



PRESS RELEASE

Ordination of six new permanent deacons in the Catholic Church of Montreal

MONTREAL, May 22, 2019 – It is with great joy that we announce the diaconal ordination of Quoc Chay (Beatrice), Nicola Giampaolo (Caterina), Dawood Masih (Sabita), Marcos Garcia (Roxana), Jeff Allan Gagné (Bella Mary) and Robert Gosselin (Hélène). Archbishop Christian Lépine will preside at the ordinations on Friday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral.

The Sacrament of Orders reminiscent of Christ's mission undertaken by the Apostles is still being administered in the Church, and will be until the end of times. Like Christ, the permanent deacon's service in the Church consists of three distinct functions:

- Service to the Word: proclaiming the Gospel and commentary during the Mass
- Service of the liturgy: assisting the priest, celebrating certain sacraments (not all)
- Service of charity: many good works for the Christian community and for society

A deacon can be married and have children, and occupy a part-time or full-time job in society.

Due to the nature of this vocation at the service of the Church, permanent deacons are chosen and ordained by the bishop of their diocese. Following the ordination, deacons are nominated (appointed) to serve in a specific Christian community.

During the ordination ritual, great importance is given to the community surrounding the one being ordained. Several rituals are involved: the call and the presentation of the candidate, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the ordinand's commitment, the prostration, the laying on of hands, the prayer of consecration, the investiture with stole, the presentation of the *Evangelion* (Gospel Book) and the kiss of peace.

You are invited to join this celebration during which the new deacons will be joyfully welcomed.

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