

Free Interactive Theology Roundtable / Workshop: **The Deacon as Preacher**

**FEATURING: DEACONS MIKE MILLER, BOB  
PIERCE AND GLENN SMITH**

Wednesday July 17 from 7-8:30 PM EST



According to the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States “deacons are ordained ‘to proclaim the Gospel and preach the Word of God.’<sup>82</sup> They ‘have the faculty to preach everywhere, in accordance with the conditions established by [Canon Law].’<sup>83</sup> ‘Deacons should be trained carefully to prepare their homilies in prayer, in study of the sacred texts, in perfect harmony with the Magisterium and in keeping with the [age, culture, and abilities] of those to whom they preach’” (84).

This interactive seminar will share ideas from three deacons on the importance of prayerful preparation and delivery of homilies and practical suggestions for continued development of preaching.

Deacon Mike Miller is a staff chaplain at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. He has served in healthcare chaplaincy since completing a CPE Residency in 2005 and becoming a Board Certified Chaplain in 2008. He worked as a hospital chaplain and as a hospice chaplain prior to joining the cancer center, and previously served for several years as a parish pastoral associate. Along the way Mike earned an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from St. Leo's and an M.Div. from St. Bernard's School of Theology. He was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 2019.

Deacon Bob Pierce is a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Charleston and one of the instructors for homiletics training for permanent deacons. Ordained in 2002 at age 36, Deacon Bob and his wife, Donna, are parents to four adopted children. His background is as a research chemical engineer at the Savannah River National Laboratory.

Glenn Smith a permanent deacon (Diocese of St. Petersburg), ordained in 2015. He and his wife, Cindy, have two sons (19 and 21). He attended Cardinal Glennon Seminary (philosophy) and Kenrick Seminary (theology), earning degrees in pastoral theology and divinity while discerning priesthood. After leaving the seminary, he completed his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri. Glenn has been practicing at the Tampa VA for the last 30+ years where he is currently a Section Chief for the Mental Health/Behavioral Sciences Service overseeing outpatient clinics.

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