



## News Bulletin

The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota

**Dear Sisters and Brothers:**

**Join us for the 2008 Deacon's Conference June 6-8 at St John's University in Collegeville. Registration and room assignment will take place on June 6 in St. Mary's Hall starting at 3:30 pm. Bring your BCP/Hymnals.**

**As I have pondered the offerings of suggested speakers and began to pull the pieces of this conference together, I came across this sentence in the book: *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers. "Yet our work only begins where God's grace has laid the foundation."**

**The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota has a sure foundation, and from that foundation, our speakers for this year hold challenging questions.**

**How can the visibility of Episcopal Community Services in the entire diocese be enhanced? Mary Schatzlein, Director of Family Services for ECS and board member Margaret McBride facilitate this discussion.**

**Two candidates for the diaconate are preparing for ordination in June, and no new candidates are enrolled at this time. The current formation program will end in May and there are no plans for a new fall program.**

**Katherine Sedwick, Chair of the Commission on Ministry asks the question "How best do we recruit deacons-to-be?"**

**Katherine will also be the celebrant for Eucharist. The readings for the day will be from the RCL, Proper 5, Year A.**

**Irma's asks that her time center on the issues of "transition to a new Bishop for deacons who are "the Bishop's people".**

**Rex McKee and Steve Judd will provide an update on the work of the Mission Strategy Network.**

**Your presence at this year's conference is especially important as we begin to address these significant and very critical issues. Please make every effort to attend, as we come together to discuss the future of the diaconate in the Diocese of Minnesota, and to renew our call and commitment to "do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God."**

**There will be free time! Also, we will arrange for time at the HMML viewing the St. John's Bible, a visit to the St. John's Pottery studio, a Saturday evening BBQ, weather permitting.**

**Peace,  
Phyllis Kunz,**

**Steve Judd, Sandy Obarski, Rex McKee, Pat Markie and Mary Jo Feely—director of music**

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**Registration information for the 2008 Deacon's Conference is below, please send your registration to Rachel Swan at the Episcopal Center by June 1, 2007. Thank you.**

- I request a single room (\$75)
  - I request a double room. (\$65) Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_
  - I will stay at a nearby hotel, making my own arrangements (\$35).
  - I will be attending only Saturday (\$21).
  - I request an elevated bed.
  - I request handicapped accommodations...NOTIFY ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE by contacting:  
(Ginger at St. John's (320) 363-2992 for the elevated bed/handicapped accommodations)
- To register online: Log on to [www.sporg.com](http://www.sporg.com) and jump to event #xxxxxx (box in lower left corner of screen), or type [https://sporg.com/registration?form\\_id+#xxxxxx](https://sporg.com/registration?form_id+#xxxxxx)**

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**If you are registering by USPS please detach the bottom of this form and mail to:  
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1730 Clifton Place, Ste. 201, Minneapolis, MN 55403 Attn: 2007 Deacon Conference**