

# *Support our Deacons Special Collection*



**Deacons bring the Gospel and the gift of themselves to soup kitchens, food banks, prisons, hospitals – serving in their parish and in the community. Please consider making a gift at Mass this weekend or safely and securely make your gift online today at [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)**

**Special Collection to support our Deacons this weekend,  
October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Today** is the Special Collection for the Diocese of Knoxville Deacon Formation Program. A permanent deacon shares in the mission of Christ and is ordained to be a witness to the Gospel through a life of service. A five-year program for the formation of permanent deacons is offered through the diocese.

## *Did you know?*

- † There are currently 25 candidates in formation for the permanent diaconate.
- † God willing, the current deacon class will be ordained in June 2022.
- † Additionally, 74 permanent deacons serve in 35 parishes across the diocese.
- † Permanent deacons serve in a variety of ministries including food banks, prison ministry outreach, hospital chaplaincy, hospice, homebound visitations and marriage preparation, and spiritual education.

**Please be generous in supporting our deacons this weekend.  
Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.**