

# **Deacon Formation: Lexington Program Component**

The Lexington Formation Component is intended to enhance the human and spiritual dimensions of formation and to provide practical helps for effective diaconal ministry. The following are typical subjects that are covered:

- Spiritual Direction/Prayer Time
- Spiritual Exercises
- Lectio Divina
- Ongoing Conversion
- Leading Prayer Services
- Listening Skills
- Effective Communications
- Model Standards
- Pastoral Care Ministry
- In-Parish Practicum
- Social Justice Issues
- Youth Ministry
- Marriage and Ministry
- Diocesan Marriage Policy
- Homily Practice in Different Church Settings