

Permanent Diaconate – the Class of 2028

Inquirers must be Catholics in good standing and fully initiated into the faith for at least five years. If married, there must be evidence of a stable marriage for at least five years and the wife of an applicant must be willing to support her husband in this endeavor and to participate in a formation weekend program for at least the first two years. Single men must understand that deacons remain celibate following ordination.

An inquirer must be at least 35 years of age at the time of application and no older than 60 at ordination. The diaconate educational program consists of twelve outsourced courses that are assigned to the inquirer and twelve courses with the Diaconate Program at eight annual formation weekends during the five years. Further information on the Permanent Diaconate may be found on the Diocesan web site at www.dioceseofvenice.org under the “Offices and Departments” category, “Permanent Diaconate,” Director of Formation.”

Informational meetings will be held for inquirers and their wives on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at St. Agnes Parish, Naples, or on December 10, 2022, at St. Martha’s Parish, Sarasota. The meetings are from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Further information is also available from the Diaconate Office at the Catholic Center in Venice by calling Deacon Bob Gaitens, Director of Diaconate Student Formation, at 941-350-2634 or email Gaitens@dioceseofvenice.org.