

St. Macrina Orthodox Institute *for Diakonia and  
Catechesis*

Second Conference  
“Ministry: the Moving Icon”

Diocese of the Midwest, OCA  
Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>

At St. Andrew House, Center for  
Orthodox Christian Studies  
23300 Davison Avenue, Detroit, Michigan  
48223

*Featured Speaker:*

Fr. Bogdan Bucur,

*Professor at Duquesne University; Pastor of St. Anthony's Antiochian Church Butler, PA*

Diaconal Practicum with Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, (*Metropolitan's Archdeacon, St. Vladimir's Seminary*)

THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST announces its second annual conference to gather all Catechist and Diaconal students in or who are interested entering the diocesan St. Macrina Orthodox Institute Program. The Conference is for education, fellowship, and an opportunity to connect to the Bishop and the Diocesan Institute. We hope this will provide the opportunity for some to begin discerning a vocation as a catechist or deacon, others to confirm work that they are doing already, and still others to complete the steps necessary to begin petitioning to be ordained to the diaconate. St. Macrina Orthodox Institute is the Diocese's certification program for Catechist and Diaconal training.

**How to Register**

Students sign up for particular classes based on previous experience and ministry track. Those who have not taken any SMOI Classes, or taken another diaconal program, sign up for **TRACK A** sessions. Others do **TRACK B**. Those interested in eventually petitioning for ordination to the diaconate, and have not taken the OCA's two required diaconal practica, sign up for **TRACK D** practicum with Fr. Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak. Those who have taken the 2 diaconal practica or in the program only for the Catechist Certificate, take **TRACK C** practica.

**SCHEDULE and list of INSTRUCTORS will go out in before July 4th**  
Friday 9-12:30 Extra--meetings with individual students. *Opportunity for potential diaconal Candidates to talk about vocation and any relevant issues with Bishop Paul and Fr Elijah Mueller, the Program*

*Director. Helps to make sure everyone is aware of all the candidates and their progress and needs, and to begin to develop a relationship and interaction that will provide the basis for further conversation as the potential Diaconal Candidate moves forward in the program. Time slots will be filled by online doodle survey, after registration is received.*

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor (Also Confessor, if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

TRACK A (beginner) or B (previously enrolled); TRACK D (Diaconate) or C  
(Catechist)

Meeting with Bishop? Yes No

Registration Fee: Please send check for \$170 (covers lodging and food—at St. Andrew's—and instruction) made out to Diocese of the Midwest, with form by JULY 17<sup>th</sup> to:

Diocese of the Midwest  
Catechist and Diaconal Vocation Program  
927 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60610

*w/o overnight stay? send \$110 for registration.*

In case of financial hardship, please contact Fr. Elijah Mueller, 312-714-9775