From our President

I am both honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve the Deacon Community of the Diocese of Oakland as Deacon Board President at the time this directory is published. I am grateful for the opportunity to share a few words of reflection on our community.

As a Deacon Community we are a marvelous and mysterious work of the Holy Spirit. When the Permanent Diaconate in the Latin Church was restored through the workings of the Second Vatican Council and formalized by Pope Paul VI, no one could have imagined the synergism that would result from the sacraments of ordination and marriage lived in a deacon couple—a deacon and his wife, ministering among the people of God. Nor did anyone anticipate that married deacons and their wives, unmarried deacons, widows of deacons, widowed deacons, and those who have completed their service in this world would form a community as loving and supporting as ours.

May the love and service lived in our community continue to be a powerful witness to Christ’s love for His Church.

In Christ,

Deacon Steve Budnik, Deacon Board President

From the Bishop’s Representative

Beginning in 2017 we are adding new information to our Diaconate Web page. Go to the diocesan website at www.oakdiocese.org and select clergy services. There you will find diaconate. This is our page and it will include three new tabs which will take you to our new features.

Click on the deacon photo gallery tab to see diaconal ministries being performed by Oakland deacons.

Click on the deacon calendar tab to see a list of all current meetings and upcoming deacon community events.

Click on the deacon newsletter tab and read the latest edition or an archival edition of our newsletter.

We hope these website improvements will help the Diocese to better answer the question: “who are these deacons and what do they do?”

David Rezendes, Director of Deacon Personnel
Deacon Executive Board, 2017

Pictured from left to right are:
Jorge Angel, Charles Silvernale, Joe Gourley, Gina Gourley, Steve Budnik, David Rezendes, Dac Cao, and Noe Gonzalez

Deacon Personnel Board

Deacon Herb and Peggy Casey
Deacon David and Debra Cloyne
Deacon William and Joanne Drobick
Deacon Gustavo and Victoria Escrueria
Deacon Tim and Phylis Moore
Deacon Alfonso and Blanca Perez
Deacon David A. Rezendes
The restoration of the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Oakland originated with the Priests Senate in 1973. Bishop Begin approved the program in 1974. The first deacon class of twenty-nine men was ordained on February 17, 1978.

Since then, eight additional classes have been ordained and the ninth class is in formation. Currently, over 100 deacons are serving their parishes and secular communities as joyful witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are leaders, teachers, preachers, counselors and administrators. But most of all these deacons are foot washing servants marked by the towel-like stoles they wear.

At their ordination, the Bishop presented each Deacon with the Book of the Gospels, and charged them to ‘Believe what you read. Teach what you believe. Practice what you teach.’
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Benjamin and Jocelyn Agustin
Antonio and Eloisa Ambriz
Jorge and Silvia Angel
William and Jayne Archer
John and Julie Ashmore
Richard and Deana Bayless
Juan and Eleanor Beltran
Steve and Socorro Budnik
Rigoberto and Reina Cabezas
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Dac and Yung Cao
Herbert and Peggy Casey
Witold and Anna Cichon
David and Debra Cloyne
Harry and Susanne Clyde
Maurice Custodio
Ernesto and Yolanda Dandan
Alberto and Yolanda Dizon
William and Joanne Drobick
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Matthew and Kelly Dulka
John and Antoinette Durden Jr.
Rey and Rose Encarnacion
Gustavo and Victoria Escruerica
Robert and Maria Federle
Javier and Natalia Fuentes
William and Sylvia Gall
Charles and Sharon Glover
Ruben Gomez
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Nelson and Dorothea Gonsalves
Noe and Sylvia Gonzalez
Joseph and Gina Gourley
Gary and Diane Hack
Gabriel and Amalia Hernandez
David and Iris Holland
Ron Horan
Arturo and Isabel Jimenez
Earl Johson
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

John and Linda Kortuem

Martin and Karen Leach

Stephen and Annette Lewellyn

Bernard and Jean Liwanag

Richard and Helen Martin

Thomas and Suzanne Martin

John and Janice Mazibrook

John and Susan Mignano

Leslie and Martha Miyashiro
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Timothy and Phyllis Moore
Manuel and Maria Moya
Timothy and Brenda Myers
Loc and Vinh Nguyen
Charles Palomares
James and Melissa Pearce
Alfonso and Blanca Perez
José and Maria Perez
Gilbert and Laura Pesqueira
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Edward and Teri Spano
Peter and Teresa Ta
Noe and Corazon Tuason
Ronald and Jacqueline Tutson
Lance Vivet
Danny and Rosanna Wong
Gary and Carol Wortham
David and Monica Young
Robert and Charmie Vince*
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Rudolph and Queenie Fernandes*  
Dennis and Valerie Davis**  
Ralph Nagel***

