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VIRTUAL ORDINANDI DINNER  
Tuesday, March 2 @ 7pm



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To Serrans across the Archdiocese of Toronto,

I wish to extend heartfelt congratulations on putting together this Virtual Ordinandi Dinner. To all those who work tirelessly throughout the year both on this event and so many other initiatives, be assured of my sincere appreciation for all that you do.

The theme of “vocations” is one of the pillars of our Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan. Each one of us is called to pray for vocations and encourage others to discern how God is calling them to serve. In this way, Serrans lead by example and it is evident that your efforts have made a profound impact on the journey of those discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.

Please be assured of my gratitude for your magnificent efforts to foster a culture of vocations across the Archdiocese of Toronto. May God continue to bless you now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto



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### **The Serra Mission:**

- To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry.
- To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church; and
- To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

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## The Office of Vocations Website

The Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Toronto has been given a facelift. Connect online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) with the vocations office for information on Come and See Weekends, high school retreats, formation information and resources to help in your discernment.

### Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner  
but rather that he be converted and live  
grant we beseech You  
through the intercession of the Blessed Mary  
ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse  
Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints  
an increase of labourers for your Church  
fellow labourers with Christ  
to spend and consume themselves for souls  
through the same Jesus Christ Your Son  
Who lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God forever and ever. Amen.

### Vocations, Vocations, Vocations

Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life there is always strong and intense prayer from someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community ... Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer: and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

