

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS  
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE  
BRISBANE, JUNE 30 – JULY 3, 2011**

Believe what you read. Teach what you believe. Practice what you teach.

Rite of Ordination for a Deacon



**Most Rev Joseph Oudeman DD OFM Cap.** Auxiliary of Brisbane. Bishop Oudeman will explore the first part of the rite: **“Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you now are.”** He will consider what this part of the rite means for the deacon and for the Church. Bishop Oudeman has held a variety of positions within the Capuchin Franciscan Order and has ordained a number of deacons as auxiliary bishop.

**Father Bill O’Shea** will consider **“Believe What you Read”**. In this presentation he will consider aspects of Scriptural exegesis and the importance of engaging with prayer and scholarship in understanding the text of Scripture in the context of the faith of the Church. Fr Bill is a past Director of Diaconate Formation in Brisbane, a former Rector of the Seminary, an lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Seminary, with a special focus on John. Bill is at present “retired” but much in demand as a supply priest, speaker and is very keenly involved in Movement for a Better World.

**Mrs Penny Carroll** will address **“Teach what you believe”**. In this presentation she will consider aspects of preaching and communication of the Word. Penny had been on the staff at St Paul’s Theological College for a number of years teaching in the area of pastoral ministry including homiletics, communication and group dynamics. She continues in a variety of pastoral ministries including counselling and retreats.

**Deacon Garry Stone** will consider **“Practice what you teach”** and reflect on the many ways in which a deacon proclaims the Gospel through pastoral action, justice and witness. Deacon Stone have served in the military ordinarate and with the Federal Police both as soldier and chaplain. He has extensive experience with pastoral ministry and especially in recent years with projects in Timor Leste. He is currently involved in pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.





**Deacon Anthony Gooley** will consider “**After ordination: what the deacon could be.**” In this presentation he will reflect on the possibilities for ministerial placement of deacons offered by the Directory for the Ministry and Life of Deacons and how these help us understand the theology of diaconal ministry and correct misconceptions. Deacon Anthony has engaged with national and international research on diaconate and the theology which underpins it and presented at conferences and seminars for a number of dioceses. He has published in several national and international journals on theology of ministry and diaconate. He is involved in pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

**Small Group Discussion:** Following each presentation there will time for participants to process what they have heard through discussion in small groups. The groups will be created in such a way that there is a mix of aspirants, candidates, deacons and others in each group.

**Q&A:** Following each small group discussion time participants will gather together with the presenter to ask questions, make comments and exchange ideas. These sessions will have a moderator to facilitate the discussion.

**NAD Reports and Updates:** Each regional representative and the Eastern Churches representative will provide a written round up of things diaconal in their region. Participants will receive this at the start of the conference. A block of time has been allocated for participants to seek clarifications and open discussion in a panel discussion hosted by a moderator. The Chair of the NAD Executive will make a report as will the ACBC Diaconate Coordinator and opportunities will be provided for discussion.

**Liturgy:** Morning and evening prayer will be celebrated each day and Mass to open and close the conference. Participants from different parts of the country will prepare these liturgies.

**Social time:** No conference would be complete without time to share a meal, a beer or wine (a cash bar is available each evening and limited wine is included with the conference dinner), to swap stories and to take in some of the sights of the local area. There will be plenty of opportunities for all of these.

*We look forward to meeting you in Brisbane.*

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