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## Newsletter

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# Promoting a Diaconal Church



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## What is the International Diaconate Center?

The Permanent Diaconate was re-established by the Second Vatican Council in accordance with ancient tradition and the corresponding decisions of the Ecumenical Council of Trent. Following the Second Vatican Council, the **International Diaconate Centre (IDC)** was founded in 1965 by a number of Council Fathers and others committed to the Permanent Diaconate.

The IDC aims to further promote the Diaconate and diaconal ministry at the World Church level, in close, faithful cooperation with the Holy See and the respective local bishops.

As a centre, it gathers experience, ideas and initiatives concerning the diaconate the world over, makes them accessible and offers its services to all those interested in the Diaconate.

The IDC is a church-recognised, charitable organisation in which all continents are represented and actively involved on its Executive Board and in its Delegates Assembly.

At study conferences and webinars, members from over 50 countries receive information and valuable insights into the Diaconate, network with one another, engage in lively discussion and help shape the profile of the Diaconate.

More information: [www.diaconia-idc.org/en](http://www.diaconia-idc.org/en)

## Foundation Diaconia Christi Internationalis

The **Foundation Diaconia Christi Internationalis** has close ties with the IDC. Since its establishment in 2002 by Bishop Emeritus Dr Gebhard Fürst as a church foundation under public law, it has been promoting solidarity for the benefit of disadvantaged people. In close cooperation with local deacons, it supports diaconal projects throughout the world. Whether it is healthcare provision in the slums of Mumbai or support for those at risk of addiction and those struggling with addiction in Hungary – the diaconal church is given a face. In addition, the foundation supports theological and social science research projects and publications, as well as the training of deacons and the work of the IDC.

*«Just as I have spoken of a "constitutively missionary Church" and a "constitutively synodal Church", so I add that we should speak of a "constitutively diaconal Church".» POPE FRANCIS*

## Become a member:

By means of your membership you support the work of the IDC to promote the Diaconate and a diaconal Church, bringing together Deacons from around the world, sharing their experiences, joys and challenges and learning from one another. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to support the work of the IDC, regardless of whether they are deacons themselves.

What we offer to IDC Members:

- Access to the IDC network of deacons from over 50 countries, including regional network meetings to build international relationships.
- Access to Diaconia Christi online Magazine
- Access to Diaconia Christi archive with all digital editions of the Magazine since 1965, including many historical theological articles about the Diaconate
- Invitation to our International Study Conferences
- Free participation in regular exclusive webinars and access to recordings
- Access to additional video content (relevant talks and interviews about the Diaconate)
- Wives network meetings: Exchanges between women married to deacons on the lived reality of the Diaconate regarding marriage and family life, to enhance the understanding of the two Sacraments of Vocation: Marriage and Holy Orders (Diaconate)
- Support for diaconal projects, either through funding from the Diaconia Christi Internationalis Foundation or through the Pro Diaconia Prize, which is awarded every four years to outstanding diaconal projects by the bishop of Rottenburg-Stuttgart.
- Voting right in the elections for the IDC Board and Delegates Assembly
- Connections to ecumenical diaconal networks, e.g. Diaconia World Federation, recognizing and valuing diversity and what we share in common.
- Being part of a body recognized by the Holy See as being a voice for the Worldwide Diaconate and advising the Dicastery for the Clergy on issues of the Permanent Diaconate.

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