. A continental breakfast and snacks will be provided.

**To register for the Saturday, September 10th session, please use the following link:** <https://secure.archatl.com/eventReg.jsp?event=5246&>

**Extremely limited seating is left for the following August sessions:**

- Saturday, August 20th: <https://secure.archatl.com/eventReg.jsp?event=5181&>
- Friday, August 26th: <https://secure.archatl.com/eventReg.jsp?event=5186&>

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