

NADD NEWS

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That We May Be One

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In petitioning his Father in the midst of his closest followers, Jesus said aloud: "I do not pray for them alone, I pray also for those who will believe in me through their word, that all may be one" (John 17:20-21). Jesus' prayer for unity among his closest followers has resounded through the centuries as an inspiring theme for his Church. This quest for unity among all believers surfaces in the Church's eucharistic prayers, in the sign of peace, in our belief in the communion of saints, and so many other ways. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "Christ always gives his Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her" (820). We are called to do so openly, as did Jesus, and with great anticipation of God's response.



As NADD enters a new period of its continuing mission, one that is already committed to helping its members fully implement the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States, we are also embracing the changes within our association's Constitution and By-laws approved by the membership this past April. Your support through prayer and all amenable means is sought as we work together in this cause.

The weight of the Constitution and By-laws change is being borne initially by the nationally elected officers and the 14 regional representatives now composing a Board of Directors. The membership's

decision to broaden the NADD governing structure will require an understanding by all of the roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and each Regional Representative now functioning as the Board of Directors. The division that existed between the governing responsibility of the former Executive Board and the consultative function of the former Board of Regional Representatives

has given way to the formal union of a Board of Directors designed to more ably guide the association in its purposefulness.

Just as the apostles found that it could be "rough sailing" even with Jesus in the boat (Mark 4:35-41), we must also turn to him to seek the fair wind that will help us reach our intended port of association continuity and effectiveness. Your executive committee has moved forward in prayer on several fronts. We met initially in Denver after the close of our convention to immediately reflect on the realities experienced and a sharing of evaluative comments. We agreed on individual tasks in planning for the scheduled June meeting of the executive committee and the Executive Director and identified other commitments.

The executive committee and staff were especially active in June. Our meeting at the Pontifical College Josephinum addressed additional details of NADD's developing arrangement for the New Directors' Institute to be hosted there in 2007 and began the formulation of

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New NADD Constitution and Bylaws Adopted...

With this Newsletter mailing you will find a copy of the new NADD Constitution and Bylaws adopted by membership at the convention business meeting in Denver on April 20, 2006. We encourage you to review this document and keep it handy for future reference.

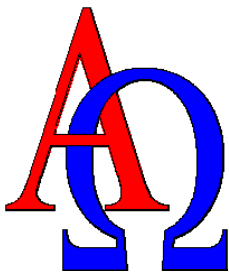
Your new Board of Directors (Executive Committee and Regional Representatives) encourage your input. Please contact any of them (listed on the NADD web site) with your comments or concerns.

From the Chairman

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agenda priorities for the inaugural meeting of our new Board of Directors. Later in June your Chairman and our Executive Director met with Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, Chair of the Bishops' Committee on the Diaconate, and with Deacon William Ditewig, Executive Director of the Secretariat for the BCD, at the USCCB meeting in Los Angeles. The continuing formation of deacons was a significant item of discussion among topics contributed by us and representatives of several other organizations of deacons. By the end of the month we were able to complete all standing committee assignments with the cooperation of the Regional Representatives and other members who were asked to serve. A complete list of committee memberships is detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now entering July, actions are underway on several fronts: the 2007 convention developments with the able direction of Deacon Frank Chavez of the Diocese of Orange; the Chairman's upcoming meeting with leaders of the other Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project organizations in the planning of the combined convention scheduled during April of 2008 in Orlando; communication with the committee chairs on the expectations of committees in anticipation of the September 14-16 meeting of the Board of Directors in Chicago; the revision of our policies and procedures manual; and other association matters administered by our Executive Director.



As we look to the future together, it is essential to acknowledge with much gratitude the work of those who have preceded us in fulfilling NADD's elected leadership roles. The legacy of their service has inspired us to emulate the enormous commitment made by them throughout our association's

history. We are fortunate indeed that many of these colleagues remain among us, devotedly active, and eagerly support those of us now in these elected offices. We want to continue drawing sustenance from them while bringing forward whatever talents God has provided us in offering to serve you.

