



### **Feeling a possible call to the service of Deacon?**

As the Church of Monterey continues to grow, our needs for the ministry of service continue to grow by leaps and bounds. The Deacon's ministry is threefold: to the service of **Charity/Justice**; service of the **Word**; and service of the **Liturgy**.

The Deacon is called to be a symbol of that service to which all God's People are called and indeed is to be an animator of lay ministry. Deacons are **servng the poor** in many locations (Food Banks, Homeless Shelters, advocacy work), service to the incarcerated, the sick and dying, migrants, those struggling with addictions, victims of violence, etc. They bring those experiences to their **ministries of Word** (preaching, teaching) and **Liturgical service**: presiding at Baptisms, Weddings, Funeral Vigils and Committals, and assisting at Sunday Eucharist.

To learn more about the life and ministry of a Deacon in the Church, there will be information sessions held around the diocese (dates, times, locations listed below). They are offered for those who want to explore a possible call to this ordained ministry. It is recommended that married men who are interested also bring their wives with them as it is her journey of discernment as well.

Come join us for a brief but enjoyable evening!

Informational brochures will be mailed to parishes in the coming weeks.

Questions? Please contact Deacon David Ford at [dford@dioceseofmonterey.org](mailto:dford@dioceseofmonterey.org) or Ann Ventura at [aventura@dioceseofmonterey.org](mailto:aventura@dioceseofmonterey.org)

#### **Deacon Candidate Information Sessions held from 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**\*Pastoral Office (485 Church St. Monterey) – Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**\*Resurrection (7600 Soquel Dr., Aptos) – Thursday, October 4, 2018**

**\*St. Benedict's (1200 Fairview Rd., Hollister) – Monday, October 8, 2018**

**\*Madonna del Sasso (320 E. Laurel Dr., Salinas) – Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

**\*Nativity of Our Lady (221 Daly Ave. San Luis Obispo) – Monday, October 29, 2018**

**\*St. Rose of Lima (820 Creston Rd.) – Tuesday, October 30, 2018**