



## Diocese of LaCrosse Office of Deacon Formation

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### Discernment Retreat Schedule

April 1-2, 2016 ✠ St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon  
(Taking place onsite during an actual Deacon Formation Weekend)

#### Friday, April 1

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| 7:00 pm | Opening prayer, welcome, and introductions                               |
| 7:15    | Conference: The Sacramental Character of the Diaconate (Fr. Kevin Louis) |
| 8:00    | Conference: Liturgy and Prayer in Deacon Formation (Chris Carstens)      |
| 8:45    | Classroom Visit  |
| 9:30    | Night Prayer   |

#### Saturday, April 2

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| 6:40 am | Morning Prayer and Holy Mass   |
| 8:00    | Breakfast  |
| 8:30    | Conference: The Ministry and Life of Deacons (Dcn. Bob Hansen)   |
| 9:30    | Classroom Visit  |
| 10:20   | Conference: Formation of the Deacon (Fr. William Felix)  |
| 11:30   | Devotions  |
| Noon    | Lunch  |
| 1:00 pm | Classroom Visit  |
| 2:00    | Discussion   |
| 3:00    | Conference: Overview of Academic, Spiritual and Pastoral Formation<br>(Chris Ruff and Deacon Jerry Rynda)  |
| 4:00    | Conference: Diaconal Vocation and Discernment, Including the Role of the<br>Family in Discernment, Formation, and Diaconal Ministry (Dcn. and Mrs. Jerry<br>Rynda) |
| 5:00    | Evening Prayer   |
| 5:15    | Dinner   |
| 6:00    | Panel Discussion, Question-and-Answer Session (Deacons, wives, and staff)  |
| 7:00    | Blessing and Departure   |