



# Memo

**Date:** May 3, 2018  
**To:** Pastors  
**From:** ✠Wilton D. Gregory, *Archbishop of Atlanta*  
**Re:** 2018 Congress to Mark 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in the U.S.

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Dear brothers,

2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States. To commemorate this special milestone, the USCCB has collaborated with the National Association of Diaconate Directors to host a Congress in New Orleans the week of July 22-28, 2018. A brochure describing this event is attached.

As a way to support our deacons in order for them to attend this event, I am authorizing you to allocate the money you would typically provide for the cost of their annual retreat to now go towards the registration for this Congress. The planners have created time during the Congress for reflection and talks on spiritual development thus accomplishing the goal of the deacon's canonical retreat.

Please join me in celebrating this important event in the life of the Church here in the U.S. and the additional recognition of the important contribution that our Permanent Deacons have become to this local Church.

Great things are planned for the 2018 National Diaconate Congress that has everyone jazzed about coming to the Archdiocese of New Orleans! Over 40 speakers, inspiring daily liturgies, workshops on topics you can use in your ministry, 75 vendors and the chance to meet with deacons and their families from all over North America and other continents wrapped-up in a package that is uniquely New Orleans! ✱ The National Association of Diaconate Directors, in conjunction with the USCCB Committee for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, invites you to the Archdiocese of New Orleans on July 22 through 26, 2018 to celebrate:

# 2018 National Diaconate Congress

# Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, Forever

## July 22–26, 2018



REGISTER NOW AND BOOK YOUR HOTEL AT [WWW.DEACON2018.ORG](http://WWW.DEACON2018.ORG)

# The 2018 National Diaconate Congress speaker lineup has grown!

## SUNDAY • 7/22

### Opening Mass

**Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond**,  
Archbishop of New Orleans;  
Opening Mass President  
and Keynote



**Most Reverend Christophe Louis Yves Georges Pierre**,  
Apostolic Nuncio to the  
United States



## MONDAY • 7/23

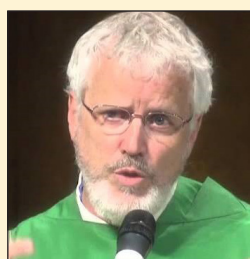
### General Session 1

**His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin**,  
Archbishop of Newark



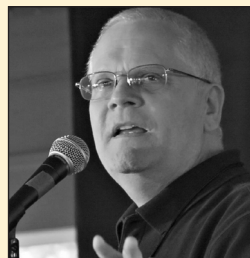
### General Session 2

**Deacon James Keating**,  
Director of Theological Formation,  
Creighton University



### General Session 3

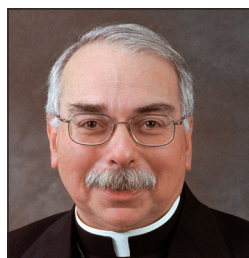
**Deacon Gregory Kandra**,  
Diocese of Brooklyn  
The Deacons' Bench, CNEWA Editor



## TUESDAY • 7/24

### General Session 4

**Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell**,  
Bishop of Columbus



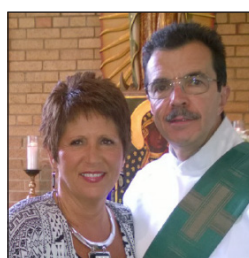
### General Session 5

**Reverend W. Shawn McKnight**,  
Diocese of Wichita



### General Session 6

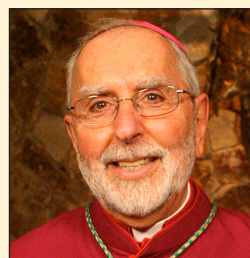
**Mrs. Theresa Tomeo Pastore**  
and **Deacon Dominic Tomeo Pastore**,  
Authors, EWTN Broadcaster



## WEDNESDAY • 7/25

### General Session 7

**Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas**,  
Bishop of Tucson, Emeritus



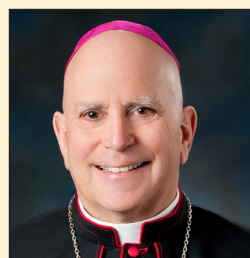
### General Session 8

**Deacon William T. Ditewig**,  
Author, Theologian  
Archdiocese of Washington



### General Session 9

**Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila**,  
Archbishop of Denver



## THURSDAY • 7/26

### Closing Session

**His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo**,  
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston,  
USCCB President  
Congress Closing Remarks,  
Closing Mass President



## 2018 National Diaconate Congress workshop presenters will cover a wide variety of interests and ministries for deacons and wives

