

About the Center for Diaconal Formation

The Center for Diaconal Formation is designed to provide graduate-level intellectual formation for candidates to the permanent diaconate.

In addition to our graduate-level courses, we offer a broad array of programs that support dioceses in aspirancy formation, diaconal pastoral formation and post-ordination continuing enrichment, as well as graduate-level programs for deacons and spiritual enrichment for wives of deacons and deacon candidates.

In collaboration with other Seminary programs, we are positioned to address key areas set forth in the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

About Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology

Founded in 1861, Immaculate Conception Seminary is a House of Formation for the Roman Catholic priesthood and the School of Theology of Seton Hall University. As a House of Formation, the Seminary offers men preparing for the priesthood the personal, academic, ministerial and spiritual formation essential for their conversion to Jesus Christ and for their commitment to a life of service to the Church.

As a School of Theology, the Seminary provides a theological and philosophical foundation for men and women pursuing undergraduate studies, a theological foundation and a pastoral and spiritual formation for men and women preparing for ministries among the people of God, a theological foundation for men and women desiring to pursue doctoral studies, and varied opportunities for continuing theological education.

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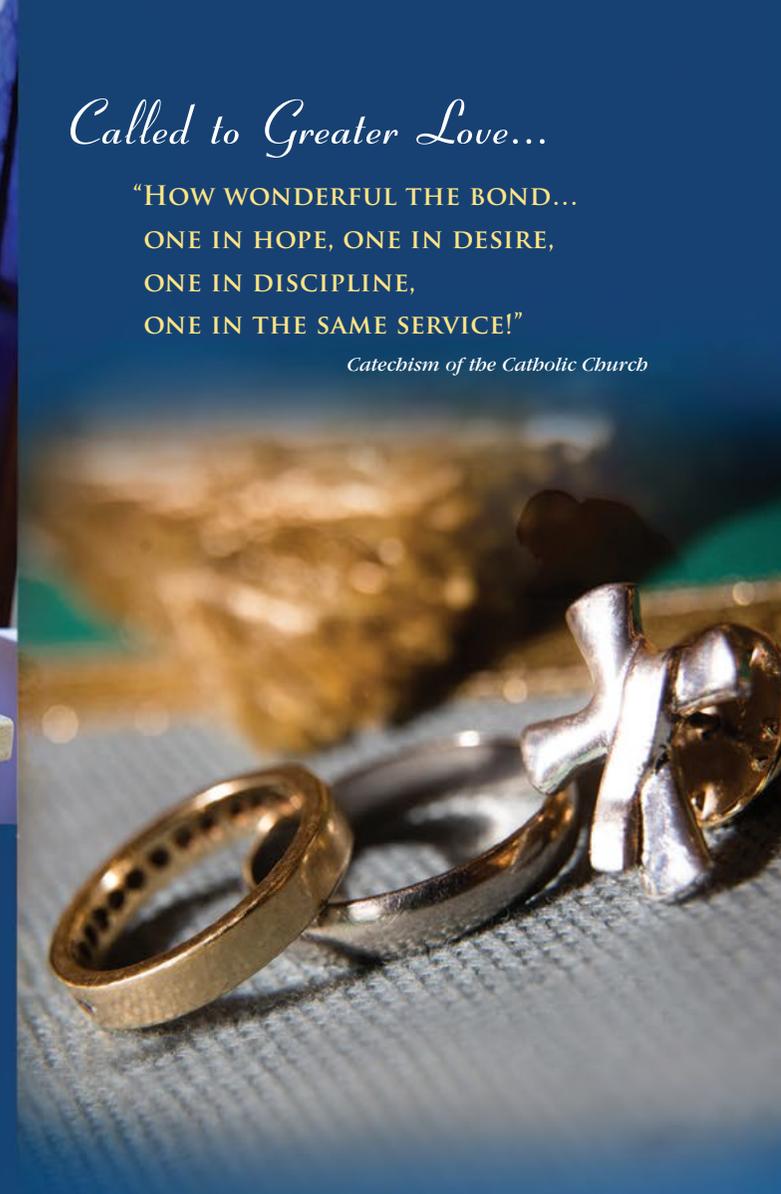


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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Called to Greater Love...

"HOW WONDERFUL THE BOND...
ONE IN HOPE, ONE IN DESIRE,
ONE IN DISCIPLINE,
ONE IN THE SAME SERVICE!"

Catechism of the Catholic Church



*Spiritually Nourishing Wives,
Couples and Families of Deacons
and Deacon Candidates*

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Spiritual Enrichment for Wives and Families of Deacons and Deacon Candidates

We understand and appreciate the unique roles of wives of deacons and deacon candidates as women of deep love. Indeed, they are women who love their husbands so much that they support their unfolding vocations to the diaconate and who love the Church so much that they are willing to embrace a new, and quite mysterious, chapter in their marriage and family life.

To assist in this spiritual adventure, we offer numerous opportunities for women to deepen their relationship with Christ, to nurture the bonds of marriage, and to meet and grow in friendship with other wives, forming inspiring communities of faith.

"I believe that as wives of deacons, we are called not only to accompany our husbands on this amazing journey... but also the people who look to us as a couple striving to live our Sacrament of Marriage in the midst of a very secular world."

- Regina DePrima

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"I will continue to do my part and pray, support and encourage him - joyfully!"

- Marcia Reina

Academic Formation

Through Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, wives are invited to journey together as a cohort in our graduate Certificate Program in Christian Spirituality.

This program provides academic preparation in spirituality and a foundation for ministry, as well as opportunities for personal spiritual development. Perspectives from history, theology and spirituality assist students seeking to understand and nurture Christian spirituality.

"I've attended many reflection seminars for our faith over the years and, without a doubt, this was the best. I was on fire with the Spirit when I left, and I am taking forward many new perspectives and approaches which I hope will continue to enrich my faith."

- Cathy Stevens

Advisory Planning Committee for Wives

Consisting of wives of deacons from multiple dioceses and the assistant director of the Center, this committee enables the Center to provide opportunities that spiritually enrich the wives of deacons and deacon candidates, as well as the married couple.

Events

Created for wives, couples or entire families, our events are designed to enhance participants' faith while providing support for making connections with other wives and families in diaconal communities. Numerous wives of deacons and deacon candidates have attended our events multiple times and returned to their homes and parishes with a renewed sense of spiritual enrichment and inspiration.

Holy Hour for Deacon Couples

Mornings of Reflection

Lectio Divina

Panel Discussion: Wives of Deacons

Retreats

Conferences

Inspirational Mornings of Prayer and Reflection

Spiritual Adventure with Women in Scripture:
Women at the Cross, Woman at the Well,
Women at the Tomb

Merciful Accompaniment: The Spiritual Journeys
of Inspiring Women of Faith

Marriage, Prayer and Spirituality

Sisterhood and Apostolic Prayer:
Developing Spiritual Friendships

The Widow's Mite: Giving from our Poverty

Celebrating the Sacraments of Marriage
and Holy Orders

