

Become a witness: An invitation to act

Name:

Email address:

Preferred Phone number:

- I will attend the virtual Feast of St. Phoebe liturgy on Friday, September 3 at 7pm ET
 - I will recruit _____ people to attend as well!
 - [optional] I am interested in being part of a parish watch party
- I would like to host a house meeting to help grow this important conversation for our Church.
- [optional] I would like to join our parish / regional team to grow this conversation and help lead additional conversations in our Church
- [optional] I'm interested in having a 1-1 to talk more about this and discern how I can be involved.]
- I would like to invest in the work of Discerning Deacons to grow this conversation. Show me where to donate.
- Please sign me up for the newsletter!

You are welcome to share any additional comments, questions, or feedback based on your experience of today's event!

- Deacons have the faculties to preach at Mass and preside at baptisms, marriages and funerals. Deacons engage in works of charity and justice and live a permanent vocation to ministry that is ordained and accountable to the Church.
- Having considered the history we want to pivot our conversation to speak from where we are today and explore a set of questions. I encourage us to speak from our own experience and try to withhold judgment or a sense of “rightness.” Let’s dip down and speak from our center to the center of this circle we are holding together today.

Who are the women you know today who have been the face of Jesus the *servant-leader*? What if they could be ordained as deacons? **What difference would that make for *you*? For people you love? For your parish community? For your children? For the whole church?**

Imagine you have 30 seconds to speak directly to Pope Francis about women deacons. What is the most important thing you’d want to convey?

1. What concerns or reservations are important for the Church to consider as it discerns this question?
2. What questions would you say are most important for the Church to consider before deciding whether or not to ordain women deacons?
3. What consolations or desolations does this bring up for you that are important for the Church to consider?