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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE CANBERRA THURSDAY 19 TO SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2013

Theme: *Go and make disciples of all the nations* [Matt.28:19]

And be here to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the city of Canberra

Dear Deacons & Spouses, and the whole diaconal family.

I extend this personal invitation to you to attend our Conference to be hosted by the St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Kambah A.C.T – a great venue with conference facilities, a lovely church, and a vibrant community who are keen to ensure we enjoy our stay.

We have reduced our costs to the bare minimum: Registration cost is only \$275 per person and it will be a very balanced Conference for ALL participants - informative, educational and insightful, with plenty of time to discuss, reflect and socialise. Simply direct debit \$100 per person in the BSB, and pay the rest upon arrival – see directions next page.

There will be an official Welcome on the Thursday evening, and the Archbishop of Canberra & Goulburn will address the gathering and celebrate the final Mass on Sunday.

Speakers will address specific aspects of the theme. These include Rev Deacon Bill T Ditewig PhD from the Diocese of Monterey – former national Coordinator for the permanent Diaconate in the US, published author on the diaconate, and decorated retired US Navy Commander, and Rev Dr Elio Capra from the Salesian Community who lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology at CTU, Melbourne.

There will be a guided bus tour of some of the major highlights of the city on Saturday afternoon, and a catered Conference meal with a key-note speaker that evening.

We are offering limited billeting for the 3 days of the Conference – but let us know ***now*** if you wish to take advantage of this. Why not stay independently for a few days before or afterwards? But remember, it is the centennial year, so you need to book now. Here is a helpful link: www.hotelsaccommodation.com.au/Kambah-ACT - **book early!!!**

Let us make the Conference as hassle-free as possible for you. Contact Deacon Mick O'Donnell on corrog@ozemail.com.au for further information. See you in Canberra!

Rev Deacon Mark Powell, NAD Chair

NAD Biennial Conference 2013

Accommodation & Dietary Requirements

NAME: _____

ACCOMMODATION: Please tick one the boxes below.

- ❖ I will book the accommodation myself
- ❖ I request billeting Thur, Fri, Sat Number of guests ?

TRAVEL DETAILS: I will be travelling by: *[Please tick means of transport]*

Private car Bus Train Plane

SPECIAL NEEDS:

- ❖ Do you have any dietary requirements?

- ❖ Do you require any other form of assistance during the conference (e.g. Wheel chair access, etc.)?

Return this form together with your registration to Deacon Mick O'Donnell at corrog@ozemail.com, or the postal address given.

**WE VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY IN THE
CENTENARY CITY, CANBERRA IN SEPTEMBER**