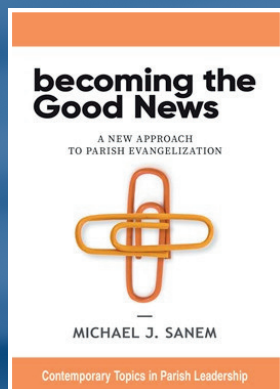


# Becoming the Good News

***Deacon Convocation - October 18-19, 2025***

Sacred Heart Cathedral - 422 E 10th St., Davenport, IA



## *FROM GOD NEEDS STORYTELLERS TO BECOMING THE GOOD NEWS*

presented by Patrick Schmadeke



*“May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father.” (Ephphatha from the Rite of Baptism)*

We were each baptized into mission. Such missionary discipleship is a process, not an event; a journey, not an destination; a relationship, not a transaction. Discipleship invites the whole person – the heart, the hands, the head—into a creative fidelity to the greatest story ever told. As deacons, this is a personal and communal vocation that bids you nurture other disciples, and to be one yourself. In our time together we will unpack the personal and communal dimensions of the call to become the Good News, as we live for glory and praise of God the Father.

A note on the book:

Parish leadership groups across the diocese (pastoral councils, evangelization committees, etc.) are journeying through this book as they discern how to Becoming the Good News in their parish. Over 500 books have been distributed to these groups, who will have deanery-level kick-off gatherings in September. Please contact Patrick Schmadeke ([schmadeke@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:schmadeke@davenportdiocese.org)) with your mailing address if you don't have a copy but would like one. P.S. The author Michael Sanem is tentatively scheduled to be our retreat leader in April!

### ***Saturday, October 18, 2025***

12:30p Arrival (lunch on your own)  
1:00p Presentation  
4:00p Mass with Bishop Walsh with renewal of vows  
5:00p Presentation  
6:00p Dinner  
6:45p Evening Prayer in Church  
7:00p Social Hour

### ***Sunday, October 19, 2025***

8:00a Arrive, continental breakfast  
8:30a Morning prayer in hall  
9:00a Presentation  
12:00p Lunch  
  
Departure after lunch

**Registration – Due by Sunday, September 28, 2025**

**Register on-line HERE:**

<https://www.davenportdiocese.org/deacon-convocation>

*If you cannot register on-line you may complete the registration below and send along with your check.*

**A block of rooms has been reserved at Hilton Garden Inn  
959 Middle Road in Bettendorf, IA**

Hotel room cost is included in the registration categories below:

Deacon couple <u>at hotel</u>	\$300.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single <u>at hotel</u>	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 King Bed	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR	2 Queen Beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Deacon couple <u>at home</u>	\$200.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single <u>at home</u>	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Retired Deacon	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Retired deacon and spouse are eligible to attend for free.)			

Attendee Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs / dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Please **REGISTER ON-LINE** and have your parish send a check made payable to the **Diocese of Davenport** to:

**Jeff Schuetzle**

**Diocese of Davenport**

**780 W Central Park Ave.**

**Davenport, IA 52804-1901**

For more information contact:

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or : (563) 219-3402

**NOTE:** Diaconate Director will handle the hotel reservations, do **NOT** call the hotel.