



May 31 , 2008 - Cardinal Ordains 27 Men To the Order of Deacon

Brighton, MA - Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley ordained 27 men to the Order of Deacon on Saturday, May 31st at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

Reverend Richard M. Erikson, Ph.D., V.G., Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese said, "Pope Benedict XVI recently highlighted the importance of the permanent diaconate for its ability to 'give witness in the world of today, as well as in the working world, of the presence of faith, of the sacramental ministry and the diaconal dimension of the sacrament of Orders.'

We join with Cardinal Seán and all the people of the Archdiocese in extending congratulations and our deep prayers as these men begin this important ministry in our Church and in their own communion with Christ." Since 1976, the Archdiocese of Boston has ordained over 200 men as deacons.

A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests (Permanent Diaconate Office, Archdiocese of Boston).

The newly ordained:

- Thomas Anthony
Home parish: All Saints, Haverhill
Parish assignment: St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
- Robert Breen
Home parish: St. Joseph, Medford
Parish assignment: St. Joseph, Medford
- Gregory Burch
Home parish: St. Bernard, Concord
Parish assignment: Holy Family Parish, Concord
- Anthony Constantino
Home parish: Sacred Heart, East Boston
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- Joseph Fagan, Jr.
Home parish: St. Thomas of Villanova, Wilmington
Parish assignment: St. Thomas of Villanova, Wilmington
- Charles Ferraro
Home parish: St. Irene, Carlisle
Parish assignment: St. Irene, Carlisle
- Richard Field
Home parish: Sacred Heart, Lynn
Parish assignment: Sacred Heart, Lynn
- David Ghioni
Home parish: St. Brendan, Bellingham
Parish assignment: St. Jude, Norfolk
- Frederick Horgan
Home parish: Blessed Sacrament, Walpole
Parish assignment: St. Edward the Confessor, Medfield
- Brian Laws
Home parish: St. Anne, Littleton
Parish assignment: St. Anne, Littleton
- Michael Markham
Home parish: St. Joseph, Pepperell
Parish assignment: St. Joseph, Pepperell & Sacred Heart-St. James, Groton



- Francis McHugh
Home parish: Sacred Heart, East Boston
Parish assignment: Most Holy Redeemer, East Boston
- Michael Mott
Home parish: St. Cecilia, Ashland
Parish assignment: St. John, Hopkinton
- T. Van Nguyen
Home parish: Sacred Heart, Malden
Parish assignment: St. Mark's Dorchester
- Edwin Robinson, Jr.
Home parish: St. Tarcisius, Framingham
Parish assignment: St. Tarcisius, Framingham
- Manuel Rosario
Home parish: St. Rose, Chelsea
Parish assignment: St. Charles, Woburn
- Neil Sumner
Home parish: St. Athanasius, Reading
Parish assignment: St. Athanasius, Reading
- James Theriault
Home parish: St. Mary, Hull
Parish assignment: St. Mary, Hull
- Jesus Castillo
Home parish: St. Mary of the Assumption , Lawrence
Parish assignment: St. Mary of the Assumption , Lawrence
- Alejandro Iraola
Home parish: St. Rose of Lima, Chelsea
Parish assignment: St. Rose of Lima, Chelsea
- Pedro LaTorre
Home parish: Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
Parish assignment: Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
- Alfredo Nieves
Home parish: St. Stephen Parish, Framingham
Parish assignment: St. Stephen Parish, Framingham

Ordained at a special ceremony on Dec. 23, 2007.

- Jorge Patiño
Home parish: Sacred Hearts Parish, Malden
Parish assignment: St. Benedict, Somerville
- José Pérez
Home parish: Our Lady of Lourdes, Jamaica Plain
Parish assignment: St. Columbkille, Brighton
- Victor Rivero
Home parish: Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
Parish assignment: Madonna Queen Shrine, East Boston
- Julio Vargas
Home parish: St. James Parish, Haverhill
Parish assignment: Corpus Christi, Lawrence
- Edin Velasquez
Home parish: Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
Parish assignment: Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston



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