

Council of the Conference of Deacons

Archdiocese of Hartford

November, 2010

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| I. | 9-9:15 | Sharing (see attached gospel) |
| II. | 9:15-11 | Meeting |

Agenda

- Review of previous meeting's minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Deacon's Wives Report
- Old Business, excluding projects
 - Meeting of Regional Coordinators on the future of the diaconate
 - Trends (social, priests, seminarians, lay ministry...)
 - Implementation of Appreciative Inquiry model
 - Questionnaire to be completed at the annual Deacons' Retreat- tabled for future meeting – is now the time?
- Project Reports
 - Vocations
 - Collaboration
 - Retired Deacons
 - Diaconal Spirituality
- New Business
 - COD Strategy Part 1
 - Identity
 - Mission
 - Values
- Director's Report
- Open Discussion
- Closing Prayer

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year – see you January 8th

Reflection Reading (Luke 20:27,34-38)

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward.

Jesus said to them,
"The children of this age marry and remarry;
but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age
and to the resurrection of the dead
neither marry nor are given in marriage.
They can no longer die,
for they are like angels;
and they are the children of God
because they are the ones who will rise.
That the dead will rise
even Moses made known in the passage about the bush,
when he called out 'Lord, '
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;
and he is not God of the dead, but of the living,
for to him all are alive."

Discussion starters (use one or more, or choose your own)

1. How would you explain "resurrection of the dead" to an un-churched person?
2. How are deacons peculiarly "resurrection people," or are we?
3. How does this "God of the living" operate in your life?