

# *PASTORAL REGION ONE*

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### **Regional Council President:**

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**Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick 937-268-6697**  
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**Baptisms:** Do you need your child Baptized Please call the Parish Office at 937 268 6697

**Deacon Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi instructors**

**Regional Confessions:** Saturdays 4pm or by appointment

**Send your Bulletin Announcements to:**

[admin@unitedinhope.org](mailto:admin@unitedinhope.org) or [info@unitedinhope.org](mailto:info@unitedinhope.org) on **Monday**

## Mercy Sunday

*I ask the faithful to pray for wisdom to govern the thought of my heart, the word of my mouth, and grant me patience with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to serve as a deacon until God's likeness be perfect in me.*



*- Osagie Victor Obasuyi  
St. Benedict the Moor, Dayton*

The new permanent deacon class will be ordained on April 23 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in downtown Cincinnati. As a one of the 14 men in this class (and four others from the Diocese of Covington), I know the reasons that called each of us into this ministry are as varied as our sponsoring parishes. However, after three years of formation and seminary studies, many hours of community prayer and a great deal of reflection, there is one word that defines our future role in the Church: service.

The title "deacon" derives from the Greek term diakonia, which means "to serve." Everything in our preparation for future ministry centers on rendering service to our parishes and to the entire Body of Christ – the Church.

The journey to diaconal ordination is not an easy path; formation requires commitment and sacrifice. We willingly chose to give up, or at least suspend, activities we valued and embrace a rigorous curriculum, something candidates may not have experienced since college. In our first year, we dedicated our time and energy to philosophy classes, understanding that this discipline is the critical foundation for later theological studies. We made it through other classes by learning to rely on one another, acknowledging our shortcomings and asking for help, and by relying on the continuous support of our remarkable spouses and families.

Throughout the three years of formation, we spend two weekends of every month at the seminary studying sacred scripture, Canon Law, spirituality, preaching and sacramental, moral, and liturgical theology.

Those unfamiliar with praying the Divine Office are instructed in these daily prayers of the Church. Deacon candidates pray, and periodically lead in community, both the morning and evening hours of these prayers and pray the Rosary together in the evenings. Prayer, we understand, is essential.

We must demonstrate our ability to serve as deacon at Mass, witness marriages, perform baptisms and preside over funerals and burial services. Because deacons are radically dependent on prayer, candidates should be able to lead the faithful in Eucharistic adoration and benediction.

However, not all formation occurs in the classroom or the chapel. We live, eat and socialize together at the seminary, with meals providing a wonderful opportunity to share our struggles, our opinions and a good deal of humor.

As we prepare for ordination, we are each aware of the profound commitment we are making for the rest of our lives. The sacrament of ordination, like those of baptism and confirmation, leaves an indelible mark on the human soul; it is something that can never be removed. Once a deacon, always a servant.

As we complete formation, each candidate is asked to reflect both on his experience and his vision for ministry as a deacon. From our studies and reflection, we know the deacon's unique role is to serve, but in a particular way – we are to seek out the wounded, lost and forsaken in our Church and in our world. In modeling Christ, the Servant, our lives must echo the words of Isaiah 6:8. When the Lord asks, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" our response will be, "Here we are Lord, Send us."



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# St. Augustine & St. Benedict the Moor Churches: Pastoral Region One April 24, 2022

## Upcoming Events.

May 1	Confirmation Ceremony at 4:00pm
May 8	Mother's Day Brunch, after mass



## REGION ONE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

[SA] St. Augustine [SB] St. Benedict

April 23 3:45p [SB] Confessions  
 April 23 4:30pm [SB] Deacon Osagie  
 April 24 8:30am [SA] Anonymous Family  
 April 24 10:30am [SB] 1<sup>ST</sup> Communicants

## Maintenance

St Benedict the Moor Catholic School is looking for a handyman to serve as a part time Maintenance person interested people should send their applications to [jkwofie@stbenedictdayton.org](mailto:jkwofie@stbenedictdayton.org) or [sajares@yahoo.org](mailto:sajares@yahoo.org)

## YOUR STEWARSHIP THANK YOU

**ST. AUGUSTINE WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
 April 17: Collection: \$ 1,810, Catholic Relief \$15, Holy Land \$50, Capital Improvement \$50, Holy Thursday \$152

**ST. BENEDICT WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
 April 17: Collection \$3,730, Maint \$65, School \$10,

## Sacristans Needed

Is anyone interested in becoming a Sacristan? Please contact Sylvia Hess or Fran Delegato. Thank you!



## ST. BENEDICT MINISTERS SCHEDULE APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reader – Janet Harden  
 2nd Reader – Michael Stitt's  
 Petitions – Victor O'Basuyi  
 Extraordinary Ministers – Victor O'Basuyi, Emmett Orr, Carolyn Day

## Easter Flowers for the Altar

Altar flowers for the Easter liturgies were made possible by the generosity of the following donors: Ms. Sharon Hairston (in memory of the Hairston and Orr families); Mrs. Isadora Reid; Ms. Janet Harden; Ms. Letitia Montavon (prayers for her father, Bob Montavon); Ms. Dorian Choice (for her parents Lois & Thomas Choice); Mr. Robert Odon (for his family members); Mr. Jerome Johnson; Ms. Diane Charles; Ms. Michelle Sherman; Ms. Toni Johnson (for Sally, Geneva, and Lucy Bradley); Ms. Robin Craft-Bell (for William & Mary Craft and Harvey Thornton); Mrs. Rita and Mr. Maurice Ellicott; Ms. Susan Smith (in memory of her parents, Wilbur & Eunice Anderson); and Mr. Emmett Orr (for his family members). Thank you and God Bless you all!

## Prayer Garden Bench at St. Augustine

We are collecting plastic for a second bench for the Marian Garden. Please bring the plastic to church and give it to Marie or Randy Klotz. Acceptable plastic is grocery bags, case over wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, salt bags, product wrap, retail bags, air pillow cushions, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, and cereal box liners. Bread bags, Ziploc bags, and produce bags are acceptable if they are clean and dry. Thank you for supporting the Prayer Garden.

## Reminder

St Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

## Change in Dial in Number for Rosary

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427  
 Access Code: 556136  
 Rosary time is every Monday at 11am. Join your church family in praying for the community and each other.



## Pray for our sick and Shut-Ins

Mae Wilkinson, Kenneth Bronston, Jessie Campbell Helen Spanish, Pat bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley, Priscilla Moon, Annena Younger, Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell, Robert Florence, Rita Ellicott, Loure Hayes, Renee' Raisch, Don Hoog and Ray Metzger.

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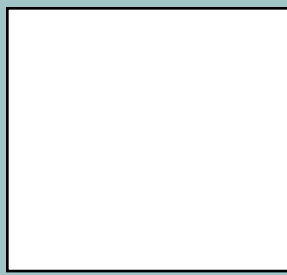
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