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Dear Deacons:

It is a pleasure to introduce you to the revised policy and guidelines for the permanent diaconate that are in effect for the Diocese of Columbus. These policies and guidelines are the result of study, experience, and a desire to implement the new Directory for the Life and Ministry of the Deacon recently published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

These policies and guidelines will enable us to exercise the crucial ministry of the deacon more effectively in the diocese. I am grateful for your work and pray that God continues to bless your efforts abundantly.

Be assured of my prayers for your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Earl K. Fernandes

Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes
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