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In Service to the Bishop - Re-kindling Ministry

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Convention 2006

Deacon Al Sandoval

Enclosed with this issue is the registration brochure for the 2006 National Diaconate Directors' Convention. The convention will be held in Denver, Colorado, April 19-22, 2006.

Maybe you're asking the question, "Why Denver?" Why has leadership of NADD selected Denver three times (previously in 1974 and 1987, now in 2006) out of the 33 conventions it has held since its first one in Houston, Texas in 1972?

First and foremost, I would like to think that Denver is one of the most beautiful cities in the United States, located as it is at the base of the Rocky Mountains. It is truly a place where it is easy to experience the grandeur of God's creation. Plan on arriving Tuesday, April 18th, to take advantage of a pre-

convention tour that will take you to scenic Estes Park, the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park.

The venue for the Convention, The Hyatt Regency Hotel, will also allow you a spectacular view of the front range from many of its west-facing

windows. It is also strategically located in the Denver Technological Center 10 miles from downtown, and is within walking distance of restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

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NADD Mourns Sudden Loss of Region XIII Representative

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"I bless the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the Lord always before me;

with the Lord at my right, I shall never be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices;

my body also dwells secure,

For you will not abandon me to Sheol, nor let your faithful servant see the pit.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever."

Psalm 16: 7-11

SALT LAKE CITY – Benedictine Sister Jeremia Januschka, 72, died suddenly Jan. 7 at her home in Salt Lake City. Diocesan coordinator for continuing diaconate formation and administrative

assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Salt Lake City, Sr. Jeremia had spent the day meeting with new deacon candidates.

Sr. Jeremia (Mary Louise) Januschka, was born in Belle Prairie, Minn., March 15, 1934, the fourth of Adolph and Sophie (Pfeiffer) Januschka's six children. She attended the District School in Little Falls, Minn., and graduated from St. Francis High School in 1952. She then attended the College of St. Benedict and from there entered the Scholasticate at St. Benedict's Monastery, St. Joseph, Minn., in December 1955. She was received into the novitiate in 1956 and received the name Sister Jeremia. She professed vows in 1957 and would have celebrated her golden jubilee in 2007. She was a founding member of Mount Benedict Monastery and was elected its second regional superior in 1988.

Her educational opportunities included studies at the State Teachers' College, St. Cloud, Minn., and the University of Notre Dame, Ind. She received a Masters' Degree in Science Teaching from the

University of North Dakota. Sister Jeremia's first experience in the religious community was as a science teacher in Pierz, Minn., where she taught from 1958 to 1965. She was then asked to be the first headmistress of a high school in the Bahamas, and later to teach science at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud, Minn. In 1971, Sister Jeremia began teaching science at Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City. With her love for youth, she participated in Search and TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekends for Catholic teens in Utah. In 1980, Sister Jeremia was appointed associate vocations director by Bishop William K. Weigand. She was also vicar for religious for the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

Her work with the diaconate program in the diocese is well documented. Since 1997 she has been involved with that program both as coordinator for continuing diaconate formation and later as coordinator of ongoing formation of deacons. At the time of her death, Sister Jeremia was also the administrative

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Other than the natural “vacation” ambience that Denver affords, it is our hope that this Convention will provide all directors with a meaningful experience that will translate into better care for our deacons and candidates. The 1987 convention theme in Denver was “Spirituality: Keystone of Diaconate.” This year, the theme “In Service to the Bishop – Re-kindling Ministry” will add another layer of depth and richness to that original idea by helping us see that our spirituality is embodied in our diaconia, in our service. Clearly, we must always strive to become “Christ the Servant.” The secret of achieving this goal, this configuration to Christ, lay in daily conversion; in an intimate awareness that we are sent by Christ, by the bishop, by the Church to love and to serve, all of which open us to the grace of a ministry set afire. Implied is a renewal and an openness to the influence of the Holy Spirit; of feeling our hearts burn like those of the men from Emmaus.

