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Getting to know our **history**

After interruption of over 1000 years, the Second Vatican Council reintroduced the diaconate as an independent ministry. In the wake of this rebirth, in 1965, the **International Diaconate Centre** was founded (IDC). Since then it has been working as a non-profit association recognised by the Church. Committed women and men sustain the IDC.

Lay people, theologians, deacons, priests and bishops from all over the world are members of the IDC. The board, the delegates and the members maintain a lively exchange of opinions, ideas, and experience throughout the world. The IDC organises international study conferences and promotes the establishment of the diaconate in different countries, develops formation ideas and makes a contribution to the theology of the ministry.

Its social projects foster a living solidarity with the poor and the forgotten throughout the world. Today there are almost 40,000 deacons who, by their service, bear a committed witness of living faith.

