

Earthen Vessels Marriage Retreats for Deacons & Their Wives

Earthen Vessels marriage retreats bring both marriage and ministry closer to Jesus, through the emphasis on living the Paschal Mystery in marriage and ordination.

In this way, Earthen Vessels marriage retreats help diaconate couples to fulfill the teaching of the Church regarding both marriage and ordination.

“The deacon and his wife must be a living example of fidelity and indissolubility in Christian marriage before a world which is in dire need of such signs. By facing in a spirit of faith the challenges of married life and the demands of daily living, they strengthen the family life not only of the Church community but of the whole of society.”

– *from the Vatican Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons*

“A married deacon, with his wife and family, gives witness to the sanctity of marriage. The more they grow in mutual love, conforming their lives to the Church’s teaching on marriage and sexuality, the more they give to the Christian community a model of Christ-like love, compassion, and self-sacrifice.”

– *from the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*

Part of the *Earthen Vessels* team



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Theresa & Deacon Leo Seifer, Jennifer & Gilberto Peña

Front Row: Br. Cyril Drnjevic, OSB, Joellen & Jack Rich

*We hold this treasure
[the ministry]
In Earthen Vessels,
that the surpassing power
may be of God and not from us.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

A Retreat Program
for Diaconate Couples

Earthen Vessels



*Renewing the presence of
Jesus in life and ministry*

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Marriage Retreats

An *Earthen Vessels* marriage retreat is an intimate experience between the diaconate couple and Jesus. It is a unique experience because it joins marriage and ordination.

The heart of an *Earthen Vessels* retreat is living the Paschal Mystery. An *Earthen Vessels* experience emphasizes how living the Paschal Mystery is a journey with Jesus. From this reality flows the vision statement of *Earthen Vessels*:

to renew the presence of Jesus in life and ministry.

An *Earthen Vessels* experience aims to renew the Paschal journey of each couple.

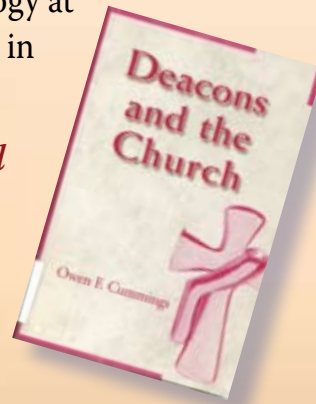
Earthen Vessels retreats are part of lifelong conversion, of ongoing formation, drawing us ever into the center of the Good News – who is Jesus, Our Lord.



“Earthen Vessels is a very worthy retreat program, inviting and offering renewal in Christian marriage. It also feeds and enables renewal for the ordained, and so is especially useful for permanent deacons who are married. I recommend it highly.”

– DEACON OWEN CUMMINGS, DD

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For more information, contact us



Inquiry Form for an *Earthen Vessels* Marriage Retreat – for Diaconate Couples

Name of Coordinator(s): _____ Diocese: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Month and year you would like to organize a Marriage Retreat: _____

To inquire or register send the information to Br. Cyril, Earthen Vessels Coordinator:

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