

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS

VISION: To be a visible sign and inspiration of the Diakonia of Christ within the Catholic Church in Australia

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES:

- To provide opportunities for mutual support and spiritual enrichment for all deacons, their wives, widows and families.
- To facilitate the opportunity for ongoing formation to enable deacons to serve better the people whom they are called to serve.
- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, and to promote the spirit of ecumenism and to establish ecumenical links with other diaconal groups.
- To provide representation to the NCPA in its consultative role to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

GOALS 2012-2015

- To facilitate better communication between all deacons of the good news of Diaconate
- To encourage more deacons to be in paid up NAD membership
- To achieve NAD representation on the NCP executive
- To achieve NAD representation on the Bishops Council for Clergy life and ministry
- To explore ways of improved engagement and dialogue with the Bishops of Australia starting with a meeting between the NAD executive and the BCCLM
- To facilitate a biennial national conference
- To continue to promote the Diaconate in Australia through an interactive website
- To collect regionally, and distribute nationally, a periodic newsletter of diaconal activity, to all deacons in Australia
- To promote Diaconate into dioceses in each region without a Diaconate programme
- To seek to engage and support deacons in neighbouring countries in the SWP
- To seek promotion of the Diaconate through Catholic media, Cath News and ABC Compass programme

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