2018 is the 50th anniversary of the renewal of the Roman Catholic diaconate in the United States, following the motu proprio of Pope Paul VI in 1967, Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem. The 1968 Lambeth Conference, the worldwide gathering of Anglican bishops every ten years, took a strong stand in favour of the distinctive diaconate. The Episcopal Church in the USA was the first to implement this vision in the early 1970s, followed later in the decade by the Anglican Church of Canada. With respect to the diaconate, Anglicans owe a lot to Vatican II and Paul VI – all the more reason for this conference!

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

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The Most Reverend Donald Bolen
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Anglican–Roman Catholic Covenant Implementation Committee

Preliminary Announcement

International Anglican-Roman Catholic Conference on the Diaconate Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada 10-13 May 2018

This conference is co-sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina, through their joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Covenant Implementation Committee (ARCCIC). The venue is Campion College, the Jesuit affiliated college in the University of Regina. The conference will be...

- Primarily academic in nature: a conference about the diaconate, reflecting recent scholarship, rather than a gathering of deacons although of course we hope many deacons will attend.
- An Anglican-Roman Catholic conference, looking at the points of convergence as well as divergence of our two Communions, in the context of the world-wide Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue (ARCIC) given renewed impetus by Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

The conference co-chair, Archbishop Donald Bolen, is also co-chair of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM). It held major events in Canterbury and Rome in October 2016; Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin participated in the event in Rome.

SPEAKERS

Anglican/Episcopal

Anglican Church of Canada

Deacon Maylanne Maybee, former Principal, Centre for Christian Studies, Winnipeg, Manitoba Church of England

Canon Rosalind Brown, Canon Librarian at Durham Cathedral

Episcopal Church in the USA

Deacon Josephine Borgeson, School for Deacons, Berkeley, California

Deacon Susanne Watson Epting, Diocese of Iowa, former Director of the Association for Episcopal Deacons

Scottish Episcopal Church

Canon Alison Peden, Provincial Director of Ordinands, Edinburgh

Roman Catholic/Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Canada

Sub-Deacon Brian Butcher, Lecturer & Research Fellow in Eastern Christian Studies, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto

Deacon George Newman, Diocese of St. Catharines, Ontario; Director of Deacon Programs, Newman Theological College, Edmonton

United States

Deacon Frederick Bauerschmidt, professor of theology at Loyola University, Maryland, Archdiocese of Baltimore

Deacon William Ditewig, Archdiocese of Washington, DC, professor of theology, former executive director of the Secretariat for the Diaconate at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Topics

- The Theological Basis of the Diaconate
- The Conundrum of the Transitional Diaconate
- Women and the Diaconate
- The Diaconate as Ecumenical Opportunity
- The Diaconate in the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches
- The Prophetic Ministry of the Deacon
- The Deacon in the Worshipping Community
- Diaconal Formation
- Diaconal Relationships
- Spirituality for Deacons

Administrative Arrangements

- Accommodation will be available at a University of Regina residence adjoining Campion College; current single rate approx.
 \$66 CAN per night.
- Conference registration will include meals as well as the program. The fee is \$250 CAN.
- Daily worship in Campion College Chapel will draw on the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic traditions.
- Arrangements will be made on Saturday evening, May 12, and Sunday morning, May 13, for participation in celebrations of the Eucharist.

The conference proper will run from the evening of Thursday, May 10, 2018, to the afternoon of Saturday, May 12. A formation weekend for the diaconal candidates of the Archdiocese of Regina will overlap with the conference, with sessions on the evening of May 12 and morning of May 13. Conference participants are invited to the annual Anglican-Roman Catholic joint prayer service of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Archdiocese of Regina, on the afternoon of Sunday, May 13, at St. Paul's Cathedral (Anglican) in Regina.