June 9th - 10am
St. James Cathedral

Ordinations to the Priesthood

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Christmas Reception

A most festive event every year, and this one was no different. We celebrated with two Archbishops, a Bishop and six of our seminarians! Ben Bray (Theology III at Mount Angel Seminary) shared a beautiful vocation story. We presented Archbishop Sartain with our traditional Christmas gifts - his annual Crozier photo yearbook and your donations to his Charitable Needs Fund. As always, Archbishop Brunett enjoyed seeing many friends, and we enjoyed seeing him.
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 ordination to the Diaconate. Three seminarians: Carlos Orozco, Ben Bray and Tyler Johnson will be ordained as deacons this spring with priesthood ordination expected for June, 2019.

Ordination as a deacon marks a significant step of commitment to live the promises of obedience, celibacy, and simplicity of life, and to receive for the first time, the Sacrament of Holy Orders. This is the equivalent of solemn religious vows or the Sacrament of Matrimony. Seminarians Carlos, Ben and Tyler will be transitional deacons as their final step before priesthood. They will serve as deacons for their last year of seminary formation, providing them with excellent preparation through serving at the altar, preaching, and celebrating some sacraments such as baptism and weddings, outside of 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 their ordination Masses.

All are welcome! Deacon Ordinations

Saturday, May 19th, 10:00am at Holy Family, Seattle:
Carlos Orozco
Bishop Eusebio Elizondo presiding

Saturday, June 2nd, 10:00am at St. Anthony, Renton:
Ben Bray
Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg presiding

Saturday, June 23rd, 10:00am at St. Joseph, Chehalis:
Tyler Johnson
Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg presiding
Deacon Louis Cunningham: Mundelein Seminary

Louis Cunningham is the oldest of two children. He was baptized in South Seattle, at his grandparents’ home parish. Louis attended St. Anthony School and then completed his high school education at Kennedy Catholic in Burien. He entered seminary right after graduating from high school and attended Bishop White College Seminary at Gonzaga University, where he was active in campus ministry and soccer refereeing. After working in commercial real estate appraisal for three years, he entered seminary in the summer of 2013. He enjoys photography, hiking the mountains, exercising, and coffee. He looks forward to being back in the diocese to help show how Christ’s love permeates each person’s existence - even in the mundane tasks of everyday life. Deacon Louis was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 20, 2017.

Deacon Justin Ryan: Mundelein Seminary

The oldest of four, Justin was born and raised Catholic in the Snohomish County area and attended St. Brendan’s Parish and School, and graduated from Archbishop Murphy High School. Justin completed a degree in Accounting from Gonzaga University where he was active in campus ministry and soccer refereeing. After working in commercial real estate appraisal for three years, he entered seminary in the summer of 2013. He enjoys playing soccer, running, and reading, and looks forward to helping people encounter Jesus Christ through the Church as a priest. Justin was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 20, 2017.

Deacon Anh Tran: Mount Angel Seminary

The youngest of six siblings, Anh was born and raised Catholic. He moved to the United States with his mom in late 1999 and entered Federal Way High School in early 2000 as a sophomore. After high school, Anh attended Highline Community College and finished his associate degrees in Biology and Chemistry. He also attended Renton Technical College for the Pharmacy Technician Program and worked at Tacoma General Hospital for two years. Anh discerned his vocation to the priesthood during these two years with his spiritual directors Fr. William McKee and Fr. Thanh Dao. He enjoys playing table tennis, flying stunt-kites and spending time with family and friends. Anh was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 27, 2017.

Deacon Louis Cunningham: Mundelein Seminary

Louis Cunningham is the oldest of two children. He was baptized in South Seattle, at his grandparents’ - Louis and Theresa- home parish. Louis attended St. Anthony School and then completed his high school education at Kennedy Catholic in Burien. He entered seminary right after graduating from high school and attended Bishop White College Seminary at Gonzaga University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Classical Studies focusing in Latin language studies. He currently attends Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. He enjoys photography, singing, hiking the mountains, exercising, and coffee. He looks forward to being back in the diocese to help show how Christ’s love permeates each person’s existence - even in the mundane tasks of everyday life. Deacon Louis was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 20, 2017.
Lenten Day of Reflection

Although it was chilly outside, we were on fire with the Holy Spirit inside! Everybody loved Bishop Eusebio’s reflection about his journey along the Camino—“We are ALL God’s stars”.

Bishop Mueggenborg then prepared us for Reconciliation with his Examination of Conscience based on the Beatitudes. It was inspiring to see so many of you take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Holy Mass soon followed, with a powerful homily by Archbishop. “It’s always too early to give up, never too late to start over, and always the perfect time to surrender.”
Tell others about the Crozier Society!!

Do you know anyone who would be great additions to the Crozier family? If so, personally invite them to join you at the Summer Mass & BBQ June 3rd. You can also give their information to Liz so she can mail an invitation directly to them. We’re always looking for new members to help support seminarians!

Event Calendar:

**Summer Mass & BBQ**
Sunday, June 3rd
2:30pm—7:00pm
Mass begins at 3pm
Palisades Retreat Center

**Appreciation Dinner**
Wednesday, September 26
5:30pm Mass at St. James Cathedral
Dinner to follow at Isaac Orr

**Archbishops’ Golf Tournament**
Tuesday, August 7th
All Day
Trophy Lake Golf, Port Orchard

**Christmas Reception**
Thursday, December 13th
6:00pm—8:00pm
Isaac Orr

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Not Pictured:
Margaret Leiberton
St. Joseph, Issaquah

Brian and Conne Bruce
St. Louise, Bellevue

Tom and Kari Curran
St. Vincent de Paul, Federal Way

Jeff and Patricia Toney
St. James Cathedral