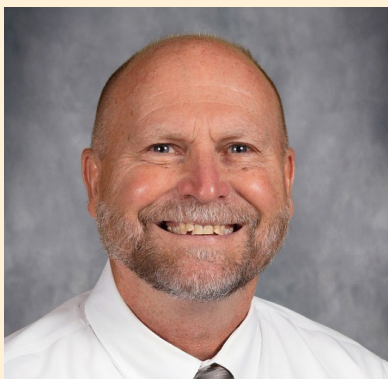


## Better Homilies for Deacons

Join this three-day workshop for permanent deacons who want to improve and refresh their preaching skills. This homiletics workshop will look at practical ways to inspire, motivate and instruct through our preaching.

It is important to remember we preach beyond the ambo, commissioning the faithful as preachers of the Good News as well. We act as storytellers, sharing the sacramental moments, people and lessons of our lives. In doing so, we plant seeds of hope and encourage others to share their stories as well.

No one else has lived your life or experienced Jesus the same way you have. You can be a powerful witness by framing your faith story within the context of the readings of the Mass.



### PRESENTER

Deacon Rick Wagner

Deacon Rick Wagner was ordained in 2012 and is assigned to St. Pius X parish in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and ministers to the unsheltered homeless in downtown Indianapolis as his work of charity. He has been married to his wife Carol for 43 years. He and Carol have four children and ten grandchildren.

Deacon Rick has presented retreats and workshops to educators, administrators, aspirants to the diaconate and deacons and their wives. He has published three books: *Remember What's Important* (2011), *Fifty Homilies from the Deacon's Desk* (2016), and *Fifty MORE Homilies from the Deacon's Desk*.

Deacon Rick has worked in Catholic schools and institutions for 40 years. He has served as a high school teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, vice president for mission and ministry and president. He has also served as Director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and as Director of the Permanent Deacon Formation Program for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He currently serves as President of Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville, IN.

### REGISTRATION DETAILS



Date **Friday – Sunday, Oct. 9–11, 2026**  
Time **4 p.m. arrival, 10 a.m. departure**  
Cost **\$450 Deacon Alone or  
\$600 Deacon and Wife  
\$195 Commuter Rate (per person)**

### LOCATION

**Center for Continuing Formation**  
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## Registration Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2026

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