

## Media Alert

### Bishop John Noonan to Commission 15 New Lay Ecclesial Ministers for the Diocese Of Orlando

All are invited to the Commissioning Mass of sixteen men and women as Lay Ecclesial Ministers on June 4, at 12:30 p.m. at St. James Cathedral.

The Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation Program prepares women and men to be lay leaders in their parishes. The Program is directed by San Pedro Staff members and a formation team of ordained and lay facilitators, supervisors and instructors, who plan and facilitate the once a month, week-end program. The sixteen new ministers began their three- year commitment with a discernment of their call to lay ministry as a way of living out their baptismal call to discipleship. They participated in a curriculum offering foundational courses in Scripture, Liturgy, Ecclesiology, Sacraments and Church leadership skills, and engaged in human, pastoral and spiritual formational experiences.

The sixteen new lay ecclesial ministers represent 11 different parishes and were each recommended by their Pastor. They were supported and evaluated in an on-going process by their Pastor and a parish mentor over the course of the three years, demonstrating the strong parish and diocesan commitment to the development of the laity in the Diocese of Orlando. The following men and women will be commissioned on June 4th:

**Rafael Alameda**, *St. Catherine of Siena, Kissimmee*; **Jean Bagga**, *Good Shepherd, Orlando*; **Leslie Canal**, *Nativity, Longwood*; **Jack & Betsy Corcoran**, **John & Cathy Miller**, *Ascension, Melbourne*; **Meg Cox**, *Divine Mercy, Merritt Island*; **Sebastian & Theresa DeMarco**, *St. Mark of the Evangelist, Summerfield*; **David Engasser**, **Wendell Outen**, *St. Margaret Mary, Winter Park*; **Donald McElvain**, *St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Springs*; **Earlene Mohr**, *St. Charles Borromeo*; and **Debra Pruett**, *St. Mary, Rockledge*. *Special Recognition: Matthew Roy, Holy Name of Jesus, Indialantic.*