



DISCOVER, FOLLOW, AND SHARE THE LIFE OF SERVICE

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XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear *John Doe*,

“The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His Life as a ransom for many” (*Saint Mark X:45*). Ever since the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us, that Life of service has glorified God and advanced His Kingdom through, with, and in the lives of those who walk in the footsteps of service.

A life of service may be *the road less traveled*, but it is never-the-less the way of life on earth that leads to Eternal Life in Heaven. It is the way of life discovered and followed by members of the armed forces who here and abroad defend our inalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. It is the way of life discovered and followed by police officers who seek to preserve law and order in society. It is the way of life discovered and followed by firefighters who rush in to seek out and save what was lost. It is the way of life discovered and followed by married men and women who through the natural course of things become mothers and fathers and establish families where God can be known, loved, and served!

When a life of service is discovered and followed, it very often inspires others to want to share that life. And as true as that is regarding the inspiring lives of service we see in our civil servants, it is true as well of those who discover and follow Christ as *Ecclesial* servants. It is true of the men who discover Christ and follow Him in the Priesthood. It is true of the men and women who discover Christ and follow Him in Religious Life. And, it is true of the men who discover Christ and follow Him as Permanent Deacons.

The Life of service discovered, followed, and shared by Deacons is looking for a few good men from Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport to discover It, follow It, and share It. If you are a man whose faith brings you to Mass every Sunday and whose faith in Christ is the basis for what you do outside of Mass throughout the week, then please come and see if perhaps you are one of those good men by attending one of three information sessions at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. Your attendance at one of these sessions will not be received as a decision on your part to enter into the Diaconate, nor will it be an expression of the Church’s selection of you for this Ministry. Rather, such attendance will indicate what I have come to observe as your Pastor: that the Parish of Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport has more than just a few good men; Our Holy Redeemer has **you!**



In the Service of God and His Church,

Rev. Father Douglas R. Arcoleo
Pastor