

Invitation to Sponsor

DINING WITH THE DEACONS

Dinner and Fundraiser



Catholic Diocese
of **Memphis**

Friday, October 16, 2026 at 5:30pm
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Parish Life Center

About the Event

Join us for an evening of great food, fellowship, and New Orleans-inspired fun while supporting the permanent deacons of the Diocese of Memphis.

Dining with the Deacons celebrates the faithful ministry of the men who serve our parishes and communities every day. Proceeds from the event benefit the Diocese of Memphis Diaconate Formation Program, helping prepare future deacons and providing ongoing formation for those already serving throughout West Tennessee.

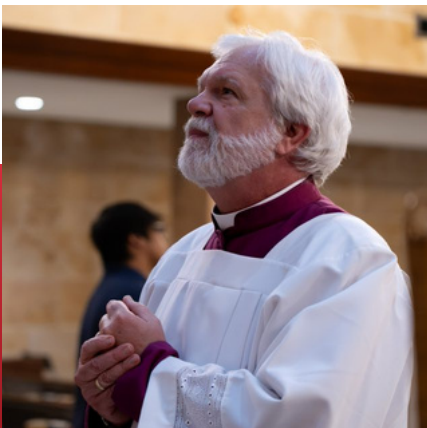
Your sponsorship helps ensure that this ministry of service continues to grow, strengthening our Church through a lifetime of faithful service.

Diaconate

- 74 Permanent Deacons faithfully serve the Diocese of Memphis in parishes and ministries throughout West Tennessee.
- 40 Men Expected to Begin Formation in August 2027, preparing to answer God's call to a lifetime of servant leadership in the Church.
- Serving Church and Community, permanent deacons proclaim the Gospel, assist at the altar, celebrate baptisms and marriages, minister to the sick and those in need, and bring Christ's love beyond the walls of the parish.

Why Sponsor?

From the altar to the hospital bedside, from baptisms and weddings to outreach among the poor, 74 permanent deacons serve the people of West Tennessee each day. Dining with the Deacons helps ensure this ministry continues to grow through the formation of future deacons and the ongoing support of those already answering God's call.



Sponsorship Packages

Gold Sponsor – \$2,500

- Logo on all promotional materials and event signage
- Reserved Seating for 16 people
- 16 Drink Tickets
- 4 Reserved Parking Spaces
- 2 bottles of wine

Silver – \$1,250

- Logo on selected promotional materials and event signage
- Reserved Seating for 8 people
- 8 Drink Tickets

Bronze Sponsor – \$500

- Reserved seating for 2 people
- 2 Drink Tickets
- Acknowledgment during the event

Event Sponsor – In-Kind or Monetary Support

Businesses and individuals may support Dining with the Deacons through an in-kind donation of goods or services or by making a monetary contribution to help offset event expenses. Event Sponsors will be recognized in the event program and on event signage.



Sponsor Form

Company Name

Phone

Contact Person

Website

Email

Address

Catholic Diocese of Memphis Federal Tax ID 62-0845508
Your gift may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL *(Please select one)*

☐ Gold - \$2,500

☐ Silver - \$1,250

☐ Bronze - \$500

☐ Event Sponsor

Benefits Received (Gold, Silver, etc. benefits listed separately on a detailed sheet/brochure)

☐ I am interested in donating an in-kind gift
for the dinner. Please contact me at:

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☐ I am interested in donating an auction item.
Please contact me at:

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☐ I am unable to attend, but please accept the
enclosed gift

\$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is a check for: \$

Payable to: Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Scan the QR code to
sign up as a sponsor
and to pay online



Mail Sponsorship Form and Check to:
Catholic Diocese of Memphis
ATTN: Deacon Dinner
5825 Shelby Oaks Drive
Memphis, TN 38134



Scan and email Sponsorship Form to:
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Thank you for supporting our Deacons



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August 13, 2026

On behalf of the Diocese of Memphis, I invite you to partner with us as a sponsor for the 4th Annual Dining with the Deacons, an evening dedicated to celebrating and supporting the Permanent Diaconate of West Tennessee. Our permanent deacons faithfully serve in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, and countless ministries throughout our diocese. They proclaim the Gospel, assist at the altar, prepare couples for marriage, baptize children, preside at funerals, visit the sick, and minister to those most in need. Their service touches thousands of lives each year, often quietly and without recognition.

What makes the Permanent Diaconate especially unique is that these men serve while continuing to live fully in the communities they love. They are husbands, fathers, grandfathers, business owners, teachers, first responders, healthcare professionals, and neighbors. They balance careers, family responsibilities, and the demands of daily life while generously answering God's call to serve His Church. Their witness demonstrates that faith is lived not only within the walls of the church, but also in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

We are especially excited as our next formation cohort begins in 2027 with approximately 40 men discerning a call to the diaconate. Your generosity today will help ensure these future deacons receive the spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation they need to faithfully answer God's call.

This annual dinner serves as a meaningful opportunity for our Catholic community and local businesses to invest in the future of this ministry. Proceeds directly support the formation of new permanent deacons, ongoing education for those already ordained, and the continued growth of the Diaconate in West Tennessee. Whether you are a business owner, parish supporter, or faithful donor, your sponsorship makes a meaningful difference. Enclosed you will find our sponsorship opportunities. We would be honored to have your support and hope you will join us for an evening of fellowship, great food, and celebration of the remarkable ministry of our permanent deacons.

We are grateful for your partnership and ask God's abundant blessings upon you, your family, and your business.

With a grateful heart,

Deacon Bill Pettit
Director of the Diaconate