

A deacon in every congregation...that is my goal as Bishop. I have set this goal because I believe the diaconate to be a necessary part of a complete and healthy church. If we are really going to make disciples, raise up saints, and transform communities for Christ in Northern California, we must have effective diaconal ministry in all our congregations.

The Rt. Rev. Barry L Beisner, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California



“Making Disciples, Raising Up Saints & Transforming Communities for Christ”

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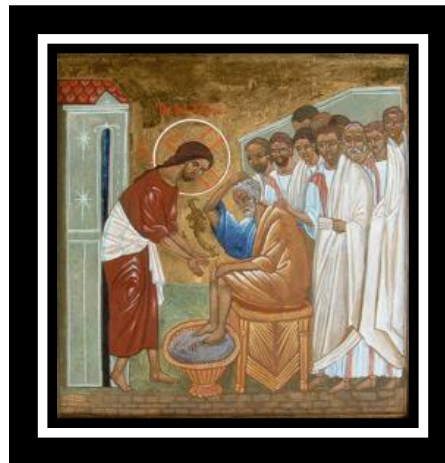
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Diakonia is a Greek word which means caring for those in need, carrying out God's vision in word, action, and in attending to all of God's creation. In today's world where power can be determined by wealth, but resources only available to some, healing and transformation are possible if we examine that call to diakonia. Join us in thinking, praying, and forming a plan of action in working toward that transformation.



A New Strategy For Diaconal Ordination



Designed For
Busy
Adults

A UNIQUE FORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE DIACONATE

Have you felt a call to the diaconate but thought “not now”...

- ✓ Because getting settled in your job takes a lot of energy?
- ✓ Because your kids' sports take up a lot of time?
- ✓ Because life seem so full that taking on intensive study seem too much?

We have the program for you!

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What is it?

An innovative mentored program for busy adults. Formation over a period of approximately 5-7 years or as long as it takes.

- Two on-line or classroom courses a year, e.g.,-
Anglican theology
Biblical studies
Diakonia
Ethics
- Individual Learning Plan
- Semi-Annual retreat for quiet day and/or workshop
- Monthly reflection paper
- Monthly phone or video conference
- Deacon mentor
- Practical experience

Cost: \$350 per semester (covers conference calls, guest lecturers, retreat, etc.) plus cost of online or classroom courses and books.

Go at your own speed.

For more information contact one of the Archdeacons.

An Individual Strategy for Ordination

Work and learn where you live—with the exception of one year Field Education in a nearby congregation during candidacy.

Have an individual learning plan that evaluates competency and provides the COM with an understanding of your readiness for ordination.

Begin by checking out the Ordination Manual on norcalepiscopal.org. Talk to your priest. Talk to the Bishop.

With the bishop's permission, formation can start before postulancy. Spend 3 or 4 years in discernment. Then apply for ordination. This program does not guarantee ordination. You will, however, develop a heart for diakonia and servant ministry.



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