Pope Francis



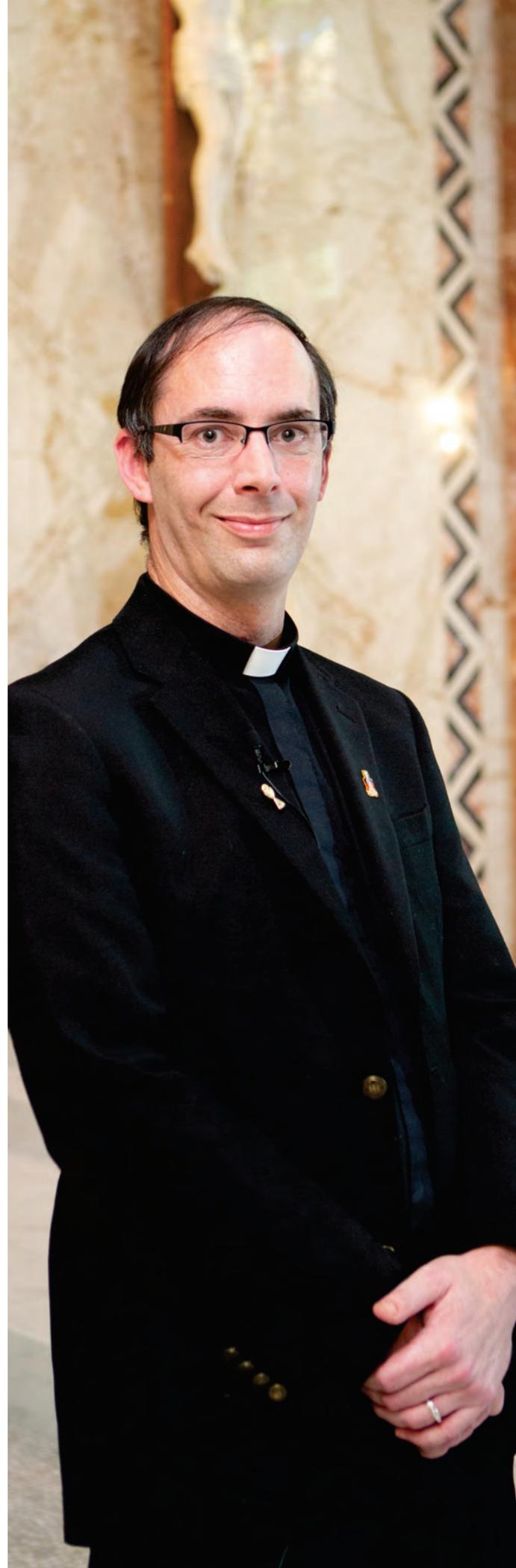


## Rev. Mr. Kevin Adriano Archdiocese of Toronto

Rev. Mr. Kevin Adriano, 28, was born in the Philippines. He is the only son to his wonderful parents and the eldest brother to his wonderful younger sister. His family immigrated to Canada when he was nine years old and grew up in Mississauga. Kevin first began to think about his vocation after a weekend youth retreat. Before the retreat, he dreamed of one day playing in the NBA and knocking down the game winning buzzer beater shot to win the championship. However, Kevin didn't quite meet the height requirements for that dream. He began to pray about what God's plan was for his life and heard God speaking in the silence of his heart. God's plan for Kevin's life was greater than anything the world could ever offer: God asked Kevin to give his life to the Church. In 2010, after graduating from high school, Kevin entered into the seminary. He spent three years of formation at Serra House and completed his Bachelors of Thomistic Thought at St. Phillip's seminary. He spent one year as a working guest at Madonna House Apostolate, in Combermere, ON. During this year, the Lord affirmed and confirmed Kevin's call to the priesthood. He entered St. Augustine's Seminary in 2015. Kevin is sincerely grateful for his family, friends, parishioners, his home parish of St. Francis Xavier, his internship parish of St. Joseph in Streetsville, brother seminarians, and all the priests who have offered him their prayers and support. He looks forward to serving the people of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

## Rev. Mr. Walter Flynn Diocese of Charlottetown

Rev. Mr. John Howard Walter Flynn, 37, was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and is the oldest of two children. Growing up in the very small town of Beaver Cove, Cape Breton provided the perfect opportunity to get to know God through the lively faith of the community and the beauty of nature he grew up around. From an early age, Walter was intrigued by the Church and served as an altar server for all his childhood and “graduated” from server to lector in his teens. In 2001, Walter left Cape Breton and moved to Charlottetown, PEI to begin Nursing School at the University of Prince Edward Island. At the time, he was unsure whether or not God was calling him to the priesthood, but he quickly found that serving people as a Registered Nurse was a good fit for him. He worked for eight years in Mental Health and Addictions before he fully realized that God was calling him to serve others in another way. In 2014, Walter entered Saint Augustine’s Seminary and discovered he was fulfilling his true call to heal the soul rather than the body. Studying for the Diocese of Charlottetown, Walter looks forward to continuing to heal souls and bring more people to God.





## Rev. Mr. Arthur Lee Archdiocese of Toronto

Rev. Mr. Arthur Lee, 42, was born in Dorval, Quebec to Soo and Yong Lee, and moved to Oakville when he was an infant. He has one younger brother, Bernard. He grew up in Oakville attending St. Dominic's elementary school and St. Thomas Aquinas high school. Then he went to Queen's University to study Mathematics and Engineering. While he was active in his home parish when he was younger, he did not practice his Catholic faith when he was away at university. Upon returning home, he began to exercise and learn more about his faith through a friend who invited him and challenged him to do so. During this time he became more and more involved at St. Andrew Kim Parish through the Choice Weekend, Choir, Legion of Mary, and bible study groups. One day, during a break between choir practice and Mass, the associate priest came up to him and asked him a question, "Have you ever given priesthood a chance?" While he had been told previously that he should become a priest, he would immediately reply that he was only interested in getting married and raising a family. This time was different. This time, he was open to God's call. This began his contact with the Vocations Director and his discernment process. He entered St. Augustine's Seminary in 2014, and he is now in his final year of studies. Giving thanks to God, he looks forward to ordination, and to joyfully serving the people of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

## Rev. Mr. Christian Lindenbach Archdiocese of Regina

Rev. Mr. Christian Lindenbach, 31, was born in Saskatoon, moving to Regina in 2009. He attended Mass regularly while pursuing a degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy at Campion College at the University of Regina, where he discerned a call to the priesthood. After graduation, he attended St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto and completed the Spiritual Year, which he spent in prayer and discernment before starting theological studies. Christian discerned that he needed to take some time out of formation before he began his formal discernment to be a priest, and so he returned to Regina for 3 years, being part of a vibrant parish community, helping with catechesis and Sunday ministries. During this time, he discerned a call to marriage while he worked in corporate sales for a year, later returning to the UofR and completing a Master of Arts degree in Religious studies and the New Testament. Christian then discerned to re-apply to St. Augustine's, and was accepted into the formation program. He greatly looks forward to serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Regina.





