## Catholic Diocese of Memphis Assignments of the New Permanent Deacons



Deacon Nafy Barrera St. Michael



Deacon Tim Creech Holy Spirit/OLQP



**Deacon Mike Damore** *Holy Rosary* 



Deacon Paul Dixon St. Ann



Deacon Scott Ewen St. William



Deacon Mike Farley St. Peter



Deacon Mike Ferguson Resurrection



Deacon
Sergio Fuentes
Resurrection



**Deacon Marcotulio Gonzalez** *OLS* 



**Deacon Chip Hammond** *St. Louis* 



Deacon Mauricio Hernandez St. Brigid



**Deacon Dave Hessling**St. Alphonsus



Deacon Brian Marie Holy Spirit



Deacon Andy McNutt Incarnation



Deacon Juan Pascual St. John-Memphis



**Deacon Steve Peay** St. Michael



Deacon Terry Ramos St. Anne



Deacon Mark Romer Holy Rosary



Deacon Henry Snowden St. Augustine



Deacon Tim Tucker OLPH







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## 22 September 2025

To the faithful of the Diocese of Memphis:

Five years ago, 93 men were interested. Then 43 men started the process of discernment regarding the permanent diaconate in service to the Diocese of Memphis. I want to share with you the strength of commitment of these men by sharing with you what the past five years looked like for them. Their first year began true discernment. For those who moved on to years two through five, the classroom work happened one weekend a month for ten months of each year plus a canonical retreat each summer. We worked with St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, where we currently have Seminarians in formation, so our diaconate candidates were provided master's level courses. During each weekend, they met for four hours on Friday, twelve intense hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday. The commitment was not just from the men; it was also from their families. These men have wives and full-time jobs. They have children and grandchildren involved in all sorts of school activities for which our candidates still needed to be present.

Along the way, we lost men to discernment, difficulty and life changes. Sadly, two of our candidates, Matt Sorg of the Cathedral parish and Cliff Christie of St. Augustine parish passed away. Even with all of that, I am pleased to share with you that 20 men were ordained on September 20<sup>th</sup>. I am thankful to our Lord, Jesus Christ for sending these men to us. See the attached page that shows where each of them will serve. Please say prayers for them and their families as they embark on their ministry.

They are living the anointed life!

Bishop David

## **2025 Deacon Assignments** (by parish)

Holy Rosary St. Anne (Highland)

Mark Romer Terry Ramos

Mike Damore

Tim Creech

Holy Spirit St. Augustine

Brian Marie Henry Snowden

Incarnation St. Brigid

Andy McNutt Mauricio Hernandez

Our Lady of Perpetual Help St. John (Memphis)

Tim Tucker Juan Pascual

Our Lady of Sorrows St. Louis

Marcotulio Gonzalez Chip Hammond

Resurrection St. Michael

Mike Ferguson Nafy Barrera
Sergio Fuentes Steve Peay

St. Alphonsus St. Peter

Dave Hessling Mike Farley

St. Ann (Bartlett) St. William

Paul Dixon Scott Ewen