
Archdiocesan Deacons

Biographies



Anderson, Deacon Bradley

740 West 28th St., Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208
317-926-3324

Born August 24, 1956. Married June 8, 1974, to Kathy (Cooley) Anderson (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at the Church of the Holy Angels, Indianapolis, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Intercity Outreach and Advocacy.



Blandford, Deacon Kerry, MS

4052 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN 46218-1444
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Born June 27, 1955. Married December 17, 1977, to Rebecca (Hoff) Blandford (4 children). Ordained, June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity, and associate director of deacon formation; 2011, director of deacon formation, while continuing at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, and Village Oaks at Greenwood for the ministry of charity; 2012, parish life coordinator, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis, while continuing as director of deacon formation, homebound of St. Andrew the Apostle for the ministry of charity.



Bower, Deacon Patrick, BS

8300 Rahke Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46217
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Born March 30, 1948. Married April 6, 1968, to Lynn (Gasper) Bower (2 children). Ordained, June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, and coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers for Methodist, IU and Riley Hospitals, Indianapolis for the ministry of charity.



Braun, Deacon Michael, BS, MBA, MTS

8155 Oakandon Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46236
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Born March 19, 1951. Married November 19, 1977, to Wendy (Jenson) Braun (5 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Community Hospital East, Indianapolis, Community Hospital North, Indianapolis, and Holy Family Shelter, Indianapolis; 2015, chaplain coordinator pro-tem, Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, Indianapolis, while continuing ministry at St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Community Hospitals East and North, Indianapolis, and Re-Entry Education Facility.



Chlopecki, Deacon John J., BA

4509 Peacock Lane, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
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Born April 14, 1946. Married June 29, 1968, to Marie (Depasse) Chlopecki (4 children). Ordained April 27, 1991, for the Archdiocese of Chicago. 1991, Holy Family, Iverness, IL; 1992, St. Colette, Rolling Meadows, IL; 1995, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, St. Charles, Milan, and St. Pius, Ripley County; 2006, St. Nicholas, Ripley County; 2007, incardinated as deacon into the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from Archdiocese of Chicago; 2007, St. Anthony of Padua, Morris; 2012, retired.



Colier, Deacon Daniel

9833 E. County Rd. 750 N., Brownsburg, IN 46112
317-852-3195

Born March 23, 1954. Married January 26, 1975, to Susan L. (Culbertson) Collier (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, and the Womens Correction Facility for the ministry of charity.



Cooper, Deacon Richard, BS

2500 St. Mary's Dr., Lanesville, IN 47136
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Born March 29, 1959. Married June 4, 1983, to Diane Cooper (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Mary, Lanesville, and hospital, nursing home and bereavement ministry.



Davis, Deacon Wayne, JD

519 Jefferson Blvd., Greenfield, IN 46140
317-462-4240

Born July 20, 1944. Married July 13, 1968, to Darlene (Welty) Davis (5 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Michael, Greenfield, and Hancock Regional Hospital for the ministry of charity; 2015, St. Michael, Greenfield, New Castle Correctional

Facility for the ministry of charity.



Dearman, Deacon Donald

2750 Kristen Drive West, Indianapolis IN 46218

Born August 13, 1950. Married November 25, 1978, to Carol (McKay) Dearman (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Rita, Indianapolis, and Marion County Jail #1 for the ministry of charity; 2011, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, and Marion County Jail #1 and #2 for the ministry of charity;

2013, retired.



Decker, Deacon Robert, MAT, MTS

25743 State Route 1, Guilford, IN 47022
812-576-4302

Born May 16, 1951. Married June 9, 1973, to Ann (Teagardin) Decker (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Andrew the Apostle, Indianapolis; 2012, St. Peter, Franklin County, and St. Mary-of-the-Rock, Franklin County; 2014, All Saints, Dearborn County, for the ministry of charity to the homebound and ill.



East, Deacon Michael

325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour, IN 47274
812-522-5304

Born June 28, 1943. Married July 15, 1961, to Charlotte L. (Doyle) East (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, Jackson County Jail for the ministry of charity, and associate director of deacons; 2011, director of deacons, while continuing at St. Ambrose, Seymour, and Jackson County Jail for the ministry of charity.



Ferrer-Soto, Deacon Emilio, MS

950 Prospect St., Indianapolis, IN 46203
317-631-5324

Born May 28, 1952. Married May 28, 1978, to Maria Torres-González (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, and Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity.



French, Deacon Lawrence

629 Clay St., North Vernon, IN 47265
812-346-3604

Born March 19, 1949. Married October 2, 1987, to Therese L. (Hughes) French (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Maurice, Napoleon, Manderley Health Care Center and Buckeye Village, Osgood, for the ministry of charity; 2011, St. Joseph, Jennings County, St. Ann, Jennings County, St. Mary, North Vernon, St. Vincent Hospital, North Vernon, and Patriot Academy, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Butlerville, for the ministry of charity.



