May 26, 2007 - Cardinal O'Malley To Ordain Seven Priests

(Brighton, MA) ... Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley will ordain seven men to the priesthood this Saturday, May 26, 2007 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington Street, Boston. The ordination Mass begins at 9:00 A.M.

Cardinal Seán said, “The Archdiocese of Boston is pleased to welcome these seven outstanding and dedicated individuals to the priesthood to serve the Lord and our faith community. One of our top priorities as a Church is a strong commitment to vocations. These seven men go forth now to proclaim the Good News and to help us minister to the people of the Archdiocese.”

Boston Catholic Television (BCTV) will broadcast the entire Mass live from the Cathedral beginning at 9:00 A.M. BCTV Director Fr. Robert Reed will be providing commentary during the ordination for viewers. Please check with your local cable provider for the BCTV channel in your area or go to www.catholictv.org for more information.

Following are the candidates for ordination. The Pilot, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston, has feature profiles of all the candidates in today's edition (Friday, May 25th issue).

Father Robert J. Blaney
Father Robert J. Blaney, is one of two sons of James and Carol (Gugliemo) Blaney who live in Framingham. He has a brother, Kenneth. Father Blaney attended the Charlotte Dunning and Framingham North High Schools in Framingham and was graduated from Boston College. He completed his seminary formation at Saint John, Brighton and has served as a deacon at St. Theresa of Avila in Boston's West Roxbury section. Father Blaney will celebrate his First Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Church, West Roxbury on Sunday, May 27 at Noon. Father David Shoemaker is scheduled be the homilist.

Father Christopher J. Casey
Born and raised in Lawrence, Father Casey is one of the five children of the late Cornelius and Mary (Donahue) Casey. He has a brother and three sisters. A son of St. Laurence O'Toole Parish in Lawrence, he attended the parish grammar school and was graduated from Lawrence High School. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and he completed his seminary studies at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston. Father Casey will be the principal celebrant and homilist of his first Mass at St. Michael Church, North Andover on May 27 at noon. He has been serving at the North Andover Parish during his deacon year.

Father Andreas R. Davison
One of three sons of Andreas and Marie-Charlotte Mingles of Duesseldorf, Germany Father Davison attended elementary school at Centro Escolar Cedros in Mexico City, Mexico and high school at the Gymnasium Universitat du Koln, Cologne, Germany. Before entering the Legionnaires of Christ's seminary he was graduated from Universitat Dusseldorf in Dusseldorf, Germany. He completed his seminary formation at St. John, Brighton. Father Davison has been serving as a deacon at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Beverly where he will celebrate his first Mass on May 27 at 10:00 AM.

Father Martin G. Dzegeleski
Father Dzengeliski is one of the four sons of Martin and the late Lorraine Nee Dzengeliski. He attended Liberty Elementary School and Braintree High School both in Braintree. After high school graduation he attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, later transferred to St. John Seminary College from which he was then graduated. He completed his seminary theological studies at St. John, Brighton and has been serving as a deacon at Immaculate Conception Parish in Marlborough. He will celebrate his first Mass at Immaculate Conception, Marlborough on May 27 at 11: 30 AM.

Father Daniel J. Kennedy
A son of St. Joseph Parish in Needham and one of the five children of Daniel and Alice (Haggerty) Kennedy, Father Kennedy attended the parish grammar school at St. Joseph. He was graduated from Catholic Memorial High School
in West Roxbury and from Providence College, Providence, R.I. He has been serving at St. Mary of the Nativity Parish in Scituate where he was assigned as deacon during his final year of seminary formation at St. John, Brighton. Father Kennedy will return to his home parish and celebrate his first Mass at St. Joseph, Needham on May 27 at 2:30 PM. The homilist for the Mass will be Father Charles Higgins, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Kingston who was a parochial vicar at Father Kennedy’s home parish.

Father Charles Madi Okin
A native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Father Madi Okin is one of the six children of Celine Kinsaba Madi and the late Julien Madi. He has four brothers and one sister. Before entering St. John Seminary for theological formation Father Madi Okin had attended elementary school in Kipala, Congo, Institute Bosembo in Kinshaha, Congo and completed university study at Saint Augustine in Dakar in the West African nation of Senegal. He has been serving as deacon at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Roxbury and will celebrate his first Mass at St. Mark on May 27 at 3:00 PM St. Mark’s pastor, Father Daniel Finn will be the homilist for the Mass.

Father Matthew J. Westcott
A son of St. Clement Parish in Medford, Father Westcott attended the parish grammar and elementary schools before he enrolled at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. Father Westcott is one of the four children of William and Lois (Kelley) Westcott. He has two sisters: Kelli and Sue, and a brother William. His family has since moved to Boston’s West Roxbury section and the Westcotts are now parishioners at St. Theresa of Avila Parish. During his deacon year at St. John Seminary, Brighton he has served at St. Agnes, Middleton. Father Westcott will celebrate his first Mass at St. Clement Church in Medford on May 27 at 1:30 PM. Father Darin Colarusso, parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi, Braintree will be the homilist.

The Archdiocese of Boston

The Archdiocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of approximately 2 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 295 parishes, across 144 communities, educating nearly 50,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of more than one million patients annually in its hospitals and 200,000 individuals through its social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in some twenty different languages each week.

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