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The Journey to Priesthood – 5 Men Prepare for Ordination to Transitional Diaconate This Fall

TORONTO (August 8, 2023) – Five men currently studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be ordained to the transitional diaconate this fall. This is a significant milestone in the ongoing formation process that the seminarians have undertaken over the last number of years through St. Augustine’s Seminary in Toronto.

Transitional deacons are those in formation in view of being ordained to the priesthood.

The Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, who will preside at each of the ordinations, highlights the importance of the community and families in supporting those currently in formation:

“As the diaconate is a divine call to follow Jesus as Servant of his People, this vocation is likewise a gift which the Lord bestows upon the entire Church. We are grateful for the Lord’s generosity in calling so many men to serve the People of God through this ministry. We pray for all young men discerning a call as well as for vibrant parish communities who are capable and willing to welcome and to foster a culture of vocations through their witnessing and commitment to our Catholic faith.” Ordination to the transitional diaconate will take place on the following dates and locations:

Saturday, October 7, 2023 - Ryan Alexander Nigli - Our Lady of Sorrows (3055 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke) - 5:15 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 8, 2023 - Daniel Donghoon Lee - St. Lawrence Martyr (2210 Lawrence Ave, Scarborough) - 11:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - Jeremy Ling Hong Zou - St. Agnes Kouying Tsao (2130 Rodick Rd, Markham) - 10:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - Szymon Karol Sorbian - Holy Rosary (354 St. Clair Ave. W, Toronto) - 2:30 p.m. Mass

Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Marko Busic - Croatian Martyrs (4605 Mississauga Rd, Mississauga) - 10:00 a.m. Mass

All are welcome to participate in the ordinations and warmly called upon to offer their prayers for these five men.

The Archdiocese of Toronto, Canada's largest diocese, is one of the most diverse faith communities in North America, serving as the spiritual home to approximately two million Catholics with close to 400 priests celebrating Mass in more than 30 languages each week at 225 parishes. The archdiocese stretches from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga.

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