

# NDICE 2017 Welcomes You!



**Deacon Paul McBlain**  
President - NDICE

In August of 1975, a meeting was held at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota to discuss the need for permanent deacons to come together on a national level for a sharing of experiences and insights following ordination and for post-ordination formation. This was considered the first meeting of what came to be called the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE). The following year, August 1976, approximately 40 deacons, deacon candidates and their families, mostly from the Midwest, met at St. John's University in Collegeville.

This year, July 16-19, 2017 at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, NDICE will proudly hold its 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference for deacons, deacon candidates and their families. Our theme this year will be: **Deacons: Sharing the Joy of Love**, based upon Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*.

The keynote address on Sunday evening will be delivered by Bishop James Checchio following our opening Mass. Now Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey, Bishop Checchio served as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome from 2006 to 2016. His presentation will provide an overall perspective and "set the table" for the outstanding group of presenters who will "break open the words" of Pope Francis for our attendees including:

- **Deacon Greg Kandra**, Multimedia Editor for the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA); a well-known blogger; and a deacon in the Brooklyn, NY diocese.
- **Rev. Patrick Brady**, Dean of the School of Diaconal Formation and Chair of the Department of Sacred Scripture, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA.
- **Deacon Jerry Jorgensen**, a consulting psychologist; member of the Canon Law Society of America and Assistant Director of the Dubuque, IA Permanent Diaconate Office.
- **Deacon Bill Ditewig**, former USCCB Secretariat for the Diaconate executive director, diaconate author, teacher and consultant; an Archdiocese of Washington, DC deacon.
- **Deacon Chris Anderson**, Professor of English at Oregon State University; author of many books including *Light When It Comes* and a deacon in the Archdiocese of Portland, OR.
- **Bishop William Skylstad**, retired bishop of Spokane, WA will speak on Wednesday morning, celebrate the closing Mass and install NDICE officers for the coming year.

As president of NDICE, I personally invite you to seriously consider attending our 2017 conference. Take this opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and experiences with deacons from all over the United States.

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Reserve your space NOW by mailing in the registration form or registering online at [www.ndice.net](http://www.ndice.net). God bless you; we look forward to seeing you at NDICE in July!

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# NDICE 2017

## *Deacons: Sharing the Joy of Love* Based on Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* by Pope Francis



## The National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE)

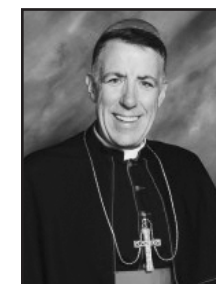
invites you to attend the

# 43rd Annual Conference

July 16—19, 2017

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Premier Continuing Education Conference!**  
*Hear these outstanding presenters and join those in diaconate ministry from throughout the United States at this premier continuing education session for deacons and their families.*



Bishop James Checchio



Deacon Greg Kandra



Deacon Bill Ditewig



Deacon Chris Anderson

# NDICE 2017 Schedule of Conference Events

## Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

### Sunday, July 16

12:00-4:00 pm	Registration	FP
4:00 pm	Opening Mass	BC
	Bishop Frank Checchio Celebrant Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey	
5:00 pm	Dinner	FP
6:30 pm	Welcome/Orientation Deacon Paul McBlain President; NDICE	BR2
7:00 pm	Keynote Address <i>Deacons: Sharing the Joy of Love</i> Bishop James Checchio	BR2
8:15 pm	Evening Prayer	BR2
8:30 pm	Joseph Club	CTS

Key for meeting locations	
BC	Bellarmino Chapel
BR1	Banquet Room 1
BR2	Banquet Room 2
HDC	Hoff Dining Commons
CTS	Cintas Center-Front
FP	Fenwick Place (Dorm)


### Monday, July 17

7:00 am	Breakfast	FP
8:00 am	Morning Prayer	BR2
8:15 am	Session 1 Deacon Greg Kandra <i>Who is the Church's Family?</i>	BR2
9:30 am	Break	BR2
9:45 am	Session 2 Rev. Patrick Brady <i>Biblical Teaching of Family</i>	BR2
11:00 am	Mass	BC
12:00 pm	Lunch	FP
1:30 pm	Session 3 Deacon Jerry Jorgensen <i>The Theology of Family-1</i>	BR2
2:45 pm	Break	BR2
3:00 pm	Session 4 Deacon Jerry Jorgensen <i>The Theology of Family-2</i>	BR2
4:15 pm	Evening Prayer	BR2
5:00 pm	Dinner	FP
7:00 pm	NDICE Follies	BR2

