

## WORKSHOP 1

### PRIESTLY MINISTRY

*Discussion of parochial ministry, non-parochial ministry and non-stipendiary ministries. There will be time allowed for questions and answers.*

## WORKSHOP 2

### DIACONAL MINISTRY

*Discussion of the Deacon in the congregation as well as the Deacon in the world. There will be time allowed for questions and answers.*

## WORKSHOP 3

### MINISTRY OF THE LAITY

*Discussion of lay ministry in the congregation as well as Lay ministry in the world. There will be time allowed for questions and answers.*

## WORKSHOP 4

### THE PRIEST'S ROLE IN CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT

**For sponsoring priests only**

*The role of the priest as pastor to the aspirant and the role of the priest vis a vis the Commission on Ministry and the Bishop. There will be time allowed for questions and answers.*

**Directions - St. Michael's Church, 1219 Ratzer Road, Wayne  
973-694-1026**

**From NJ points South and West, and Pennsylvania; from Morristown and South, take I-287 North to I-80 East (NYC/Paterson); from NJ points West and Pennsylvania follow I-80 East (NYC/Paterson)** - Take Exit 54, Minnisink Road, turn left at end of exit ramp (Totowa). Go 75 feet over I-80 and make an immediate left onto Vreeland Road. Follow this back road through industrial park to end (T and Stop sign). Turn right onto Riverview Ave., continue north .8 mile to 5th light. Follow directions below "To St. Michael's from South."

**From NJ points South and East** - Going West on Rt. 46, follow signs for Rt. 23. (If going West on I-80, exit first at #55b, Little Falls/Union Blvd" and get on Rt. 46 West.) After Union Blvd, take next exit, Riverview Ave. before Rt. 23. Go to light at T, make left. Bear right onto Riverview Ave, continuing north 1.4 miles to 6th light. Follow directions below "To St. Michael's from South."

**TO ST. MICHAEL'S FROM SOUTH** - Turn right on Valley Road (golf course on right corner). Follow Valley Road 2.6 miles to Ratzer Road (overhead sign at 4th light). Turn right onto Ratzer Road. Church is just to left (large white A-Frame structure). Park in rear.

**From Rt. 4 and points East** - Take Rt. 4 West to Route 208, Oakland. Follow Route 208 approximately 4 miles past large Gospel Church on right. About a mile after church, exit at Cedar Hill Ave., Wyckoff. Follow exit road U-Turn sign, and turn left over Rt. 208 overpass. Follow bends and turns a short distance to where road T's. Turn right onto Sicomac Road (Gas Station on right). Continue 4.7 miles past three blinker lights, two traffic lights and a traffic circle. Road changes to Franklin Lakes Road in Franklin Lakes. After second traffic light, turn left at next (third) light, Breakneck Road. Follow directions below "To St. Michael's from North."

**From Oakland** - Take Long Hill Road East and continue one mile up hill to Breakneck Road. Turn right and follow directions below "To St. Michael's from North."

**TO ST. MICHAEL'S FROM NORTH** - Continue for 2.2 miles. Name changes to Berdan Avenue in Wayne, after traffic light. Turn left at next light onto Valley Road (4 lanes), and continue another 2.2 miles to second traffic light, Ratzer Road (overhead sign). Turn left on Ratzer Road. Church is just to left (large white A-Frame structure). Park in rear.

**For more information:**

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*The*  
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**Episcopal Diocese of Newark's  
Commission on Ministry  
proudly sponsors a  
Conference on Discernment for  
ALL God's People**

**God is Calling...  
How will YOU  
Answer?**



This conference, hosted by the Commission on Ministry, will provide an overview of the discernment process, consideration of the various ministries of lay persons as well as deacons and priests, and models of Christian discernment.

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**St. Michael's Church  
1219 Ratzer Road  
Wayne, NJ**

## WHAT IS DISCERNMENT?

Discernment has been defined as “the Christian practice of seeking God’s call in the midst of the decisions that mark one’s life” and “a process of intentionally becoming aware of how God is present, active, and calling us as individuals and communities so that we can respond with increasingly greater faithfulness.”

*From The Way of Discernment  
by Elizabeth Liebert*

Therefore, discernment is a practice that ALL God’s people need to engage in—it is not reserved just for those seeking ordination.

All individuals who wish to consider whether they are being called to the ordained life of a priest or deacon will spend a period of intentional discernment with a community of others. More and more lay people are seeking to discern God’s call with no expectation or intention of seeking ordination. They are simply looking to better understand God’s role and presence in their lives and in the decisions they make.

The process of discernment can be thought of as a tree. We are rooted in our faith and exist as a community of God. As we discern how we will live into and realize our fullest potential, we then branch out in different but equal directions.



***Anyone seeking to enter the process toward ordination is EXPECTED to attend this conference. The aspirant or sponsoring priest needs to contact Bernie Poppe no later than February 3, 2012.***

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## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

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| 8:30 am    | Registration and Gathering<br>Assignment of workshop groups                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:00 am    | Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:15 am    | Keynote Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:00 am   | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:15 am   | Workshops - Session 1<br><i>Please see the back of this brochure for<br/>workshop titles and descriptions.</i>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11:00 am   | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:15 am   | Workshops - Session 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:00 Noon | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1:00 pm    | Workshops - Session 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1:45 pm    | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2:00 pm    | Discernment Process: For ALL<br><i>Ordination and Spiritual Direction</i><br><i>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own<br/>people, in order that you may proclaim mighty acts of him who called<br/>you out of darkness into his marvelous light.</i> |
|            | <small>1 Peter 2:9</small>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3:35 pm    | Commissioning Service<br>and Dismissal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Workshops 1, 2 and 3 will be presented in each session (see the back of the brochure for titles and descriptions). Participants will attend each of the three workshops to familiarize themselves with each of the three areas of ministry. Groups will be assigned at the beginning of the day. Sponsoring priests will attend Workshop 4 in Session 1 and then Workshops 2 and 3 in the remaining sessions.**

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate any accessibility or dietary needs you may have.*

### Please check one of the following:

☐ I am attending as an individual.

☐ I am attending as part of a  
Discernment Committee

*Please indicate for whom*

**Registration:** \$10 per person or \$5 per person for three (3) or more people from the same congregation. Registration fee includes lunch.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY  
April 7, 2012**

Please make checks payable to the “Diocese of Newark” Please send this registration form and your check to:

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Discernment Conference  
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**QUESTIONS???** Contact Kitty Kawecki