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THREE CATHOLIC MEN TO BE ORDAINED

From Port Townsend, Seattle and Everett the newest priests in the archdiocese of Seattle range in age from 31 to 46

(SEATTLE) Archbishop Alex J. Brunett will ordain three area men to the priesthood on Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m. in St. James Cathedral. The three new priests will each celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 8 at local parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Cal Christiansen, 35, a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba in Canada who moved to Sequim, Wash. at the age of 10, is a convert to Catholicism from the Episcopal Church. A former student at Shoreline Community College and the University of Washington, Christiansen earned a bachelor’s degree in religious studies at St. Martin’s University. He attended St. John Seminary in Camarillo, Calif. and graduated in December 2007. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Bremerton on Sunday, June 8 at 10:45 a.m.

Mark Guzman, 46, is a Detroit native who attended the seminary briefly after high school before entering the corporate world, which eventually brought him to Seattle. After becoming a member of St. James Cathedral he entered St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. in 2002. He graduated in May 2008 and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 8 at St. Jude Parish in Redmond.

Jack Shrum, 31, was born in Billings, Mont. and moved to Washington as a child. His family’s home parish is Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Everett. He entered Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore. and graduated in May 2008. After his ordination, Father Shrum will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Everett at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 8.

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