

4 June 2020

Dear Friends,

June is a very popular month in the Church for Ordinations to both Priesthood and “transitional” Diaconate. This weekend, on Saturday, June 6th, Deacon Thomas Tran will be Ordained to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Seattle!

Some of you will remember soon-to-be-Father Thomas. He came to visit us here at MQP last fall for Mass on Thanksgiving Day. At the time, he was Deacon Thomas, and served as Deacon at the Mass, including preaching the homily. He is a good friend of mine from our time together at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. He has been assigned by Archbishop Etienne to serve as Parochial Vicar of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Fife and All Saints Parish in Puyallup. Let’s all pray for him!

In addition, there are three men scheduled to be Ordained to the “transitional” Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Seattle in the next few weeks! Michael Barbarossa (June 13th), Val Park (June 20th), and Kyle Poje (July 4th) are also all friends of mine from my years as a seminarian. After their Ordination to the Diaconate, they will return for further formation in seminary, in the final preparation for their Ordination to the Priesthood, which, God-willing, would be next spring. Please pray for Michael, Val, and Kyle as they make their final preparations for Ordination!

The Archdiocese explains the ministry of Deacons for us in this way:

“Deacons are a living example of service to others through ministry of word, liturgy, and charity. Men who are preparing for the priesthood are ordained ‘transitional’ deacons the year before they are ordained priests. Those not planning to be ordained priests are called ‘permanent’ deacons, and go through a different formation process.”

You can find out more information about these Ordinations and the Archdiocese’s seminary program at: <http://seattlevocations.com/>

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chad Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.