We are fortunate in that the dates we'll be meeting, April 19-22, 2006, are uniquely special in that they fall within



the Octave of Easter, the major liturgical event of the year. Additionally, these days will be immediately followed by the first Sunday of Easter which the Church celebrates as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” What a blessing for us in that, as Deacons, we embody the ministry of Charity, of which Mercy is the fountainhead! Our liturgical team will provide the ambience for prayerful reflections in all liturgies, including opportunities for adoration throughout the convention.

We have planned an integrated presentation for speakers and workshops. Aside from four keynote speakers, the workshops, set up in a way that will allow each person to attend all three, will provide a foundational experience in getting in touch with the deacon's identity. The business meetings will also allow for opportunities to interact with other Deacon Directors, especially when we review the New Directory. Finally, our entertainment at the banquet has been specially planned to assure plenty of smiles and laughter!

Again, we anticipate great things happening at the April Convention. We extend the warmest of invitations to all and welcome you with open arms to Denver, the “Queen City” of the majestic Rocky mountains.

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assistant of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Salt Lake City, as well as being responsible for the Native American ministry in the diocese. Trained in the art of spiritual direction, Sister Jeremia gave many group retreats and did individual spiritual direction.

“Sister Jeremia was a prayerful woman who was close to her God. Wherever she served, people saw her as a special witness of prayer and work for God. We rejoice that she has been received by God into the happiness of heaven,” said Benedictine Sister Mary Zenzen, prioress of Mount Benedict Priory. “Sr. Jeremia was well loved by many people throughout the state, and she loved them too,” said Shirley Lemieux, of St. Olaf Parish. “She taught my children as a science teacher at St. Olaf School, and she was wonderful. Even though she was very knowledgeable, she knew how to get across to the kids – to incite them, to make them love science, and to get them to work using what they learned.

“Some people are brilliant, which she was, but she was down to earth, never putting on airs,” said Lemieux. “She proved intelligence does not need to

preclude discussion with anyone, not even children. She was always down to earth, easy to speak with and easy to joke around with. Truly, she was a holy woman, and she carried God with her wherever she went, bringing God's love to everyone. Sr. Jeremia should have been given bunches of laurels and roses because she was a woman of God.”

Holy Cross Sister Patricia Riley, diocesan director of diaconate candidates, was with Sr. Jeremia the last day of her life. Sr. Patricia said Sr. Jeremia was invaluable in helping her select deacon candidates and prepare for the classes.

“We did a lot together, and frankly, I couldn't have done it without her. Sr. Jeremia was well-known and respected on the national and regional levels of the National Association of Diaconate Directors. Whoever Sr. Jeremia was speaking to received her total attention,” said Sr. Patricia who, with Maxine Kaiser, diocesan director of liturgy, discovered Sr. Jeremia's body. “Often, she would stop a conversation to reflect on what was being said. She was present to everyone, and a good listener. That's holiness. That's entering into a person's being without preoccupation.”

She said Sr. Jeremia also had a good

sense of humor, and could laugh at her own foibles and human weaknesses. “She saw many people for spiritual direction, and always kept who they were and what they said in strictest confidence. She was a farmer's daughter – very strong and down-to-earth.”

Kaiser gave Sr. Jeremia, a cancer survivor, credit for bringing her to the diocese when, more than 30 years ago, she sent Kaiser a letter telling her there might be an opening for a science teacher at Judge Memorial Catholic High School, where she was teaching.

“She was a friend and a colleague,” Kaiser said. “We have worked side-by-side together in related ministry. She was very devoted to her parents and her family.”

“Our hearts go out to Sr. Jeremia's family, her religious community, her friends, and all of those to whom she has ministered,” said Archbishop-designate George Niederauer. “Our consolation is our faith. Sr. Jeremia was always a faithful sister to us and to the Lord.”

“She has gone to her Father, whose call she answered to faithfully and generously for so many years,” he said. “We are so grateful here in Salt Lake City and in

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From the President

Deacon Daniel L. Peterson

The careful unfolding of the Deacon Director’s Institute will reach a much anticipated benchmark at the NADD Convention on April 19, 2006 in Denver Colorado. This is the date on which a new triangular partnership among NADD, the USCCB Secretariat for the Diaconate and Pontifical College Josephinum will offer a full-day, Deacon Director’s Institute geared to the needs of newly appointed with an entirely new, highly professional organization and format. This full-day protocol institute is designed to test the pillars for the week long (or multiple day) institute to be offered at Pontifical College Josephinum during the summer of 2007. There are several key elements of the institute which distinguish it from a routine in-service program.

