



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Diocesan Staff
From: Bishop Libasci
Date: May 6, 2020
RE: Transitional Diaconate

With praise and thanksgiving to God, Bishop Libasci will ordain two men as transitional deacons, the final step before becoming a priest, on Saturday, May 30, at 10am, at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

In light of the coronavirus outbreak and safety restrictions, these men - **David Gagnon and Joseph Moynahan** - were given the option to, but chose not to, postpone their ordination. They will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders in a largely empty Cathedral, with only their parents, and close relatives and friends in attendance. Other family, friends, priests and deacons and other well-wishers will be with them in spirit, as they will be able to watch a livestream of the Mass from the Saint Joseph Cathedral website.

Although priests, deacons and the laity will not be able to share in this most wonderful and significant moment in the life of the Church in person, I am sure that David and Joseph would be grateful if pastors encouraged their parishioners to pray for them and watch the livestream of the Ordination Mass at www.stjosephcathedralnh.org.

An announcement regarding the priesthood ordination will be published next Wednesday.

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