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Memo

To: Priest and Deacons
From: Uli Schmitt
Date: July 28, 2026
Subject: New Associate Director for Deacon Formation



The Office of Clergy Formation is pleased to welcome Deacon Rommel Declines as the new Associate Director for Deacon Formation for the Diocese of Sacramento, effective Monday, August 3, 2026. He will be replacing Deacon Greg McAvoy-Jensen.

Deacon Rommel Declines was ordained as a deacon for the Diocese of Sacramento in 2018 and has been assigned to serve at Good Shepherd parish in Elk Grove. Deacon Rommel also served as a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council in the past and is currently the President of the

Board of Sacramento Loaves and Fishes.

After 29 years in the telecommunications field, Deacon Rommel is channeling his remaining career into serving the mission of the greater community by assuming the role of Associate Director for Deacon Formation.

The Associate Director of Deacon Formation is responsible for the formation process for deacon candidates and the continuing education and evaluation programs for permanent deacons in the diocese.

Deacon Rommel Declines can be reached by phone at 916.733.0211 or by the email rdeclines@scd.org