Prayers for the Newly Ordained

In the month of May, we joyfully welcome newly ordained deacons and priests to minister within our local Church. It is good for us to pray for them by name. Offered here are the names of the ordinandi and prayers that you might incorporate into individual or community prayer.

Men to be ordained to the diaconate on May 13 and their respective wives, if married, and parishes:

Deacon Sergio Campos Cruz and Rosa Maria Sanchez - San José Luis Sánchez del Río, Chicago
Deacon Miguel Cruz and Maria Guadalupe Cruz - St. Cecilia, Mount Prospect
Deacon Abel Duran Pérez and Maribel Ortiz-Garcia - Mary, Mother of Martyrs, Des Plaines
Deacon Enrique Garcia and Jovita Garcia - Our Lady of Czestochowa and Charity, Cicero
Deacon Alan Gonzalez - St. Charles Borromeo, Melrose Park
Deacon Santos and Susana Gutierrez - Mother of the Americas, Chicago
Deacon Christopher and Binh Keefe - St. Joseph & Francis Xavier, Wilmette
Deacon Alberto Lagunas and Elvira Vazquez - San Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio, Chicago
Deacon Ignacio Martinez and Ana Gonzalez-Aguilar - Santa María del Popolo, Mundelein
Deacon Jose and Beatriz Mata - Cristo Rey, Chicago
Deacon Jose Morales - Our Lady of Unity, Chicago
Deacon Peter and T. Hoang Mai Pham - Holy Child Jesus, Chicago
Deacon Michael and Pamela Platt - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Prospect Heights
Deacon John and Rozanne Porter - St. Peter Damian, Bartlett
Deacon George and Kristin Schmelter - Prince of Peace, Lake Villa
Deacon Jacek and Renata Sosin - St. Thomas Becket, Mount Prospect
Deacon Emilio Trejo and Maria de la Luz Leyva Capetillo, St. Colette, Rolling Meadows
Deacon Eduardo Vazquez and Aurora Rosas Vega- Church of the Holy Spirit, Schaumburg
Deacon Leonardo Victor and Ma Guadalupe Delgado - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Plaines

*For those men who are married, we pray also for their wives: a precious support to the diaconate ministry. For married deacons, through his sacramental participation in both vocational sacraments, first in Matrimony, and again in Holy Orders, he must live out both sacraments in harmony and balance. In fact, married candidates to the diaconate must obtain consent and permission from their wives. And throughout his ministry as deacon, he is supported by his wife.

Transitional deacons:

Timothy Berryhill
Juan Carlos Vargas Carrillo
Martin Konrad Nyberg
Br. Andrew Panzer, SJC

Prayer for the Newly Ordained Deacons

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our deacons.
Through them, we experience your presence in word and in action.
Help our deacons to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need
to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry, and help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Men to be ordained to the priesthood on May 20:

Kevin Gregus
Daniel Korenchan
Michael Mehringer
Jesús Raya Custodio
Francisco Pagán Portalatín

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Lord Jesus, you have chosen priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving.
We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising.
Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, once given to your disciples, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father, Amen.