



November 2018

Dear Pastors and Pastoral Center Staff,

As you know, the Office for the Permanent Diaconate is in transition after the retirement of Sister Carlotta DiLorenzo, CSJ in June of this year. I am currently serving as interim director until a new director is in place. As such, I am working with the Diaconal Council and its committees to help ensure a time of productive transition and growth for the Diaconate in San Diego. Here are recent developments we would like to share with you.

- **Diaconal Council:** Bishop McElroy created the Diaconal Council to help evaluate the current diaconate program, help search for a new director, and provide ongoing guidance. Council members are: Dcn. Adam Curtis, Dcn. Mike Daniels, Dcn. Federico Drachenberg, Dcn. Domingo Enriquez, Dcn. John Fredette, Julie Gabbard, Dede Hollowell, Dcn. Chris Hulburt, Dcn. Kevin Murray, Dcn. Stephen O’Riordan, Dcn. Greg Smyth, Fr. Edwin Tutor, and Bishop Dolan.
- **A Search Committee** for a new director was appointed. Members are: Dcn. Mike Daniels, Dcn. Kevin Murray, Bernadeane Carr, Pattie Hernandez, Fr. Mike Sinor and Fr. Edwin Tutor.
- **The director’s position** is now posted on the diocesan website and will be promoted through the end of the month.
- **Interviews for the position of director** are targeted for the first week of December. Members of the Interview Team are confirmed as: Bernadeane Carr, Dede Hollowell, Rev. Ruben Arceo, Msgr. Steven Callahan, and Dcn. Kevin Murray.
- **Surveys** are being developed to go out in late November/early December to deacons, deacon wives, and pastors asking for input on the diaconate today. Your participation is important as the results will inform the new director as to where we are now and where we will be going.
- **Aspirancy:** Bishop McElroy has made the decision to wait for one year before continuing with Aspirancy. There will not be a Class of 2023. The diaconate office has been in communication with pre-aspirants and their pastors to keep them informed.

Thank you for your prayerful support during this time, and may God bless you in your continued work for the good of the Church.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan