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Cardinal Maida Ordains 10 Permanent Deacons

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, ordained 10 men to the permanent diaconate in a ceremony on October 7 at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. The new ordinations bring the number of permanent deacons serving in the Archdiocese of Detroit to 179.

Permanent deacons bring a special sensitivity in ministering to the needs of the family; to single parents; to students; the aged; the sick; the imprisoned; the chemically dependent; the poor and the alienated. Among their many duties, they often proclaim the Gospel at Mass and preside at weddings and rosary services for the deceased. A listing of the newly ordained deacons follows.

Deacon Luther Aman, 59, is a physical education teacher for special education students in the Detroit Public Schools. He served his internship at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Livonia. Deacon Aman and his wife, Diane, have one child and are members of St. Beatrice Parish, Livonia. His new diaconate assignment is at SS. Peter and Paul Parish (West Side), Detroit.

Deacon Michael Cummins, 55, is a sales consultant with Weatherseal Home Improvement. He served his internship at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Grosse Pointe Woods. Deacon Cummins and his wife, Carol Lynn, have two children and are members of St. Lawrence Parish, Utica. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Andrew Parish, Rochester.

Deacon Joseph Karle III, 39, works in marketing/advertising for J. Walter Thompson. He served his internship at St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Rochester Hills. Deacon Karle and his wife, Beth Maureen, have two children and are members of St. Lucy Parish, St. Clair Shores. His new diaconate assignment is at Sacred Heart Parish, Auburn Hills.

Deacon Zigmunt Kucharek, 71, is a retired tool maker for the Cadillac Division of General Motors. He served his internship at St. Dunstan Parish, Garden City. Deacon Kucharek and his wife, Margaret, have two children and are members of St. John Bosco Parish, Redford. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Dunstan Parish, Garden City.

Deacon John Parent, 58, is an accountant with the Thyssen Krupp Budd Company. He served his internship at St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak. Deacon Parent and his wife, Adelia, have one child and are members of St. Andrew Parish, Rochester. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Columban Parish, Birmingham.

Deacon John Schulte, 48, is a controls engineer with the Auto/Con Corporation. He served his internship at St. Joseph Parish, Lake Orion. Deacon Schulte and his wife, Mary Lynn, have two children and are members of St. Daniel Parish, Clarkston. His new diaconate assignment is at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Waterford.

Deacon Eric Sorenson, 52, is a pastoral associate at St. Clement Parish, Center Line. He served his internship at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, St. Clair Shores. Deacon Sorenson and his wife, Rita Maria, have three children and are members of St. Thecla Parish, Clinton Township. His new diaconate assignment is at Transfiguration Parish, Detroit.

Deacon Paul Stevens, 50, is a supply attendant with AT&T. He served his internship at St. Genevieve Parish, Livonia. Deacon Stevens and his wife, Mary Lou, have two children and are members of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Detroit. His new diaconate assignment is at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Detroit, and St. Ladislaus Parish, Hamtramck.

Deacon Ronald Valade, 63, is a retired design project engineer with General Motors Corporation. He served his internship at St. Andrew Parish, Rochester. Deacon Valade and his wife, Dee, have two children and are members of St. Mary of the Hills Parish, Rochester Hills. His new diaconate assignment is at St. Irenaeus Parish, Rochester Hills.

Deacon James Wilder, 63, is an instructor with St. Clair Shores Public Schools. He served his internship at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Sterling Heights. Deacon Wilder and his wife, Ruth Ann, have six children and are members of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grotto) Parish, Detroit. His new diaconate assignment is at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grotto) Parish, Detroit.

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