

# From Bishop Larry J. Kulick

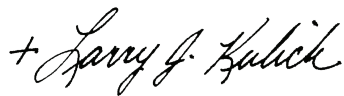
Dear Brothers in Christ:

A permanent deacon is a man, married or single, who is called by God and the Church from among its members to be ordained to a life of service and spiritual leadership. He must be a man of faith, one who listens to and prays about the Word of God, and one who in his daily life serves his brothers and sisters in a spirit of unselfishness, exemplifying the love of God through that ministry.

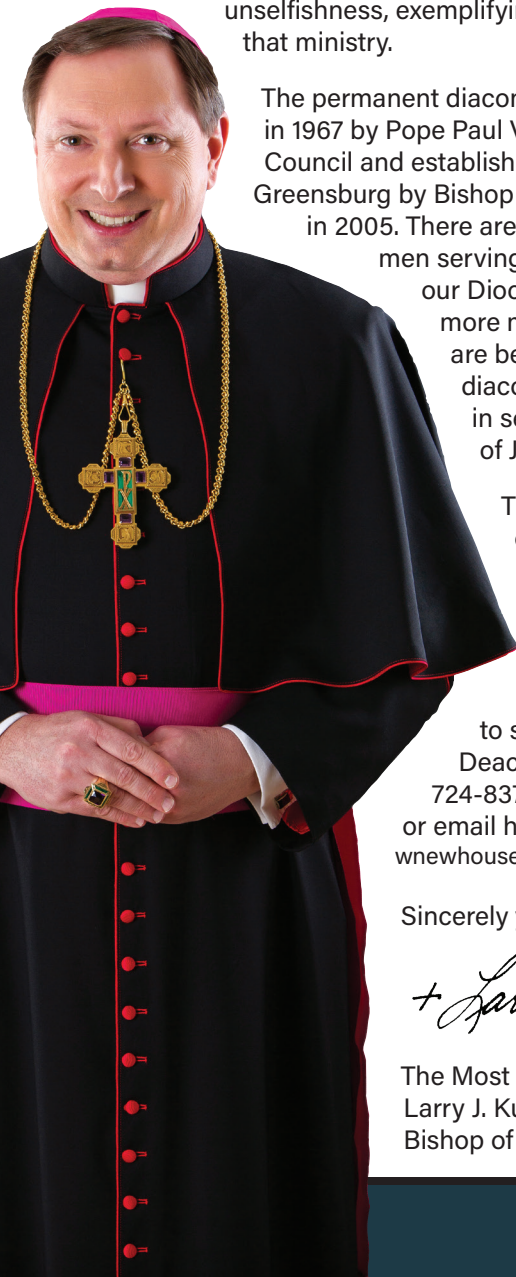
The permanent diaconate was formally restored in 1967 by Pope Paul VI after the Second Vatican Council and established in the Diocese of Greensburg by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt in 2005. There are an increasing number of men serving as permanent deacons in our Diocese, and we are seeking more men to discern whether they are being called to the permanent diaconate and ordained ministry in service to the Word and love of Jesus Christ.

This brochure provides a brief outline of the permanent diaconate program in the Diocese of Greensburg. If you are a man between 35-55 years of age and feel God's call to serve, please contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at 724-837-0901 x 1148 or email him at: [wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend  
Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Greensburg



# The Deacon as Servant Leader

A deacon's lifestyle is anchored in the messianic mission of Christ as servant. As a way of expanding Christ's mission, he is called to commit his entire life to the service of individuals and institutions. Deacons promise to lead, whether in a formal position or not, by encouraging collaboration, trust, foresight, listening, and the ethical use of power.

In God's kingdom, power, privilege, and status are never used to diminish, but to build up and promote growth and development of people and institutional structures. Diaconal spirituality begins with a feeling deep within oneself that he is being called to serve – to serve first before all else. Through prayer and formation, this urge to serve becomes a conscious choice and a daily habit.

A deacon should be prepared to be asked by Jesus, "Did those you serve grow in holiness; did they become wiser, freer, more trusting in me, and more likely themselves to become servants? Did you deal with the widows, orphans, aliens, and those less privileged in the society of your day with a merciful and loving heart? The deacon, ordained in Christ the Servant, offers all a glimpse into the sacred and loving heart of Jesus, who came "to serve, not to be served."



**"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done, you should also do."**

John 13:14-15

## Office for the Permanent Diaconate



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# Overview of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Greensburg

Enlighten – Saint Vincent Seminary		Enlighten – Josephinum	
Year I– Inquiry Stage			
Classes IMF (Thursday Evening) Saturday Formation Seminars Psychological Assessment (January)		Classes IMF (Thursday Evening) Saturday Formation Seminars Psychological Assessment (January)	
Year II – Inquiry Stage			
Classes IMF (Thursday Evening) Formation Seminars (Saturday) Application to P. Diaconate Program (April)		Classes IMF (Thursday Evening) Formation Seminars (Saturday) Application to P. Diaconate Program (April)	
Year I – Aspirancy*			
Saint Vincent Graduate Classes Pastoral Appointment Formation Seminars (Saturday) Reception of Candidacy (Summer)		Pontifical College of Josephinum On-Line Classes Pastoral Appointment Formation Seminars (Saturday) Reception of Candidacy (Summer)	
Year II – Candidacy			
Saint Vincent Graduate Classes Pastoral Appointment Formation Seminars (Saturday) Institution of Reader (Fall) & Acolyte (Spring)		Pontifical College of Josephinum On-Line Classes Pastoral Appointment Formation Seminars (Saturday) Institution of Reader (Fall) & Acolyte (Spring)	
Year III – Office of Lector & Acolyte			
Saint Vincent Graduate Classes Pastoral Appointment Formation Seminars (Saturday) Graduation/Ordination (Summer)		Pontifical College of Josephinum On-Line Classes Pastoral Appointment Formation Seminars (Saturday) Graduation/Ordination (Summer)	

\* Applicant is recognized as officially part of the diaconate program.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:10

“Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43-45



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