

Permanent Diaconate - Information and Inquiry Sessions

If you are single or sacramentally married, and discerning God's possible call to serve the Church as a minister of Charity, Word, and Sacrament as an ordained deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming Inquirer Program.

The program consists of three meetings: Time is 7-8:30pm unless otherwise noted*

♦ **Meeting One: Who is the Deacon and Am I One Who is Called?**

North Region: *Sacred Hearts Parish, 297 Main St., Malden • October 21 • **10am**
St. Augustine, 35 Essex Street, Andover • October 24 • **6pm**

Central Region: St. Ann, 399 Medford Street, Somerville • October 27 • 7-8:30pm
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West Region:

St. Mary, 176 Washington St., East Walpole • October 5 • 7-8:30pm
St. Stephen's, 221 Concord St, Framingham • October 19 • 7-8:30pm

South Region: St. Joseph the Worker, 1 Maquan St., Hanson • October 11 • 7-8:30pm

***Additional Session 1 meetings are being planned to be held in October.
Call Deacon Christopher Connelly for more details on this location:
Christ the King Parish, Brockton.***

♦ **Meeting Two: Application Process, Canon Law, Formation from the Wives Perspective**

*Pastoral Center Braintree • Tuesday, November 7, 2017 • 7-8:30pm

♦ **Meeting Three: Half Day Discernment Retreat**

*Pastoral Center Braintree • Saturday, November 18, 2017 • 9am – 2pm (with Lunch provided)

Those who are interested in the Diaconate are strongly encouraged to attend all three events along with their wives (for those who are married). Please email the Deacon Christopher Connelly at deacon_vocations@rcab.org to sign up or to receive more information or call the office at 617-746-5649 . The next group to be admitted into formation will begin classes in September 2018 at the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization in Braintree at the Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive.

Our Church is global and multicultural and so we actively seek men for the diaconate from our many cultural communities in the Archdiocese. Academic classes are offered in English, however we are committed to offering support for those for whom English is not the primary language. The Aspirancy Class beginning in the fall 2018 will have some classes available in Spanish.

The Diaconate Formation Program is four years in length and is open to single and sacramentally married men who will be between the ages of 35-65 at the time of ordination. If you would like more information please call :

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