

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 1, 2026	Continuing Formation Report due
November 7, 2026	Phoebe's Friends Day of Reflection, 9AM-3PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral
September 10-12, 2027	Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua

With the advent of a new fiscal year, you may wish to send in your **SSDCA dues** and/or consider a contribution to the **St. Lawrence Fund**. Suggested dues are \$40/couple and \$20/single. If you are sending in dues or a contribution, kindly make the check payable to the Diocese of Rochester and note in the memo line if it's for SSDCA dues or the St. Lawrence Fund. Please send them to my attention for processing: Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester NY 14624. Thank you.

Phoebe's Friends will have a **Day of Reflection** at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 9AM-3PM**. For questions or information please contact Bernadette Rall at bernadette.rall812@gmail.com.

Kindly be reminded that the required **Continuing Formation Report is due by October 1, 2026**. The Deacon Personnel Board thanks those deacons who have submitted the report and appreciate the consideration of those deacons who have yet to send it in. Thank you.

At the 2026 SSDCA Retreat earlier this month, the *Deacon Stanley Zawacki Award* was presented to Kathy & Ray Garbach and to Tracey Jagla for their dedication and efforts in support of mental health care and end-of-life care. Kindly note (above) the dates for the 2027 SSDCA Retreat, September 10-12, 2027, at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua.

The 2027 *Ordo* is available from Paulist Press.

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/202709/ordo-09--buffalo-2027.aspx>

For those interested in a new retreat experience, please note Deacon James Keating's recent book, *Diaconal Silence - A Guide for Making a Retreat*, <https://enroutebooksandmedia.com/diaconalsilence/>.

The annual Shults Lecture at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry is scheduled for November 5, 2026. <https://stbernards.edu/events/shults-lecture-2026> This year's lecturer will be Bishop Bonnici.

Remember to regularly check the websites of Notre Dame Retreat House and St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry for ongoing formation opportunities for personal and spiritual enrichment.