

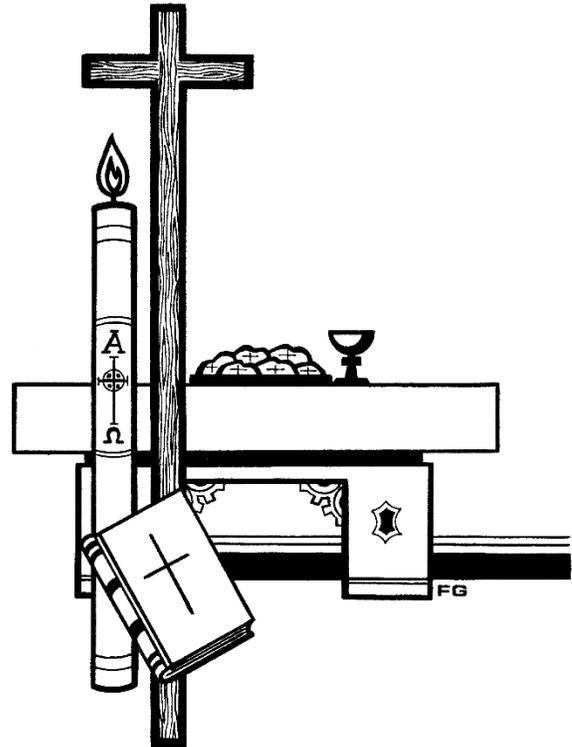
DEACONS: Ministers of Service

The Introductory Rite

Vested in an alb, cincture, and stole (over his left shoulder) the deacon would normally walk before the priest in the entrance procession carrying the Book of Gospels. (Deacons may also wear a dalmatic over their alb and stole. The dalmatic, which was the common dress of the servant in the days of the early church, is usually in the same color and material as the priest's chasuble has wide, short sleeves is open at the side and reaches below the knees.) If the Book of the Gospel is not carried in procession, the deacon walks to the right of the priest in the procession. Upon reaching the sanctuary and reverencing the altar with the other ministers, the priest and deacon kiss the altar and then proceed to their chairs. The deacon can lead the people in the invocations of the penitential rite.

The Liturgy of the Word

During the Liturgy of the Word, as the gospel acclamation begins, the deacon stands in front of the priest, bows, and asks for his blessing. The words of the priest's blessing to the deacon are: "The Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may worthily proclaim his gospel." The deacon then proceeds to the lectern, carrying the Book of the Gospels if there is a gospel procession. After proclaiming the gospel, the deacon kisses the book from which the gospel was read. In certain cases, if he has faculties, the deacon may then preach the homily. After the Profession of Faith, it is the role of the deacon to announce the general intercessions, i.e. the prayers of petition.



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The deacon, or one of the other ministers, can prepare the altar; then the deacon receives the gifts of bread and wine from the faithful, and prepares the gifts at the altar or credence table. As part of this preparation, the deacon pours a little bit of water into the wine, saying silently, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." During the Eucharistic Prayer, the deacon will kneel from the time of the epiclesis (the invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine) until after the words of consecration. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the deacon elevates the chalice while the priest elevates the Host and sings the words of the doxology, "Through Him, with Him, in Him ... "

The Communion Rite and Concluding Rite

During the sign of peace, it is the deacon's role to invite all present to exchange a sign of peace. As an ordinary minister of communion, during the singing of the Lamb of God, the deacon assists the priest in preparing the vessels for the communion of the faithful by pouring the Precious Blood into communion cups and breaking and distributing consecrated Hosts into communion plates. Receiving communion from the priest, deacons may then help minister the Eucharist to the extraordinary ministers and hand the extraordinary ministers their vessels to minister the Eucharist to the people. During the communion procession, the deacon normally ministers the Blood of Christ to the communicants. After communion, the deacon may repose any Hosts remaining in the tabernacle.

At the end of Mass, the deacon (or another minister) may make brief announcements to the people. If there is a solemn blessing or prayer over the people, the deacon invites all to "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing." After the blessing, the deacon dismisses the people. He then kisses the altar with the priest, makes the appropriate reverence, and walks to the right of the priest in the closing procession.



**With praise and gratitude to Almighty God,
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati
and
Immaculate Conception/St. Teresa Parish,**

Announces the ordination of

Charles W Salway

To the order of Permanent Deacon

**Please share Charlie and Judy's joy as
The Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by
His Excellency Dennis Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati**

**You are cordially invited to join in the
Celebration of a Mass at which Charlie will serve as deacon
On Sunday, April 28th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
Immaculate Conception, Celina, OH**

A reception will follow in the PAC

