



September and October have been busy for the Permanent Diaconate office. We thought we would share with you highlights of the events. We hope you enjoy.

Deacon Retreat - September 7-9: The Deacon's Ministry of Charity



September 15, 2007 - an historical day for the Diocese of Rockford and Diaconate Formation



History was made September 15, 2007 in the formation program for the Diocese of Rockford.

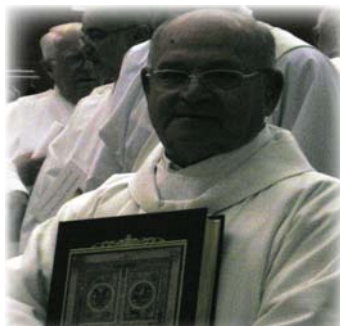


Three different groups gathered together to begin the Diaconate Formation Program for the academic year 2007-2008. Aspirancy I, Class of 2012 beginning their first of five years, Candidacy I, Class of 2010 beginning their third of five years and Candidacy III, Class of 2008, beginning their final and fifth year.

The 75 attending began their day by celebrating Mass as a group. Spiritual Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Reverend Michael Fuller, celebrated Mass with Monsignor William Schwartz, Director for the Permanent Diaconate concelebrating.



The Diocesan Centennial Celebration began Sunday, September 23, 2007



Imago Dei: The annual Priest and Deacon Symposium held September 28 - 29, 2007 brought together 110 priests and deacons of this diocese as well as from around the region.



*Deacons and wives
retreat - October 5 - 7*



The Class of 2008 is Installed as Lector and Acolyte October 20, 2007