## Rev. Mr. Michel Quenneville Archdiocese of Kingston

Rev. Mr. Michel Quenneville, 30, was born in Kingston and grew up in a French-speaking family as one of four kids (with a twin brother!). He is grateful for the gift of Faith received in the home and is particularly thankful for the love witnessed in his mother. Growing up, his family was involved in the local francophone parish of St. François d'Assise in Kingston, but his mind was much more fixated on playing hockey and enjoying the outdoors! Avid for adventure and serving his country, he joined the Army as a Reservist and later entered an engineering program at Queen's University. It was in university that he came to encounter Jesus Christ personally and first started feeling drawn to the priesthood. He graduated and moved to Calgary to work as a Chemical Engineer. There, he felt the Lord working on his heart and drawing him more and more to Himself. Turning to prayer more regularly, Dcn. Michel began to see more clearly the genuine invitation placed on his heart: "Will you be my priest?". In 2014, he left Calgary, returning to Kingston, and was accepted at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto.

He is most grateful for his brother seminarians who journeyed with him and for the excellent priestly formation received at St. Augustine's Seminary. Dcn. Michel is looking forward to continue the wonderful adventure of serving the Lord and His Church, as a priest, in the Archdiocese of Kingston.

## Rev. Mr. Patrick Salah

### Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

Rev. Mr. Patrick Salah, 28, is from Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is the youngest of four siblings, and the proud uncle of five nephews. After graduating high school, he earned a Bachelor of Music Degree from Dalhousie University's Fountain School of Performing Arts, while simultaneously working as Director of Music at Saint Benedict Parish. During this period, he found himself going through some struggles and difficulties, which led him to doubt his path in life. Finding himself alone one summer's afternoon in Halifax's St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Patrick turned to prayer. In the silence of the Cathedral, he heard God say to him, "You're where you need to be for now." Encouraged by these words Patrick continued with zeal in his studies and ministry, and he sought a spiritual director to help him discern what would come after that "for now." In time Patrick heard God calling him to the priesthood. Patrick graduated from Dalhousie in 2015 and began formation at St. Augustine's Seminary that fall. When he left Halifax for the seminary, Patrick thought it would mean leaving his musical life behind. However, Jesus said, "And whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt. 10:38). Removed from the academic rigor of musical studies, Patrick fell in love with music all over again, and he shared that love with the seminary community. Patrick is deeply grateful to all his brother seminarians who have journeyed with him these past six years, and especially for the priest-faculty, whose patience, guidance, and example have been indispensable in his journey of formation. Now in his final semester at St. Augustine's Seminary, Patrick looks forward to serving the people of God as a priest in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.





## **Rev. Mr. Andrew Taylor** **Archdiocese of Toronto**

Andrew Taylor was born in Barrie, Ontario, and grew up in Aurora as the fourth of eight children. He was homeschooled during most of his elementary school years and had the opportunity to attend and then to serve mass daily for these years. His parents strongly emphasized the importance of faith, the Sacraments and prayer to him and his siblings from a young age. Starting in grade nine, he attended Brebeuf College School in Toronto. While he was in grade ten, he encountered Christ in a personal way through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. He began to hear a call to the priesthood later that year after being inspired by the example of St. John Paul II. After completing grade twelve in 2011, he began formation for the priesthood at Serra House while studying philosophy at St. Philip's Seminary in Toronto. He spent one year at the Newman Centre in the University of Toronto, and then entered St. Augustine's Seminary in 2015, where he has spent the past six years studying theology and preparing for priestly ministry. He is immensely grateful to the faculty and staff of St. Augustine's for their example and encouragement over the years and looks forward to his service in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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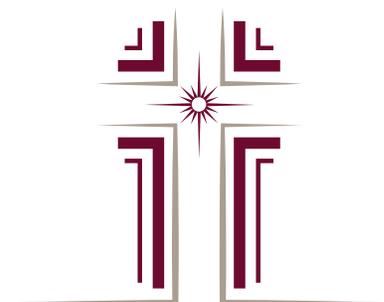
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