

The Parish Mission Team

Deacon Eddie Ensley PhD and Deacon Robert Herrmann are both nationally known authors, pastoral counselors and retreat leaders. They have over thirty years experience leading parish missions, retreats, renewals and conferences. Passionately overwhelming audiences with their talks, they teach the same way Jesus taught the crowds, by telling stories and parables. Infectious wit, down-to-earth insights and truly holy inspiration are the hallmarks of their message. Their gentle words help tie heaven and earth together, making the divine connect with our everyday living. Many pastors and parish leaders say their parish missions attracted the largest crowd they had ever had for a parish spiritual program.



Deacon Eddie Ensley PhD

When Deacon Ensley was studying to become a Protestant minister, something happened on his first visit to a small Catholic church that would forever change his life – he experienced the special presence of Christ in the reserved Blessed Sacrament. The series of “miracles” that occurred from that moment forward, that brought him into the Catholic Church, is a story that you will want to hear and then share with everyone you meet.

Deacon Ensley is one of the most gifted Catholic speakers today. His writings have been fervently recommended to the Church by spiritual giants like Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Richard Rohr OFM. Describing himself as “a miner in search of the forgotten riches of our Christian past” he conducts primary-source research into the vast and long Christian and Jewish history of spirituality.

Attributions

Deacon Ensley is the author of six books including his most recent, “[Letters From Jesus](#)” by [Twenty-third Publications \(2011\)](#), “Visions” by Loyola Press Chicago (2000), and “Prayer That Heals Our Emotions” Harper/Collins (1988).

He is the author many articles and currently writes for Deacon Digest.

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He teaches courses in spirituality for Josephinum Diaconate Institute, “Pontifical College Josephinum”



Deacon Robert Herrmann

Deacon Herrmann holds a widely respected expertise in spiritual journaling and teaching contemplative prayer. He is the author of *Writing To Be Whole* published by Loyola Press of Chicago.

Deacon Herrmann holds certification in parish ministry from Loyola University. He has thirty years experience leading parish missions, parish retreats and parish renewals. He is also involved in a local prison ministry at home in Georgia.