* Active Non-Incardinated  
** Medical leave of absence  
*** Personnel leave of absence
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Deacon Richard Yee
Deacon Dick Folger
Deacon Noe Gonzalez
Deacon Ben Agustin
Retired Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

Antonio and Ina Baptista

Leonard Bettencourt

William Bothe

Frank and Graciela Bustos

Benigno and Clarita Calub

Rex and Marta Ehling

Richard and Patricia Folger

Ernest and Joyce Freeman

Jerry Grigg
Retired Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

John Nguyen

Hock Chuan and Swan Oey

Ernest Perez

Antonio and Zenaida Reyes

Burton and June Rigley

Gustaaf and Stella Roemers

José and Sylvia Sicat

Eugene Stelly

Joseph Tovar
Retired Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

**Out of Diocese - Active**
- John and Judy Archer, Jr.
- Gustavo and Sandra Arteaga
- Michael and Bonnie Cantlon
- Garry and Maryann Evans
- William and Cindy Henderson
- Edward and Sharon Quigley
- Joseph and Hilda Gomes
- Luis and Lynn Rivilla
- Kenneth and Corky Wedge

**Out of Diocese - Inactive**
- Jeffrey and Sabina Burns
- Richard and Vona Silva

Deacon Formation Class

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Deacon Widows of the Diocese of Oakland

Maria Barreto

Paula Bruckner

Kathleen Dowling

Vera Duhe

Myrtle Edgerly

Teresa Flores

Nancy Hagenbach

Carol Jaramillo

Gloria Lara

Joan Page

Nora Peterson

Rose Anne Ryken

Virginia Trucios

Raquel Torres

Martha Victoria

Not pictured: Sherry Beville Cheryl Flores
Active Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Oakland

1983
Deacon Nicholas Morris

1984
Deacon William Bowden

1985
Deacon Joseph Page
1986 - Ruth Tovar
1987
Kathleen Anthony
1990
Mabel Gilbert
1992
Deacon William Brock
and Deacon Leonard Henzke
1994
Brother Norbert Fihn, O.P.
and Deacon James Keeley
1996
Deacon Pedro Brito and Mary Barnes
1998
Deacon Arcadio Torres and Mary Peters
1999
Deacon Bill Martinez
2000
Joan Frumkin, Jessica Cain, Millie Rego
and Deacon Ralph Glendinning
2001
Deacon Robert Hagenbach, Diamantina
Gomez and Deacon Jose Flores
2002
Carmen Ceja, Deacon John Gilbert, Bro.
Raymond Keefe, S.J. and Ursula Soublet
2004
Deacon Morris Soublet, Mary Jordan,
Esther Wedl and Deacon Isidoro Flores
2005
Marjorie Bowden, Deacon Leo Edgery,
Deacon Leo Smith and Deacon Jack Jordan
2006
Mary Beth Grigg, Dorothy Barnes
Deacon Frank Barnes and Katherine Fleisher
2007
Deacon Frank Beville
and Deacon Dennis Rivera
2008
Lucy Martinez and Barbara Hoblitzell

2009
Elizabeth Karp, Deacon Robert Dowling,
Deacon Ferris Anthony
and Deacon Robert Karp
2010
Deacon Paul Frumkin
2011
Deacon Antonio Barreto, Jane Waters,
Deacon Ernest Jaramillo, Mary Jane Silvernale,
Deacon Hector Victoria, Mary Lou Stelly and
Deacon Nicholas Bruckner
2012
Helen Henzke, Pauline Glendinning, Jean Marie
Palomares, Deacon Gaston Duhe, Hortense
Prado and Deacon Adam Pietras
2013
Juana Bothe, Josephine Perez and Irene Keeley
2014
Deacon James Barnes, Deacon Jose Prado,
Deacon Rudolph Brazil
and Deacon Denis Ryken
2015
Deacon Luis Trucios and Guia Rivera
2016
Deacon George Peters, Deacon Jorge Lora,
Deacon James Campbell, Deacon Federico Ceja
and Teresà Brock

