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


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
  Parish assignment: Sacred Heart, East Boston
• 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  
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• 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  
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