



### **Eight Permanent Deacons to be ordained in Archdiocese of Toronto**

*Lawyer, high school principal, and cookie company president among those being ordained May 24*

TORONTO (May 23, 2014) - You could be an engineer or an educator, a banker or a baker – God's call reaches all segments of society. On May 24, eight men will answer that call when they are ordained as permanent deacons. Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, will celebrate the Mass and Rite of Ordination at St. Paul's Basilica.

Permanent deacons serve in the community in diverse ways. In our parishes, they teach the faith and assist with sacraments, such as performing baptisms and witnessing marriages. Deacons also visit the imprisoned, comfort the dying, and care for those on the fringes of society. Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons are not studying to become priests – they remain deacons for the rest of their lives.

Since 1972, St. Augustine's Seminary has provided formation for diaconal candidates and their wives involving one year of prayer and discernment and four years of theological study. Including the current candidates, 113 deacons now serve throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The class of 2014 includes candidates with a wide variety of life experience:

- **Delbert John Francis Allan**, St. Mary's Parish, Barrie – Husband to Marianne Allan, vice principal of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, York Catholic District School Board.
- **John Patrick Brown**, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Mississauga – Husband to Kathryn Walker and father of three, partner at a major law firm.
- **Joerg-Stephan Brunck**, Sts. Martha and Mary Parish, Mississauga – Husband to Lynne Brunck, president of a gourmet cookie company.
- **Timothy Joseph Dunlop**, St. Margaret's Parish, Midland – Husband to Marie Dunlop and father of four, financial advisor and mortgage agent.
- **Paul Ma**, Saviour of the World Chinese Catholic Parish, Mississauga – Husband to Maria Wang and father of three, customer portfolio manager at a major bank.
- **Raphael Reynaldo Sumabat**, St. Paschal Baylon Parish, Thornhill – Husband to Grace Sumabat and father of three, engineering specialist.
- **Peter Tetsuo Takaoka**, St. Benedict Parish, Etobicoke – Husband to Zenaida Takaoka and father of two, manager at an engineering consulting firm.
- **Richard Go Te** – St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga – Husband to Liberty Te and father of three, assistant vice president of business operations at a wealth management firm.

As one of the most diverse dioceses in the world, the Archdiocese of Toronto is home to 1.9 million Catholics, with more than 800 diocesan and religious priests providing pastoral leadership in churches throughout the GTA. Mass is celebrated each week in more than 30 different languages.

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