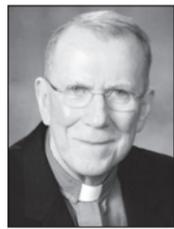


# 2016 NDICE a Resounding Success!



**D**eacons: Building Bridges to the Kingdom of God was the theme of the 42nd annual National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE) that greeted deacons and wives from 24 states on July 17-20 at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Keynote speaker Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport, CT, challenged the deacons and wives in attendance to “become transparent, and allow Christ to be shown through you....go forward to make a difference.”

Following the opening keynote address on Sunday evening by Bishop Caggiano, each of the following days’ presenters focused on specific areas of the bridge-building theme:

\*On Monday, Rev. Gerald McGlone, SJ, spoke on “bridges to the alienated and diverse,” and Leisa Anslinger addressed “bridges to the family.”



Cheri Hall and Leisa Anslinger.

\* The Tuesday presentations followed the bridge-building theme with a morning presentation by Rev. Bernard Ezaki on “bridges to the suffering.” Other Tuesday presentations were by Amy McEntee on “bridges to young adults” and by Deacon Seigfried Presberry on “bridges to the lost and forgotten.”

The NDICE business meeting, with officer election, and the wives meeting followed



Among the large number of NDICE attendees were diocesan deacon directors from 10 states, pictured with keynote speaker Bishop Frank Caggiano and Deacons Paul McBlain (far left) and John Gerke, (far right); NDICE president and president-elect (respectively).



NDICE President Deacon Paul McBlain and President-elect Deacon John Gerke, with Amy McEntee.

the Tuesday presentations. In the evening, following Mass and evening prayer, the nationally-known music composer and liturgist Carey Landry presented an inspiring concert after the banquet.

The 2016 NDICE concluded on Wednesday morning with a presentation by retired Spokane, WA, Bishop William Skylstad, who celebrated the closing conference Mass at which NDICE officers for the coming year were installed.

And if the best measure of the “success” is determined by what attendees say AFTER it is over, this was another outstanding NDICE! Evaluations of the eight presenters varied little from the “high” of 4.92 (based on 5.0 for highest) for Bishop Caggiano

and Carey Landry; the overall NDICE, including facilities, food, and lodging, averaged 4.80. Throughout the four-day conference, the bridge-building theme was addressed thoroughly by all the presenters, augmented by spiritual discussion by attendees following the presentations.

**Here is a comment from one attendee:**

*“I want to thank you for a wonderful Conference. Other than some personal recommendations I had, I didn’t know what to expect. The Conference far and away exceeded my expectations. I thought everything, from greeters and hospitality when I arrived to the the speakers, the organization and the facilities including the meals were well-done.”*

*Most of all, my learning was enhanced and grown, which I believe will benefit me personally in my ministry and position. I know there were many others who were responsible for the Conference; please express my thanks to them. I look forward to joining you again for the 2017 NDICE!”*

Deacon John O’Leary, Director  
Diaconal Ministry & Formation  
Diocese of Dallas, Texas

It was another great NDICE Conference!



# NDICE 2017

## Deacons: Sharing the Joy of Love

Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, will again be the site of the 43rd annual National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education (NDICE), the longest-continuous education conference for the U.S. permanent diaconate. From July 16-19, 2017, deacons and their wives from throughout the U.S., Canada, and foreign countries will gather for another inspirational and educational diaconate conference.

The theme for the 2017 NDICE is *Deacons: Sharing the Joy of Love*, based on Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. In the introduction to his book *A Deacon’s Retreat*, Deacon Jim Keating states: “The prime gift that we (deacons) give to those to whom we minister Christ is an invitation to receive the love and intimacy willed by God for all his creatures.”



Metuchen, New Jersey, Bishop James Checchio is our 2017 NDICE keynote speaker. He will set the tone of the 2017 conference where the skill and resourcefulness of our presenters will “attempt to break open” the words of Pope Francis, releasing the teaching of this groundbreaking document drawn on the synods of 2014 and 2015, enabling our deacons to competently provide our families with wisdom and guidance in experiencing the “Joy of Love” in their marriages and in their families.

Bishop Checchio served as rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome from January 2006 to January 2016 when he was installed as bishop of Metuchen.

**REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!**

If your registration for the 2017 NDICE is received by December 15, 2016, you receive a \$25 discount off the cost of your registration!

Speakers to follow Bishop Checchio’s opening keynote presentation are now being confirmed and will be announced in the 2017 NDICE brochure that will be mailed to all U.S. deacons and deacon candidates in early 2017, and featured in future issues of *Deacon Digest*. Take advantage of the Early Registration Discount and plan to join your brother deacons and spouses in our four days of continuing diaconate formation.

### NATIONAL DIACONATE INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

Make checks payable to NDICE.

Send Registration Form and Payment to: Deacon Hank Babin, 4460 Miranda Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654.

For more information about NDICE, please visit [www.ndice.net](http://www.ndice.net) or email [hankndice@msn.com](mailto:hankndice@msn.com).

**YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.NDICE.NET](http://WWW.NDICE.NET)**

**Cancellation Refund Policy**

Prior to July 1, 2017—amount paid LESS \$50 cancellation fee.

July 1 until start of 2017 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 Entrée:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.)