Perhaps, the most remarkable feature is this unique three-way partnership that pools the rich history and resources of NADD, the USCCB, and the Pontifical College Josephinum. The tie of deacon directors to our bishops and to our Church through the secretariat and the Pontifical College Josephinum speaks volumes about the seriousness of NADD’s commitment to the formation and education of diaconal leadership.

Second, the institute has a permanent home at Pontifical College Josephinum. The faculty are being selected, the curriculum is being developed, and the standards of instruction are being set with the same due diligence and commitment that characterize a world class university program. For the first time in the history of NADD, a stable doctoral level faculty with academic and background experience will form the core of the instructional team. Of course, experienced deacon directors with “real life” experience will be part of the planning and the teaching cadre, but the establishment of a graduate faculty that plans together, conducts research in common, publishes scholarly works, shares educational strategies, and articulates a continuous, sequential curriculum lays the ground work for college credit and a credible certificate of competence. This collaboration has the promise of being a great gift, not only for NADD, but for the entire diaconal community and the Church.

Third, we have been very careful to seek the approval of the Most Reverend Frederick Campbell, Bishop of Columbus and chair of the Bishop’s Committee on the Diaconate (BCD). Deacon Dan Peterson and Deacon Greg Urban have met with Bishop Campbell to obtain his approval to move ahead with plans for the institute. Bishop Campbell has expressed his encouragement and has indicated that he has confidence in the direction we are headed. We have also reported to the BCD on several occasions and also with Deacon William Ditewig, Executive Director for the Secretariat for the Diaconate of the USCCB. NADD is also fortunate that Deacon Ditewig serves on the Institute Committee and that he is a member of the Institute Faculty.



Fourth, the Institute will be held at Pontifical College Josephinum over several days, but there is much more to it than that. The pending plans call for the Institute participants to gather each year at the annual convention for a ½ day of orientation and to receive study materials. The summer Institute will be followed-up with Internet support and at the next convention a ½ day of closure will be offered. In other words, the Institute faculty and other resources of NADD, the Secretariat for the Diaconate, and Pontifical College Josephinum will be available over an entire year.

Finally, here is a quick outline of the Institute protocol for April 19th at the Denver Convention. Dr. and Deacon Jim Keating will address the *Spiritual Profile of the Deacon Director: What Kind of Person Ought I Be* (Spirituality) and Dr. and Deacon Bill Ditewig will address the topic *What is the National Directory and How Do I Read It: Overview and Hermeneutic of the National Directory* (Ecclesiology). Dr. and Deacon Michael Ross will treat the area of *Who is Deacon and How Do They Fit in the Church: Directory Chapters 1 & 2* (Including what we are not forming for; PLC, etc.) Finally, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld & Joe Michalak will deal with *How Do the Dimensions of Formation Fit Together?* (4 pillars in both pre- and post-ordination). It is clear that this will be a fertile experience for all who attend.

The Institute faculty and planning committee will continue to work over the next year to bring together a truly professional program. Your suggestions and input are solicited. Email Deacon Greg Urban at exec@nadd.cc or Deacon Dan Peterson at pres@nadd.cc.

