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**TO:** Priests, Pastoral Administrators and Diocesan Staff  
**FROM:** Bishop Cistone   
**DATE:** March 27, 2017  
**RE:** Jerry Green – Call to Diaconate

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As most of you know, Jerry Green is currently serving as Pastoral Administrator of St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Shepherd.

What you may not know is that, as a younger man, Jerry attended seminary up to his scheduled time for diaconate, but chose to leave the seminary at that time. In the intervening years, Jerry has continued to discern a call to priesthood while pursuing graduate studies in theology and catechetics; and, he has served in various positions on a parish level. During the past two years, we have been discerning together Jerry's desire to pursue priesthood.

Please know that I have called Jerry to the Order of Deacon at this time. He will be ordained, along with the men who have been preparing for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, at Mary of the Assumption Cathedral on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 2:30 P.M. It is understood that, during his time of service as a Deacon, we will continue to discern the prospect of his being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Saginaw.

I will celebrate the Rite of Candidacy for Jerry at St. Vincent DePaul Church on Sunday, May 14, 2017 at the 9:30 A.M. Parish Mass.

Please join me in congratulating Jerry and praying for him as he continues to discern the call to priesthood.