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Catholic Diocese of Memphis Welcomes New Director of Catechetical & Sacramental Formation

Memphis, Tenn., - February 25, 2020 -- It is with great pleasure the Catholic Diocese of Memphis welcomes Deacon Jeff Drzycimski as its new Director of Catechetical & Sacramental Formation.

As the new director, Drzycimski will work in concert with Catholic Diocese of Memphis Bishop David P. Talley and the Executive Director of Evangelization and Discipleship Alma Abuelouf. His responsibilities will include providing a lifelong catechesis and sacramental formation in the Catholic faith, focusing on supporting the family as the domestic church where God is always honored.

In his new role, Drzycimski will also provide leadership and training for catechists and teachers of children and adolescents. In addition, he will offer marriage sacramental formation and family enrichment training while supporting the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programs across the Memphis Diocese.

"We are blessed to have Deacon Jeff working in our Diocese," said Bishop Talley. "Along with his abundant faith, we look forward to the focus, care and engagement he brings to his new position. Our Diocese and the surrounding communities will benefit immensely from Deacon Jeff's strong family values."

Drzycimski is a Permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. He is currently assigned to St. Louis Catholic Church in Memphis. Deacon Jeff also hosts the nationally syndicated talk show, *The Catholic Cafe*, and teaches Moral Theology for St. Benedict at Auburndale Catholic High School.

"I am excited to join the Catholic Diocese of Memphis faithful and I am amazed by the dedication of so many who serve the Diocese between the two rivers," said Drzycimski. "I ask for many prayers in my new role to be of significant help and support to families in need."

Drzycimski has been married to his wife, Bess, for 32 years. They are the parents of nine children.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis was founded in 1971 and consists of 48 parishes and missions with 10 Catholic schools in four deaneries across 15 counties. The Diocese of Memphis is committed to helping the faithful encounter the living Christ through conversion, communion, service and unity. Led by Bishop David P. Talley, more than 70,000 Catholics make this diverse, vibrant, and faith-filled diocese their home. The Diocese of Memphis serves the people of West Tennessee, regardless of their religious beliefs, socio-economic status or ethnic background. Please visit us at cdom.org.



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