

Bulletin Article for the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 6th, 2020

This weekend in South Bend there are BIG happenings for my Holy Cross Community and for the entire Church!! Friday, Sept 4 FIVE Holy Cross Religious will make their Profession of Final Vows at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame. These men, who have been in Formation for at least 8 years, have reached a point in their journeys of faith where they feel Called by God to fully enter into Religious Life by Professing the Vows of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience *forever* according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. These five men are: **Mr. Felipe Campos Reséndez, CSC; Mr. Robert James Lisowski, CSC; Mr. Geoffrey Thomas Mooney, CSC; Brother Pablo José Quan López, CSC; and Mr. David Warren Smith, CSC.** The Mass will begin at 11AM our time in Portland and can be viewed via livestream at finalvows-live.holycrossvocation.org.

The next day, Saturday, Sept 5, four of the above mentioned seminarians will be ordained to the Diaconate as their journeys to serve the Church as ordained Religious. At this Mass as well, four Holy Cross DEACONS (who should have been ordained to the Priesthood in April but were not because of the pandemic) will be ordained to the Order of Presbyter. These four are: **Rev. Mr. Vincent Hien Nguyen, CSC; Rev. Mr. Mark Joseph Pedersen, CSC; Rev. Mr. Zachary Wade Rathke, CSC; and Rev. Mr. Gilbrian Fitzgerald Stoy, CSC.**

This Mass of Ordinations will begin at **10AM** Portland time at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Bishop Kevin Rhoades, the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will Preside. The live link to this Mass is: ordination-live.holycrossvocations.org.

The following day, Sunday, Sept 6, each of the newly ordained priests will celebrate their Masses of Thanksgiving at the parishes where they have served as a Deacon (if that was a South Bend parish) or at Sacred Heart Basilica or Moreau Seminary. All of these celebrations are done in a limited way because of the pandemic. So while the actual numbers of those family, friends, and Community members who would otherwise join in these celebration will be smaller because

of the pandemic, let us pray for Vince, Joe, Zach, and Gil, that all these celebrations be filled with joy, Grace, and blessings.

With praise and thanksgiving to God, let us rejoice with our NINE brothers who are making this important step in their lives, and let us pray for the Lord to continue to Bless them and Hold them as they commence a life of service to God's People!!

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