



# Deacon Sunday

**October 8, 2023**

## **What is “Deacon Sunday”?**

Deacon Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the diaconate. It is a day to affirm these men who have said YES to serving the Church in a profound way. Deacons are fully ordained clergy, reporting directly to the bishop.

## **What do deacons do?**

- Proclaim the Gospel
- Baptize
- Witness marriages
- Perform funeral and burial services outside of the Eucharist
- Distribute Holy Communion
- Preach the homily
- Visit the sick
- Teach the faith
- Provide counsel for couples and individuals
- Work on parish committees
- Advise and assist pastors

## **How can I honor my deacon?**

- Pray for your deacon, and all deacons serving in the Archdiocese and elsewhere
- Pray for the vocation programs for the Archdiocese — and for more people to be open to a call to the diaconate, priesthood, and religious brothers and sisters
- Personally thank your deacon on Deacon Sunday, or any day
- Invite children in Religious Education or school classes to write or draw notes of appreciation
- Invite your deacon for dinner with your family and friends
- Hold a reception for your deacons and their wives to say thank you for their service to the parish
- Send a card or letter to a retired deacon



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