Given the experiences of the executive committee in these first several months of operating within a new Constitution and By-laws framework, we readily acknowledge that we are all in this together and have high expectations of the work ahead within the Board

of Directors and the entire membership. From the perspective of your Chairman, there is great hope that our association will be enlivened throughout by an increased level of individuals' participation in the process of governance and program activities. We believe the membership is truly desirous of realizing the enormous potential within NADD of being an association of growing significance in the eyes of the BCD, all Catholic bishops, other Catholic organizations, and People of God everywhere. I trust you will take every opportunity to keep the Regional Representatives directly advised of your desires and aspirations for NADD so they will be further empowered as a Board of Directors. Our Executive Director and the executive committee are eager to learn from you as well and will welcome hearing from you.

I willingly pledge to you my commitment to serve our association faithfully, hopefully, and generously, to the best of my ability, sustained by God's grace and your personal support.

Trusting the Lord to direct our steps,

Sam

Deacon J. S. Anzalone, Chairman

NADD CALENDAR		
9/14/06	Exec. Committee, Region Reps, Conv. Chair Arrive	Best Western DesPlaines Inn Chicago, IL
9/15/06	Board (Exec. Committee, Region Reps, Conv. Chair) Meet	
9/16/06	Board (Exec. Committee & Region Reps) Meet until Noon	
1/11-1/13/07	Exec. Committee w/ 2007 Conv. Chair Meet	TBD
4/18-4/21/07	Convention 2007	Omni Hotel Los Angeles, CA
4/17/07	Board (Exec. Committee & Region Reps) Meet	
4/18/07	Pre-Convention Workshop/ Directors' Institute	
4/22/07	Departure	
4/20-4/23/08	Summit 2008 (Emerging Models Project Partners joint convention)	Rosen Plaza Hotel Orlando, FL

**STANDING & AD-HOC COMMITTEES
2006-2007**

Appointments

(S=Standing, AH=Ad Hoc) (Rep Region #)
Deacon Greg Urban (Ex Officio member, all committees)

Nominating Committee (S):

Deacon Bob McCoy (IX) - Chair
Deacon Ted May (II)
Deacon Lloyd Hawes (XIII)
Deacon Gerald DuPont (X)

Finance Committee (S):

Deacon Loris Sinanian (XIV) - Chair
Deacon George Tierney (Secretary/Treasurer)
Deacon Tony Detje (I)

Resolutions Committee (S):

Deacon John Sicilia (XII) - Chair
Deacon Bill Boesman (IV)
Sr. Diane VandeVoorde (VII)

Convention Committee (S):

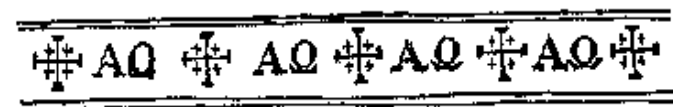
Deacon Frank Chavez - 2007 (XI) - Chair

Professional Resources Committee (AH):

Deacon Leo McBlain (III) - Chair
Deacon Robert Puhala (VII)
Deacon Ray Duplechain (V)
Ms. Ann Chrzan (VII)

Directors' Institute Committee (AH):

Deacon Dan Peterson (Vice-Chairman) - Chair
Mr. Joe Michalak (VIII)
Deacon Ken Piechowski (VI)
Deacon Bill Ditewig (Secretariat BCD)



RESOLUTIONS

Procedures for the development and submitting of resolutions can be found on the NADD web-site at www.nadd.cc in the members section. Questions may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee Chairperson:

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Update from the Secretariat for the Diaconate

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Whatever happens, the diaconate in the United States will continue to be a major responsibility and obligation of the bishops, who take the whole of ordained ministry as a critical component of their own mission. In many ways, the re-visioning and the re-structuring going on here is the same kind of process which many of you have already gone through, or are still going through. I'll keep you posted of developments on this issue as I can.

Emerging Models Update

Deacon Gregory Urban

For those of you who are new to NADD or have not followed the Emerging Models Project initiatives, I offer the following:

Project Focus

- To identify and promote emerging pastoral leadership models which nurture and sustain vibrant and empowered Catholic parish communities in the United States.