Freyer, Deacon Ronald

13 St. Louis Pl., Batesville, IN 47006
812-931-3204

Born August 23, 1958. Married September 13, 1980, to Mary Beth (Rudolf) Freyer (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Louis, Batesville, and hospital and nursing homes.



Gardner, Deacon Michael

412 E. Second St., Madison, IN 47250
812-265-4166

Born May 4, 1953. Married August 10, 1974, to Lucinda (Smith) Gardner (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Prince of Peace, Madison, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, and Madison State Hospital, Madison, for the ministry of charity; 2013, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, and St. Mary Magdalen, New Marion, while continuing ministry, Prince of Peace, Madison, Most Sorrowful Mother of God, Vevay, and Madison State Hospital, Madison, for the ministry of charity.



Gretencord, Deacon Steven

2322 N. 1/2 St., Terre Haute, IN 47804
812-466-1231

Born May 26, 1952. Married December 22, 1973, to Kathryn (Roderick) Gretencord (1 child). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, and Ryves Youth Center of Catholic Charities Terre Haute for the ministry of charity; 2013, U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute for the ministry of charity, while continuing at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, and Ryves Youth Center of Catholic Charities Terre Haute for the ministry of charity.



Harte, Deacon Timothy, BA, MS

1709 E. Harrison St., Martinsville, IN 46151
765-342-6379

Born April 8, 1948. Married June 29, 1991, to Brenda (Meyers) Harte (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville, Man of Mission Ministry, nursing homes and with the homebound; 2013, Habitat for Humanity for the ministry of charity, while continuing ministry at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville, Man of Mission Ministry, nursing homes and with the homebound; 2015, St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville, and the ministry of charity for nursing homes and the homebound.



Henn, Deacon David, JD

5353 McFarland Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227
317-786-4371

Born November 26, 1968. Married September 10, 1994, to Mary Ellen (Collins) Henn (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood, and Kindred Hospital Indianapolis South, Greenwood, for the ministry of charity; 2014, St. Jude, Indianapolis, and Office of Worship to provide assistance with episcopal liturgies.



Hill, Deacon Thomas

125 E. Broadway, Shelbyville, IN 46176
317-398-8227

Born July, 10, 1959. Married May 10, 1980, to Judy (Swaim) Hill (2 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Joseph, Shelbyville, and Pregnancy Care Centers of South-Central Indiana; 2015, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, and the ministry of charity for the Salvation Army, Bartholomew County.



Hodges, Deacon Stephen, MS

1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202
317-634-4519

Born October 26, 1954. Married February 28, 1976, to Mary (Beck) Hodges (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Johnson County Jail for the ministry of charity; 2011, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, and chaplain for Courage ministry; 2016, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis, while continuing as chaplain for Courage ministry.



Horn, Deacon Thomas, BS, MBA

535 Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227
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Born January 31, 1961. Married December 23, 1984, to Virginia (Forehand) Horn (2 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, and Student Service Learning Program at Roncalli High School



House, Deacon Steven, BA, MS, PhD

71 Windwhisper Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403

Born November 21, 1950. Married August 16, 1975, to Rochelle (Zochowski) House (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, and Edinburgh Correctional Facility; 2016, moved to Annapolis, MD.



Jones, Deacon Wesley, PhD

930 Southview Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46227

Born June 12, 1947. Married August 14, 1971, to Mary Jane (Martin) Jones (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, hospice chaplain, St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers, Indianapolis, St. Jude, Indianapolis, and Catholic Charities Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity; 2010, St. Ann, Indianapolis, while continuing the ministry of charity for Catholic Charities Indianapolis; 2013, retired.



Jones, Deacon William

1306 27th St., Columbus, IN 47201
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Born September 28, 1950. Married April 16, 1971, to Mary R. (Witte) Jones (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, and Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) for the ministry of charity.



Kellams, Deacon Marc, JD

2222 E. Third St., Bloomington, IN 47401
812-336-6846

Born May 4, 1949. Married July 5, 1969, to Chris (Fox) Kellams (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, hospitals and nursing homes of Monroe County, for the ministry of charity.



Klauder, Deacon Francis C.

8051 N. Mt. Vernon Court, Fortville, IN 46040
317-485-4671

Born December 10, 1942. Married June 30, 1979 to Lynn A. (Hogg) Klauder (deceased June 8, 2006) (3 children). Ordained June 4, 1989, for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. 1989-2007, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bensalem, PA; 2007, St. Thomas the Apostle Fortville; 2010, incardinated as deacon into the Archdiocese of Indianapolis from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; 2010, police chaplain, Greenfield Police Department, and continuing assignment as deacon, St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville.



