All are welcome! Priesthood Ordination

Saturday, June 3rd, 10:00am St. James Cathedral

Priesthood ordination is an incredibly joyful moment for the candidate and for the entire church! After years of discernment and formation, a man is ready to offer everything for Jesus and for God’s people. The three promises of obedience, celibacy, and a life of simplicity provide an opportunity to be fruitful and generative in ministry. The newly ordained becomes a priest for life, chosen by God and the church to offer the sacraments, preach the faith and shepherd God’s people.

For the individual seminarian, ordination is filled with great support and celebration from their Archbishop, family, friends, mentors, priests, Crozier members, Serra clubs, Knights of Columbus, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, seminarian faculty, and even their vocation director! There are many special parts of the rite that make this Mass very unique and interesting, such as: the prostration and litany of saints, laying on of hands, prayer of ordination (highlighting the ministry of the priest), anointing of hands with sacred chrism, passing on of the chalice and paten, etc. We hope you will consider attending this year on June 3rd, 10am at St. James Cathedral.

Ordination is a major step in their formation, but formation continues throughout their ministry as newly ordained priests. The people teach them in their affirmation and in their questions. Our new priests continue to have ongoing priestly formation training through their first five years after ordination, such as spirituality, and learning how to be a pastor, etc.

Thank you for all of your support for our priests and seminarians, and we hope to see you at an ordination soon!

God Bless,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi
Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Seattle
Christmas Reception, December 14th

We celebrated! Not only Christmas, but Rick and Patti, who retired in December after serving the Archdiocese and Crozier for so many years. John Hempelmann said the toast, and Lynette and Vanessa led us in a “Fersch” version of the Twelve Days of Christmas! We were lucky to have both Archbishops there as well. It was a fond farewell to Rick, Patti, and to JoAnne too, as the three of them embark upon a new chapter in life.
There are many steps to the priesthood from initial discernment and application to starting seminary studies and pastoral placements. Seminarians receive minor orders while in seminary such as Lector, Acolyte and Candidacy but the biggest step before priesthood is Deacon Ordination. Three seminarians: Louis Cunningham, Justin Ryan and Anh Tran will be ordained as deacons this May with priesthood ordination expected for June, 2018.

Deacon Ordination is the most serious step of commitment to live the promises of obedience, celibacy, and life of simplicity for life and to receive a new canonical status in the church as clergy. This is the equivalent of solemn vows for religious or the sacrament of marriage for laity. For seminarians this is a transitional deacon ordination because their final goal will be priesthood ordination. Seminarians serve as deacons for their last year of seminary providing them with excellent preparation through serving at the altar, preaching, and celebrating some sacraments such as baptism and weddings without mass.

Please pray for our seminarians who will be ordained as Deacons, and know all are welcome to come and support them in person at the ordination Masses. Details of these Masses are below!

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**Saturday, May 20th, 10:00am at St. Anthony, Renton:**
Louis Cunningham
Archbishop Sartain presiding

**Saturday, May 20th, 5:00pm at St. Brendan, Bothell:**
Justin Ryan
Bishop Eusebio Elizondo presiding

**Saturday, May 27th, 10:00am at St. Vincent de Paul, Federal Way:**
Anh Tran
Bishop Eusebio Elizondo presiding
Msgr. Daniel Henry Mueggenborg of the Diocese of Tulsa will be ordained at St. James Cathedral in Seattle on May 31 at 2 p.m. “It is with deep joy that I share this good news,” Archbishop J. Peter Sartain wrote in an April 6 press release. “His warmth and affability, coupled with his pastoral experience and competence, will be great gifts to the Archdiocese of Seattle.”

Archbishop Sartain has known Bishop-designate Mueggenborg for 12 years and praised him as “a wonderful addition to the pastoral leadership of the Archdiocese” in a separate letter to archdiocesan staff.

“To say that I am delighted is an understatement.”

“I am humbled by Pope Francis’ appointment to serve as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Seattle,” Bishop-designate Mueggenborg said in the release. “These recent days have been filled with prayer both in gratitude for the Holy Father’s decision and in petition for the strength and grace to fulfill the duties of this ministry.”

Bishop-designate Mueggenborg, who turned 55 on April 15, is originally from Okarche, Oklahoma. After earning a bachelor’s degree in geology from Oklahoma State University, he studied pre-theology at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana and earned degrees in theology and biblical theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Tulsa in 1989.

He has served as pastor of three parishes including Christ the King in Tulsa, where he has been since 2011. He has held several diocesan leadership positions and was a faculty member of the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

“We congratulate Msgr. Mueggenborg on his appointment and knowing we will miss him, we wish him a fruitful ministry in the Archdiocese of Seattle,” said Tulsa Bishop David A. Konderla in an April 6 statement.

When he is ordained, Bishop-designate Mueggenborg will become the Archdiocese of Seattle’s second auxiliary bishop, along with current Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo. The archdiocese previously had two auxiliary bishops before Bishop Joseph J. Tyson became bishop of the Diocese of Yakima in 2011. Auxiliary bishops assist a Catholic diocese or archdiocese’s bishop with diocesan duties.

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Bishop Ordination
Wednesday, May 31st, 2:00pm
St. James Cathedral
Lenten Day of Reflection, April 3rd

The clouds & rain stepped aside and let the sun join us as we gathered for our Lenten Day of Reflection. Archbishop’s reflection centered around the Eucharist this year, and as always, was incredibly inspirational. It was so wonderful to have him with us the entire day, too! Guests spent time in prayer outside on the grounds, or in the Chapel. Seminarian Carl Sisolak was there to serve Mass, and Lynette sang beautifully. After Mass, good friends caught up at the reception and dinner, and we even cheered on the Zags in the championship game.
Welcome New Members!

Tell others about the Crozier Society!!
Do you know anyone who would be great additions to the Crozier family? We’re always looking for new members to help support Seminarian formation! Invite them to our next event, the Summer Mass & BBQ on Sunday, June 4th.

Not Pictured:
Barbara Hamer
Our Lady of Fatima, Seattle

Crozier Event Calendar

NEXT EVENT: Summer Mass & BBQ
Sunday, June 4, 2017 ~ 2:30PM to 6:00PM
Mass begins at 3:00pm
Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at Palisades

Appreciation Dinner
Thursday, September 28, 2017 ~ 5:30PM Mass, followed by Reception & Dinner
St. James Cathedral, Isaac Orr

Archbishops’ Golf Tournament
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 ~ All day
Trophy Lake Golf & Casting, Port Orchard

Christmas Reception
Thursday, December 14, 2017 ~ 6:00PM to 7:30PM
Isaac Orr

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