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To whom it may concern:

My name is Msgr. Patrick Brankin, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tulsa and currently serving the Diocese in the position of Vicar for Deacons. In this capacity I am responsible to the Bishop of Tulsa, the Most Rev. Edward J. Slattery, for the academic and spiritual formation of the deacon candidates and the newly ordained deacons who are still in their three years of post-ordination formation.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tulsa is an extension of the Catholic Church and covers the eastern third of the state of Oklahoma. Recognized as a non-profit entity by the IRS tax codes, it is a religious organization with charitable and educational outreaches throughout the state. As a Church, we train and equip various members of the Church to exercise a leadership role within the Church, precisely priests and deacons.

It is in order to train our deacons for advanced ministry in the diocese that we have invited Mr. Hudson Byblow to come to Tulsa next month to teach a class to the deacons in the first year of their post-ordination formation. Prof. Byblow will teach a weekend course which would be equivalent to a 1.5 hour college class presenting Pope Saint John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" in a new and unique perspective suitable which they can use in their convert (RCIA) and sunday school (CCD) classes as well as in their preaching. This class builds on the previous theology classes the deacons have received, especially their classes in ethics, moral theology, and modern philosophy.

Prof. Byblow's insights into presenting Catholic sexual ethics and the Theology of the Body through a mathematical model is unprecedented. I know of no one else who could do this or who has the credentials to do this. I have carefully studied his on line video work and am most impressed. His coming to Tulsa to teach this class to the deacons will be of enormous benefit to the Church here.

Hoping that his coming will be met with every official approval and courtesy, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Patrick Brankin  
Vicar for Deacons - Diocese of Tulsa