Deceased Deacons and Wives of the Diocese of Oakland

Benjamin Agustin
St. Jerome, El Cerrito
Antonio Ambriz
St. Anthony, Oakley
Jorge Angel
All Saints, Hayward
William Archer, Jr.
St. Michael, Livermore
John Ashmore
Christ the King, Pleasant Hill
Richard Bayless
St. Joseph Parish, Old Mission San Jose, Fremont
Juan Beltran
Hospital Ministry
Steve Budnik
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fremont
Rigoberto Cabezas
Holy Spirit, Fremont
Benigno Calub
St. Anne, Union City
Dac Cao
Church of the Assumption, San Leandro
Herbert Casey
St. John Vianney, Walnut Creek
Witold Cichon
Polish Pastoral Center, Union City
David Cloyne
St. Charles Borromeo, Livermore
Harry Clyde
Church of the Assumption, San Leandro
Maurice Custodio
Santa Maria, Orinda
Ernesto Dandan
St. James the Apostle, Fremont
Dennis Davis
St. Leander, San Leandro
Alberto Dizon
St. Catherine of Siena, Martinez
William Drobick
St. Agnes, Concord
Matthew Dulka
St. John the Baptist, San Lorenzo
John Durden, Jr.
Church of the Assumption, San Leandro
Ray Encarnacion
Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland
Gustavo Escruceria
Church of the Good Shepherd, Pittsburg
Robert Federle
St. Michael Parish, Livermore and
Deanery to the Portuguese and St Vincent DePaul
of St. Michael Parish
Richard Folger, Ret.
Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City
Ernest Freeman, Ret.
St. Augustine - St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton
Javier Fuentes
St. Bernard, Oakland
William Gall
St. Bonaventure, Concord
Charles Glover
Holy Spirit, Fremont
Ruben Gomez
St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon
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| **Charles Glover**  
Holy Spirit, Fremont |
| **Ruben Gomez**  
St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon |
| **Nelson Gonsalves**  
Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley |
| **Noe Gonzalez**  
St. Jarlath, Oakland |
| **Joseph Gourly**  
Catholic Community of Pleasanton |
| **Jerry Grigg**  
Most Holy Rosary, Antioch |
| **Ovide Guansun**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fremont |
| **Gary Hack**  
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Antioch |
| **Gabriel Hernandez**  
St. Anthony and Mary, Help of Christians, Oakland |
| **David Holland**  
St. Catherine of Siena, Martinez |
| **Ronald Horan**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood |
| **Arturo Jimenez**  
St. Paul, San Pablo |
| **Earl Johson**  
St. Louis Bertrand, Oakland |
| **John Kortuem**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brentwood |
| **Alan Layden**  
St. Anthony, Oakley |
| **Martin Leach**  
Transfiguration, Castro Valley |
| **Stephen Lewellyn**  
Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont and Deacon Community Bereavement Committee |
| **Bernard Liwanag**  
St. Anne Parish, Union City |
| **Oscar Macachor**  
St. Joaichim, Hayward |
| **Richard Martin**  
St. Augustine - St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton |
| **Thomas Martin***  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, San Leandro |
| **John Mazibrook**  
St. Francis of Assisi, Concord |
| **Thomas McGowan**  
St. John the Baptist, El Cerrito |
| **Timothy Meyers**  
St. Felicitas Parish, San Leandro |
| **John Mignano**  
Our Lady of Grace Parish, Castro Valley |
| **Leslie Miyashiro**  
St. Joseph, Pinoile |
| **Timothy Moore**  
Transfiguration, Castro Valley |
| **Manuel Moya**  
St. Clement, Hayward |
| **Ralph Nagel***  
St. Ambrose Parish, Berkeley |
| **Loc Nguyen***  
Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point |
| **Hock Chuan Oey**  
St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon |
| **Charles Palomares**  
St. Francis of Assisi, Concord |
| **James Pearce**  
Santa Maria, Orinda |
| **Alfonso Perez**  
Corpus Christi, Fremont |
| **Jose Perez**  
St. Joseph the Worker, Berkeley |
| **Gilbert Pesqueira**  
St. Charles Borromeo, Livermore |
| **Mariano Preza**  
St. Bonaventure, Concord |
| **Lawrence Quinn**  
All Saints, Hayward |
| **Carlos Raby**  
St. Anne, Union City |
| **Antonio Reyes**  
St. Mary, Walnut Creek |
| **David Rezendes**  
St. Michael, Livermore |
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| **Timothy Roberto**  
Holy Spirit Parish, Fremont |
| **Gustaf Roemers, Ret.**  
Our Lady of the Rosary, Union City |
| **Rolito Roque**  
St. Edward, Newark |
| **Loc Sekona**  
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| **Jose Sicat**  
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*** Denotes first ever, deacon assigned to parish
The Many Ministries of the Deacon