### Tuesday, July 18

7:00 am	Breakfast	FP
8:15 am	Morning Prayer	BR2
8:30 am	Session 1 Deacon Bill Ditewig <i>Moral Decision Making-1</i>	BR2
9:45 am	Break	BR2
10:00 am	Session 2 Deacon Bill Ditewig <i>Moral Decision Making-2</i>	BR2
11:15 am	Break	BR2
11:30 am	Session 3 Deacon Chris Anderson <i>Living Good Christian Lives-1</i>	BR2
12:30 pm	Lunch	FP
1:45 pm	Session 4 Deacon Chris Anderson <i>Living Good Christian Lives-2</i>	BR2
3:00 pm	Break	BR2
3:15 pm	Ladies Social	TBA
3:15 pm	Business Meeting	TBA
4:40 pm	Evening Prayer	BC
5:15 pm	Mass Aux. Bp. Joseph Binzer Archdiocese of Cincinnati	BC
6:45 pm	Banquet	BR2
8:00 pm	Evening Concert Vince Ambrosetti	BR2

### Wednesday, July 19

7:00 am	Breakfast	FP
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	BC
9:15 am	Session 1	BC
	Bishop William Skylstad Retired Bishop; Spokane, Washington	
10:30 am	Closing Mass Bishop William Skylstad	BC
12:00 pm	Lunch	FP

### OUTSTANDING 2017 PRESENTERS!



Bishop James Checchio



Deacon Greg Kandra



Deacon Bill Ditewig



Deacon Chris Anderson



Rev. Patrick Brady



Deacon Jerry Jorgensen

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**  
 Make checks payable to NDICE.  
 Send Registration Form and Payment to: Deacon Hank Babin, 4460  
 Miranda Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. For more information about NDICE,  
 visit [www.ndice.net](http://www.ndice.net) or email [hankbabin@msn.com](mailto:hankbabin@msn.com).  
**YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.NDICE.NET**  
**Cancellation Policy**  
 Prior to July 1, 2017—Amount paid LESS \$50 cancellation fee.  
 July 1 until start of 2016 NDICE—50% refund of amount paid.

**Registration Fee**  
 Deacon or Deacon-Candidate only (\$225.00) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deacon or Deacon-Candidate & Spouse (\$310.00) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deacon Widow No Charge  
 Other Participants (\$230.00) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Food (For All Meals Sunday Dinner thru Wednesday Lunch)**  
 Persons with all 3 meals (all days) \$140.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Persons with lunch and dinner (all days) \$125.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Persons with breakfast and dinner (all days) \$115.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Meal prices include Banquet.**  
 Banquet Only \$60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choose Banquet entree: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
**Housing (Campus Dormitory; List Number of Overnights)**  
 Single Room(s) x \$50.00 per night x ( ) nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Double Room(s) x \$70.00 per night x ( ) nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Conference Fees:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discount to Returning Deacon for signing up a First Time Attendee - \$50.00 \$ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Please list name of new attendee: (Limit One) \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to make a charitable contribution to NDICE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Housing Needs:** Sat., July 15 Sun., July 16 Mon., July 17  
 Tues., July 18 Wed., July 19  
 Name of person(s) sharing room/suite: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Special Needs?:**  Yes  No  
 (If yes, specify dietary or housing requirements on a separate sheet.)

**Alternate Housing**  
 While most NDICE attendees take advantage of the convenient and economical dormitory rooms, there are hotels/motels close to Xavier University. Check the Xavier.edu website for hotels close by, or contact Deacon Ken Mitchell at (502) 445-6840 (kenmitchell@twc.com) for a list of hotels/motels nearby.

## NDICE 2017 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Check One)  Deacon  Deacon-Candidate  
 Deacon Widow  Other  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Arch)Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this your first NDICE institute? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, were you invited by a past attending Deacon? If so, please list his name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Spouse(if) attending \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU!

The NDICE Board thanks you for attending this 2017 Conference.  
 We hope it will provide new insights into your Diaconal Ministry.

**Have a safe trip home!**