Workshop presenters include: Dcn. Francis Butel, Dcn. Joe DeVizia, Dcn. Daniel Dozier, Dcn. Robert Fangio, Dcn. David Lopez, Dcn. Jim Marapoti, Dcn. Alfred Mitchell, Dcn. Guadalupe Rodriguez, Dcn. Arnold Santos, Msgr. Christopher Schreck, Dcn. Mel Tardy, Dcn. Michael Berstene, Dcn. Robert Bridwell, Dcn. Ray Duplechain, Dcn. Gerald DuPont, Dcn. Stephen Kern, Dcn. Dan Lupo, Dcn. Steve Swope, Dr. Diane Traflet, Mrs. Patricia Vowels, Dcn. Bob and Mrs. Lorrie Borchert, Rev. Frank DeSiano, Dcn. Tom Lang, Dcn. Bill Hickson, Dcn. Jeff Harris, Dcn. Joseph Michalak, Rev. Ralph O'Donnell, Dcn. Andrew Saunders, Dcn. Peter Cistaro, Dcn. Marvin Threatt, Dcn. Leonel Yoque.



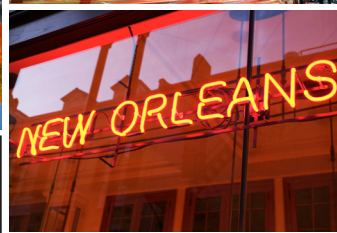
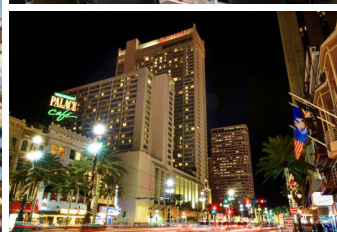
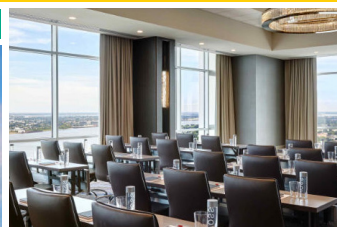
## Register Now for the 2018 National Diaconate Congress!

- Register for the 2018 Diaconate Congress and make hotel reservations at the Marriott New Orleans from the Deacon 2018 website: [www.deacon2018.org](http://www.deacon2018.org)
- To register click on "Participant Registration" and follow the instructions. Individual person registration is \$250. Deacon and spouse is \$349. Widows of deacons are \$99. A service fee applies. *Note: registration does not include hotel, meals or transportation*
- **Due to the great response of deacons wanting to attend the Congress, the room block at the Marriott has closed. However, NADD has secured additional rooms at the New Orleans Sheraton for the same \$133/night rate! The Sheraton is directly across the street from the Marriott. Visit [www.deacon2018.org](http://www.deacon2018.org) to reserve your room! Click on "New Orleans Sheraton Reservation."**

## ANNOUNCING! Exclusive Congress Social Event: The National World War II Museum Tour, Presentation by Dr. Diane Traflet and Reception!

**Sponsors: Diocese of Venice, Archdiocese of Atlanta, Archdiocese of New Orleans and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology**

- Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – Just \$30 per person!
- 2:00 to 5:00 pm: Access to the entire museum – Louisiana Memorial Pavilion, Kushner Restoration Pavilion, Campaigns of Courage Pavilion, and US Freedom Pavilion.
- 2:00 to 6:00 pm: Access to Campaigns of Courage Pavilion and 4-D movie *Beyond All Boundaries* narrated by Tom Hanks. Note: limited show times. This film includes graphic war footage, flashing lights, fog effects, loud noises, and sudden chair movement. Parental guidance suggested.
- Presentation by Dr. Diane Traflet, "'Called out of Darkness:' Building the Body of Christ from the Barracks of Dachau."
- 6:00 to 9:30 pm: Private Reception in the US Freedom Pavilion includes: chicken alfredo pasta, assorted finger sandwiches, vegetable tray, cheese tray, fruit tray, bread pudding, coffee and tea. Cash bar.
- Advanced ticket purchase required through [www.deacon2018.org](http://www.deacon2018.org). Purchase tickets when registering for the Congress. Or if you have already registered for the Congress, log into the registration website to purchase tickets. A service fee applies.
- Only 1,000 tickets available!
- Just 12 blocks from the Marriott. Accessible by walking or by St. Charles Street streetcar.



## Sponsorship Opportunities and Exhibiting

- Help support the 2018 National Diaconate Congress by sponsoring a speaker or activity. Visit [www.deacon2018.org](http://www.deacon2018.org) or call NADD at 614-985-2276 for details and opportunities!
- Visit [www.deacon2018.org](http://www.deacon2018.org) to become a Congress exhibitor. Limited space available!



**Now there are  
even more reasons  
to get “jazzed”  
about attending  
the 2018 National  
Diaconate Congress  
in New Orleans!**



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