

## **NADD Chicago convention was a great success**

A well-deserved ‘thank you’ goes to Deacon Bob Puhala of the Archdiocese of Chicago for the work that he and his team invested toward making the 2009 NADD convention a success. “The Deacon as a Prophetic Voice” was enjoyed by 165 persons from dioceses and archdioceses from across the country. Transcripts of keynote addresses and business meeting notes will be posted on the NADD website.

## ***Proceedings 2009* will be web-based**

NADD’s post-convention booklet, *Proceedings 2009*, will soon be available on-line. All the details of activities at the NADD Convention in Chicago – the texts of keynote addresses, reports from Association officers and committee heads, business meeting minutes, the new budget and more – are being compiled as downloadable files that will be available the NADD website (nadd.org) by May 25.

*Proceedings 2009* is transitioning to an electronic format to better utilize the NADD website and to save the Association the costs of compiling, printing and mailing booklets. On May 25, you will be able to click on the “Convention” button to get to *Proceedings 2009*.

Inside the folder, you will find files for keynote addresses by Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Rev. Thomas Baima and Dr. Samuel Betances. There are reports from Deacon J.S. (Sam) Anzalone, Chairman, and Deacon Tom Dubois, Executive Director, reviewing the work of the Association. New budgeting methods and summary sheets make finances and the approved budget for FYE2010 easy to understand. There is a PowerPoint by Deacon Justin Green summarizing the results of the NADD strategic planning survey. You will also be able to view photos that were taken throughout the convention.

## **Consider NADD’s professional contributions at membership renewal time**

It will soon be time to renew your membership in NADD. Your renewal enables NADD to continue offering the programming and professional support that helps dioceses develop and sustain quality formation programs.

NADD offers unique learning opportunities for members. The New Directors’ Institute provides informative and practical methods of implementing the *National Directory* while simultaneously

addressing areas for development specific to each participant's diocese. At convention, NADD offers the Directors' Workshop and Interest Sessions oriented to timely topics in the diaconate. We further provide regional and national networking opportunities.

NADD is the only diaconal organization that is advisory to the USCCB Committee for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. As a professional association, NADD provides a recognized voice that "supports diaconate directors, associate directors and their staffs with their mission to enable deacons, candidates, aspirants, their wives and families to utilize their gifts in the service of the Church following the model of Jesus Christ."

NADD relies on membership dues to sustain its work. The Association is efficiently managed and makes good use of its limited resources. When your membership renewal arrives in the mail, please help us continue our work by renewing your membership for 2010. Thank you!

### **New Directors' Institute convenes for Columbus session in June**

Following the introductory "Day One" session in Chicago, the 2009-10 New Directors' Institute class will convene on the campus of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus in June for an intensive week-long study of *The National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*.

The 27 students that comprise the NDI class are deacons, priests and laypeople from around the U.S. who have responsibilities for diaconal formation in their dioceses and archdioceses. They will hear presentations and interact with a team of talented presenters.

As part of the NDI course, each student will address a particular aspect or segment of the formation process from their diocese or archdiocese that needs improvement. This practical aspect of the program will constitute a project that is developed beyond the Columbus week with the aid of fellow students and an assigned mentor. Students will present their projects at the NADD 2010 Convention in Spokane, Washington.

If NDI sounds like it could help your formation process, there is still time to enroll for this session. The \$1,975 tuition includes course materials, lodging and food for the Columbus week. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Columbus. To enroll or to learn more about NDI, please call NADD: 614-985-2276. The next session of NDI will be offered beginning in 2011.

## **Rev. James Wehner appointed new PCJ Rector**

The Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome has appointed Reverend James Wehner as the new rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Father Wehner is a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He will assume office on July 1. NADD welcomes Father Wehner as the new PCJ rector.

We also want to thank Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, the current rector, for his enthusiastic support of the diaconate and specifically NADD. We are grateful for his leadership efforts which enabled NADD to move its national office to the Josephinum to better support its members and the national diaconate.

## **It's time to start thinking about 2010 NADD officer nominations**

NADD's Nomination Committee, chaired by Deacon Gerald DuPont (Archdiocese of Galveston / Houston), reminds NADD members that two elections will be held for officers at the 2010 Convention. The offices of Chair and Secretary/Treasurer require nomination of candidates.

For detailed descriptions of responsibilities for each position, please consult the NADD Constitution and Bylaws. Nominations should be forwarded to Deacon DuPont.

## **PCJ offers Summer Workshops on Liturgies and Hispanic Ministry for Non-Hispanic Deacons**

Two outstanding workshops are being offered by the Pontifical College Josephinum this summer.

Workshop I – “Life-Changing Liturgies” presents spiritual, pastoral, and practical considerations concerning the celebration of Baptism and Matrimony, as well as Funeral and Commitment Services. It will be conducted June 21 through 24, 2009.

Workshop II – “Unity in Diversity – the Hispanic Church in the U.S. in the Twenty-First Century” will help non-Hispanic deacons learn about the needs of Hispanic Catholics through the perspective of the Hispanic culture. Students will discover ways to make their parishes more inviting while simultaneously enlivening parish life. Workshop II will be conducted June 24 through June 27, 2009.

Cost for either course is just \$295. Call 1-877-9DEACON (1-877-933-2266) for more information or to enroll. Information is also available online: [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu)

### **NACFLM presents: “Becoming a Marriage-Building Church”**

The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM) is presenting a conference emphasizing the sacramental nature of marriage: “Becoming a Marriage-Building Church: Implementing the U.S. Bishops’ National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage” (NPIM).

The conference is designed to create new energy and ideas for family ministry through solid teaching on Christ-centered marriages. It provides tools for implementing the NPIM and teaching the truth proclaimed by the Church regarding the human person through the lens of the Theology of the Body. It is an ideal conference for deacons and wives.

Attendees will hear from four bishops who served on past and current USCCB committees on marriage and family. There will be other presenters from the fields of marriage spirituality, research, enrichment and education.

The conference will be conducted June 25 to June 28 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is offered in Spanish and English. Registration is just \$50 per person. The campus offers both affordable lodging and meal plans. To find out more about this exciting program, please visit the NACFLM website: [nacflm.org](http://nacflm.org).

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