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DIACONAL FORMATION  
ASPIRANCY SYLLABUS <sup>1</sup>

<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Seminary Topic(s)</b>	<b>Diocesan Topic(s)</b>
<b>September 10 &amp; 11 2016</b>	Introduction to Formation; Ongoing Discernment; and Discernment of Spirits	Bishop's Welcome & Vision for the Diaconate  Formation Program Structure, Requirements & Expectations  The Diaconal Life
<b>October 8 &amp; 9 2016</b>	Theological Reflection	Mary, the Saints and Sacramentals  Wives of Deacons <i>(Film and Discussion)</i>
<b>November 12 &amp; 13 2016</b>	Introduction to Spiritual Direction	Our Relationship to Each Person of the Holy Trinity  Prayer
<b>December 10 &amp; 11 2016</b>	Prayer & Sacramental Participation in the life of the Deacon & his wife  <i>Introduction to Lectio, Prayer, and the Liturgy of the Hours</i>	God's Spousal Relationship with Israel & the Diaconal / Marriage Relationship: Two Models of Parallel Grace  Celibacy and the Diaconate
<b>January 14 &amp; 15 2017</b>	Evangelization & Ecumenism	The Vocation of Marriage and the Family in the Life and Ministry of the Permanent Deacon  NFP – Living it Out in Married Life and Diaconal Ministry

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to change

<p><b>February 11 &amp; 12 2017</b></p>	<p>Pastoral Identity, Skills, and Boundaries</p>	<p>Obedience &amp; the Order of Deacon  Q &amp; A with Bishop  Basic Canon Law as Related to the Order of Deacon: <i>Rights, duties &amp; impediments</i></p>
<p><b>March 11 &amp; 12 2017</b></p>	<p>Research and Writing for the Study of Theology</p>	<p>God's Mercy  Penance &amp; Mortification in the Life and Ministry of the Deacon</p>
<p><b>April 7, 8, &amp; 9 2017</b></p>	<p>Intro to Philosophy</p>	<p>Spirituality of Justice and the Diaconate  <i>Interviews TBA</i></p>
<p><b>May 12, 13, &amp; 14, 2017</b></p>	<p>Intro to Philosophy</p>	<p>Theology of Stewardship and the Diaconate  <i>Interviews TBA</i></p>