Miller, Deacon James

240 S. 6th St., Richmond, IN 47374
765-962-3902

Born June 8, 1954. Married June 23, 1974, to Evelyn (Holler) Miller (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at the Richmond Catholic Community parishes of St. Andrew, St. Mary, and Holy Family, Richmond (all now merged and named St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish), and Richmond nursing homes.



Morales, Deacon Oscar

337 N. Warman, Indianapolis, IN 46222
317-636-4828

Born August 19, 1946. Married May 9, 1970, to Evangelina (Roboloso) Morales (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Marion County Jail #2 for the ministry of charity, while continuing as pastoral associate, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Indianapolis; 2013, appointed to ministry at St. Anthony and Holy Trinity, Indianapolis, while continuing at Marion County Jail #2 for the ministry of charity.



Pirau, Deacon Ronald, BS

5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood, IN 46143
317-859-4673

Born December 29, 1962. Married August 4, 1984, to Linda (Pickett) Pirau (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, Johnson County Jail, and Dismas Ministry for Johnson County and the southside of Indianapolis.



Powell, Deacon Jeffrey

1752 Scheller Ln, New Albany, IN 47150
812-944-1184

Born February 13, 1956. Married August 16, 1975, to Sadie (Keller) Powell (3 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, and with Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners at the hospital and nursing homes in Floyd County.



Reimer, Deacon Ronald, MBA

114 Lancelot Dr., Franklin, IN 46131
317-738-3929

Born November 27, 1959. Married May 2, 1987, to Susan (Wild) Reimer (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood; 2011, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, and Johnson County Jail for the ministry of charity.



Reising, Deacon David, MPA

1723 "I" St., Bedford, IN 47421
812-275-6539

Born December 30, 1948. Married February 27, 1971, to Kathryn (Damm) Reising (2 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, St. Mary, Mitchell, and Lawrence County Jail, Bedford, for the ministry of charity.



Renzi, Deacon Richard, BA, MA

9833 E. County Road 750 N., Brownsburg, IN 46112
317-852-3195

Born February 28, 1959. Married May 8, 1999, to Julie (West) Renzi (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Malachy, Brownsburg, and The Beds and Britches Etc. Program.



Roberts, Deacon Frank

240 S. 6th St., Richmond, IN 47374
765-962-3902

Born December 17, 1939. Married May 9, 1959, to Joyce (Brooks) Roberts. Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Richmond Catholic Community parishes, St. Andrew, St. Mary, and Holy Family (all now merged and named St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish), and Richmond nursing homes.



Slinger, Deacon Michael, BS

7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46219
317-353-9404

Born June 4, 1949. Married October 21, 1978, to Paula (Kaperak) Slinger (1 child). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Holy Family Shelter, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity and as an archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal field associate.



Stratman, Deacon Michael

2405 S. Seventh St., Terre Haute, IN 47802
812-232-3512

Born July 2, 1955. Married October 25, 1975, to Cynthia (Lange) Stratman (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Margaret Mary and St. Patrick, Terre Haute, and Union Hospital, Terre Haute, for the ministry of charity.



Thompson, Deacon John

315 E. Chestnut St., Jeffersonville, IN 47131
812-282-2677

Born March 23, 1942. Married September 28, 1963, to Patti (Dailey) Thompson (4 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, Clark County Jail for the ministry of charity, while continuing as coordinator of Family Ministry, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville.



Wagner, Deacon Richard, BS, MS

7200 Sarto Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46240
317-255-4534

Born October 30, 1959. Married May 21, 1983, to Carol (Lyons) Wagner (4 children). Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, appointed to ministry at St. Pius X, Indianapolis, St. Augustine Home for the Aged, Indianapolis, and Helping Our Own People (HOOP) Outreach to the homeless.



Ward, Deacon Thomas, CFP, JD

6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226
317-546-4065

Born July 1, 1940. Married December 28, 1963, to Donna (Rhinesmith) Ward (3 children). Ordained June 28, 2008. 2008, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, and St. Vincent New Hope, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity; 2011, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, while continuing at St. Vincent New Hope, Indianapolis, for the ministry of charity.



Woodard, Deacon Russell B., BA

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Born December 22, 1961. Ordained June 23, 2012. 2012, parish life coordinator, St. Anne, New Castle, and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown; 2012, New Castle Correctional Facility, New Castle, for the ministry of charity, while continuing as parish life coordinator, St. Anne, New Castle, and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown; 2016, parish life coordinator, Holy Trinity, Edinburgh and Edinburgh Correctional Facility, Edinburgh for the ministry of charity.