NADD CALENDAR		
4/19-22/06 4/17/06 4/18/06 4/19/06 4/19/05 4/23/06	Convention 2006 Exec. Board & Board of Reps Arrive Boards (Exec. & Region Reps) Meet Pre-Convention Workshop Directors’ Institute Departure	Hyatt Regency Tech Center Denver, CO
6/1-3/06 6/4/06	Executive Board Meeting Departure	The Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus, OH
9/13/06 9/14/06 9/15-16/06 9/17/06	Executive Board Arrives Conv. Chair & Board of Reps Arrive Boards (Exec. & Region Reps) Meet Departure	Orange, CA TBD
1/11-14/07 1/14/07	Exec. Board Meet w/ 2007 Conv. Chair Departure	TBD
4/18-21/07 4/17/07 4/18/07 4/22/07	Convention 2007 Exec. Board & Board of Reps Meet Pre-Convention Wkshp/Directors’ Institute Departure	Omni Hotel Los Angeles, CA



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**Tax Considerations
for Deacons**

Tax Changes for Deacons: A 2005 Update by Wayne M. Lennell, C.P.A., Ph.D., is now available. Dr. Lennell is Director of Financial and Administrative Services for the Catholic Diocese of Rockford.

Jim Alt, Publisher of Deacon Digest, has granted NADD permission to make it available early and it can be found on the NADD web site at www.nadd.cc in the "Members Only" section.

**NADD MEMBERS ONLY
WEB SITE**

Members can access the "Members Only" section of the NADD web-site (www.nadd.cc) 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 username and password to non-members.



Constitution & Bylaws Committee

The final draft of the revision of the Constitution & Bylaws was presented to the Executive Board at their January meeting. The Executive Board moved to accept this proposal for presentation to the membership for a vote at the Convention 2006 Business Meeting #1.

The Constitution & By-Laws, Article VII,

Sec. B Amendments states that "...notice of the proposed amendment must be sent by the Executive Director to all members not less than one month prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered."

To comply, the proposed revision will be mailed to all members of record within the next two weeks.

Convention Notes...

Ground Transportation: Transportation to and from the airport will be provided by SuperShuttle. You may pre-pay on-line at www.supershuttle.com. The NADD discount code is K7GM2. A coupon is enclosed in the registration brochure. The special NADD fare is \$30 round trip per person or \$17 one way per person.

Convention Workshops: Convention workshops will be presented three times this

year, to give everyone an opportunity to attend them all. However, we will assign the order in which you will attend, to ensure that there is enough seating for everyone.

Correction on Workshops: In the convention registration booklet, speakers for the Spiritual and Pastoral Dimension were reversed. It should read as follows:

- Pastoral Dimension Workshop:
Rev. Chrysostom Frank
- Spiritual Dimension Workshop:
Rev. Ernest Sherstone, O.M.V.

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Utah to have been able to share her for so many years."

Msgr. Rudolph A. Daz, pastor of St. Olaf Parish, said: "The church in Utah has lost a dedicated religious who brought a spirit of cheerful cooperation and hard work to the jobs she undertook. Sr. Jeremia worked hard with the deacon program and was loved by people she served."

Msgr. J. Terrence Fitzgerald, vicar general of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, said of Sr. Jeremia: "Few religious have served the Diocese of Salt Lake City more faithfully in a variety of ministries than Sr. Jeremia Januschka. Whatever the need, Sister responded with enthusiasm and generosity for more than 35 years.

"Whether as a science teacher, associate in parish pastoral ministry, director of vocations, or of the ongoing formation for the permanent diaconate, Sr. Jeremia patiently labored day in and day out in the spirit of St. Benedict's "ora et labora," prayer and work. No journey was too long for her, no challenge too difficult or task too menial for Sister to undertake.

"The youth of the diocese will miss Sister's kind smile and encouraging words," Msgr. Fitzgerald said. "Those for whom she provided spiritual direction will miss her personal insights. Sr. Jeremia blessed us with her presence for many years. May God bless her abundantly for her faithfulness."

In addition to the sisters of her religious community, Sister Jeremia is survived by two brothers and one sister, all in Minnesota: Stephen, Little Falls; Francis, Rice; and Ann, Woodbury; as well as a number of nieces and nephews. Two brothers (Edward and John) preceded her in death.

A viewing and vigil will be held from 3:30-6 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2006, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 670 South 1100 East, Salt Lake City. This will be followed by a funeral Mass at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, 309 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City. A reception in the social hall of the Cathedral will follow the Mass. Interment will be the following day at the cemetery at Mount Benedict Monastery, Ogden. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Office of Ongoing Formation for Deacons, The Pastoral Center, 27 C Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103-2397.