

Ordination Reception

Bulletin Blurb

With praise and thanksgiving to God, Bishop _____ will ordain _____ as a transitional deacon on _____ day, _____, at 10am, at the Cathedral of _____. With this rite, the men will become deacons — servants of the Word, liturgy, and charity — but they will also embark on their final year of priestly formation in anticipation of their Presbyteral ordination next May. Deacons can preach at Mass, they can give certain blessings, they can preside at funerals, and help bury the dead, and they can baptize and witness marriages outside of Mass, among many other ministerial functions. After being ordained, a deacon goes to kneel before the bishop, who places the Book of the Gospels in his hand, saying: “Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.” The men are now tasked with bringing the Gospel into the world, both by proclaiming it at Mass and by exemplifying it in their service and daily life. Please join us for a reception in the _____ for Deacon _____ after the _____AM Mass. Let us pray for _____ as he continues to serve the Diocese of _____.