



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to invite you to a meeting to learn and reflect on women's role in our Church, as well as share your responses to the topic as a Church family, and ultimately with Pope Francis. The question of ordaining women to the diaconate is a living conversation and an active discernment in the Catholic Church today. Recently, Pope Francis has established two different commissions to study this question. Catherine Holcombe, our Youth Minister, and myself will host a **Discerning Deacons Zoom meeting on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 P.M.** where we will share a bit of background on the women's diaconate, but more importantly gather our Parish's hopes, concerns, stories and prayers around this topic.

Please register for the meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvceqopjgsGtAhceLcBVGfNEITYyjHYeG>

This will be a part of a larger effort initiated by a nonprofit called Discerning Deacons to engage 1,500 people in similar discernment meetings this summer (find out more at discerningdeacons.org). The results of these meetings will be collated into a report that will be presented to Pope Francis and members of the Papal Commission before they meet in the fall. We hope to see those of you who would like to learn, reflect and respond to this important question concerning women in our Church on July 14 at 7 P.M.!

Love,

Fr. Leo and Catherine Holcombe