



Discerning Deacons

Resource Guide

Reading and Background Information

- ❑ [Summary of the Discerning Deacons Primer](#) on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate. This takes about 5-7 minutes to read.
- ❑ Who was St. Phoebe?
 - ❑ [Befriending Phoebe, a co-worker in the kingdom](#) by Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJ, published in Global Sisters Report
 - ❑ Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ Preaches for the Feast of St. Phoebe. [Available here.](#)
 - ❑ Chrysostom on 5 Women in the New Testament. [Background on St. Phoebe.](#)
- ❑ Further reading and study
 - ❑ [Women Deacons: Past, Present and Future](#) by Gary Macy, William Ditewig and Phyllis Zagano. Study guide [available here.](#)
 - ❑ [Works](#) by Phyllis Zagano. A few key articles available [here](#) , [here](#) & [here](#).
 - ❑ [Unheard of](#), by Mary Katherine Tillman, ND Magazine (Summer 2018)
 - ❑ America Magazine Essay [Catholic women feel called to be deacons. The church should listen to their stories.](#) (Casey Stanton, September 24 2021)

Discerning Deacon Original Research and Listening Synthesis

- ❑ Called to Contribute: Findings from an In-depth Interview Study of US Catholic Women and the Diaconate. Executive summary, introduction, and full report [available for download here.](#)
- ❑ Gather the Fruits: A report from Discerning Deacons listening circles, Summer 2021. [Download here.](#)
- ❑ [Discerning Deacons for a Synodal Church](#) - Synthesis Report submitted for the Listening Phase of the Global Synod, June 30 2022. [En Espanol here.](#)

Informational Videos

- ❑ Educational / background Videos
 - ❑ [“A Historical Perspective”](#) by Luke Hansen (5:06)



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- ❑ [“Our Church’s Discernment”](#) by Luke Hansen (6:18)
- ❑ [“The Church in the Amazon”](#) by Ellie Hidalgo (4:36)
- ❑ [“Deacons, Deaconesses, and Women’s Ordination”](#) by Fr. Cole, OFM (9:43)
- ❑ Women Witnesses
 - ❑ Short Documentary - [“Called to Serve: Two Women’s Witness”](#)
 - ❑ Testimonies from the Feast of St. Phoebe - 2021 Playlist [available here.](#)
 - ❑ 2020 Liturgy (with time stamps for the testimonies) [available here.](#)

Discerning Deacons: In the Press

- ❑ National Catholic Reporter [She was an Early Church Deacon - Catholic Women Now want to Reclaim Her Example](#)
- ❑ A Matter of Spirit - A Publication of the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center. [Fall 2021 Issue.](#)
- ❑ Ignatian Solidarity Network [Discerning Deacons: An Interview With Co-Directors Casey Stanton And Ellie Hidalgo](#)
- ❑ America Media
 - ❑ Jesuitical Podcast [Meet a Catholic woman who feels called to be a deacon](#)
 - ❑ [“‘God may be calling us’: meet the women aspiring to become deacons.”](#) by Anna Keating, (America Magazine, June 10, 2022)
- ❑ Religion News Service [Blocked from serving their church, Catholic women push for female deacons](#)
- ❑ National Catholic Reporter [New Group Discerning the Future of a Female Diaconate](#)
- ❑ The Tablet, UK - Mention in 12/14/2021 Story about inclusivity in the synodal process. [Synod Office Apologizes to LGBTQ Community](#)
- ❑ From our blog - Ellie Hidalgo reflects on our encounter with Pope Francis and the path forward for a synodal church. [The only way forward is together](#)
- ❑ Rita Ferrone mentioned Discerning Deacons in [“Where the Action Is”](#) (Commonweal, Jan 5, 2022)



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- ❑ Quincy Howard, OP points to Discerning Deacons' work as an example in her column for the Global Sisters Report [“What kind of Catholics are we?”](#) (Global Sisters Report, April 22, 2022)
- ❑ AMDG Podcast [“Could Women Be Deacons in the Catholic Church?”](#) (April 28, 2022)
- ❑ [Callings Unanswered](#), by Anna Keating, (ND Magazine, Summer 2022)

Educational Webinars

- ❑ Webinar: “[For a synodal Church](#): What is Pope Francis inviting us all to do” With theologians Kristin Colberg, Rafael Luciani and Hosffman Ospino. (Nov 4, 2021)
 - ❑ Recording in [Spanish](#).
 - ❑ Recording In [Portuguese](#)
- ❑ Discerning Deacons Serves the Synod: [How Can US and Latin American Catholics walk together on this synodal journey as one Church?](#) (February 9, 2022)
 - ❑ Recording in [Spanish](#)
- ❑ Deacon Bill Ditewig on the Restoration of the ministry of Deacons. [Recording here.](#)
- ❑ Dr. Phyllis Zagano's [monthly webinars](#) cover a wide range of relevant topics.