

West Missouri School for Ministry

After 20 years of service to the diocese, the West Missouri School for Ministry (WMSM) has ceased to function, but its work and focus, the preparation of persons for ordination to the diaconate, continues under the auspices of the George Herbert Institute, which now serves as the primary “school for ordained ministry” in West Missouri.

As the curtain is drawn on this particular vehicle for diaconal training, I want to thank the many individuals who have served as faculty and on the advisory board for the school. Special thanks are especially due to Dr. Robert Schwartz, Dean of Instruction and Deacon Chari Mynatt, Dean of Administration. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to the late Rev. Dr. Bruce Rahtjen, who founded the West Missouri School for Ministry and oversaw its work for so many years.

With the combined strengths of the WMSM and the George Herbert Institute, the diocese will be able to enhance all aspects of local education for ordination, be that for priest or for deacon. *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!*

Respectively submitted,

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