Project Goals

- To provide solid research about emerging models of pastoral leadership
- To stimulate national conversation on pastoral imagination
- To explore ways in which national associations can collaborate to serve the church

NADD will be working with NFPC and NALM on the *Sacramental Minister and Parish Life Coordinator Symposia*. This initiative is to develop strategies for effective parish leadership under Canon 517.2. The symposia are scheduled for San Francisco on January 8-10, 2007 and Chicago on February 12-14, 2007.

Regional Conferences Continue to stimulate dialogue and produce research on emerging models of pastoral excellence. Sites have been selected for the final two regional gatherings: **Southern regional gathering:** Oct 3-5, San Antonio. **North Central regional gathering:** Nov 5-7, St. Paul/Minneapolis

NADD is responsible for securing coordinators for five dioceses in each of these regions. Please help us if you get a call from the office by either finding a coordinator within your diocese or, if asked, attending the symposia.

For more information on the Emerging Models Project and its initiatives visit: www.emergingmodels.org.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Approximately 44% of our member dioceses have paid their 2007 dues. Membership renewal for 2007 is due in the NADD office by August 15, 2006.

Please remember to return the “pro-forma” invoice when payment is made. This will assure that the most current information is updated when the directory is printed in September.

**NADD WEB-SITE
MEMBERS ONLY**

Members can access the “Members Only” section of the NADD web-site (<http://nadd.cc/member>) by entering the username “member” and the password “nadd” (all in lower case) when prompted.

Since this section is for members only, please do not give the password and username to non-members.



**Update from the Secretariat for
the Diaconate**

Deacon William T. Ditewig

This summer is an especially busy time for us here at the USCCB. We finished a very successful General Assembly of the nation’s bishops in Los Angeles, but a successful meeting for the bishops often translates to more projects for us!

One question I’ve been asked frequently since the meeting is when the new translation of the *Ordo Missae*, which the bishops approved in Los Angeles, will be available. It may be helpful for your deacons and candidates to know that the project of the translation is divided into a number of sections, and the bishops are reviewing them section by section. So, while the *Ordo Missae* itself was approved in Los Angeles, the other sections – such as the Orations – have not. That means, of course, that all of the material necessary to put in the Sacramentary is not yet complete. Best informal estimates suggest that perhaps in another two years or so, the whole thing should be ready for the printer.



A second question usually follows that one: What has happened to the deacon parts in the new translation? My answer here consists of two parts. First, when you read the new translation, including the rubrics as well as the “lines” themselves, remember a most important thing: we must always read the text *in light of* the GIRM. For example, the new translation refers to the priest approaching the altar and reverencing it with a kiss. There’s no mention of the deacon kissing the altar, so I was asked if this was a change, and that deacons were no longer supposed to kiss the altar. There is no change. Rather, when you read the GIRM, it clearly states that the deacon, as well as the priest, kisses the altar. The fact is, the *Ordo Missae* is sometimes written from a kind of

“minimalist” perspective: in this case, there is always a priest at the Mass; there may not always be a deacon. So, the text is written for the basic situation. My point: always read the *Ordo Missae* in light of the GIRM. Second, the actual words we say at Mass remain, for the most part, unchanged. And the few words that are changed are simply and quickly learned.

Finally, the third question: Why can’t I find the new translation on-line at the USCCB Liturgy web site? Simple: while the bishops have approved the translation, the Holy See has not yet given its *recognitio*, and until that is received, this remains an unofficial document. If you recall, this was the same thing that happened with the *National Directory* on the diaconate: we couldn’t post the text on the web site, or make it available in any sort of official way, until the approval of the Holy See had been received.

On a new and final subject, I simply want to ask for your prayers. As you may have read in the reports of the June meeting, the bishops are in the midst of a total restructuring of the USCCB. This will be the most substantive and sweeping change ever made to the Conference, and it involves a considerable realignment, including the loss of dozens of positions. The goal is to find ways of doing things more efficiently, and perhaps not doing certain things in the future that have been done in the past. For example, there are now five Committees of bishops who deal with various aspects of ordained ministry; is there a way this can be done in a more streamlined and efficient way? This summer we are in the process of preparing staffing proposals for the bishops to consider at their November meeting. At this point in time, no one knows how all of this will eventually work itself out.

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