

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Permanent Diaconate Ordination

Saturday, November 28, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT C (sung)

Mass of Spirit and Grace

GLORIA

Heritage Mass

COLLECT

Bishop Bambera:

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church
to seek not to be served
but to serve their brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that these your servants,
whom you graciously choose today for the office of Deacon,
may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,
and constant in prayer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 3: 5-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89: 21-22, 25, 27

SECOND READING

II Corinthians 4: 1-2, 5-7

GOSPEL PROCESSION

"Vulpus Alleluia"

GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 25b-28

RITE OF ORDINATION

ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES

Deacon: Let those to be ordained Deacons come forward.

**Eugene N. Blockus
Joseph J. Chmiola, Jr.
John C. Jorda
Peter J. Lemoncelli**

**Joseph R. Marcellus
Gerard P. Pernot
Angel Luis Rivera
Joseph Sudano**

Monsignor Bohr: Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Diaconate.

Bishop Bambara: Do you know them to be worthy?

Monsignor Bohr: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those responsible, I testify that they have been found worthy.

Bishop Bambera: Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Diaconate.

All present: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera

PROMISE OF THE ELECT

Bishop Bambera: Dear sons, before you enter the Order of the Diaconate, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this office.

Do you resolve to be consecrated for the Church's ministry by the laying on of my hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to discharge the office of Deacon with humble charity in order to assist the priestly Order and to benefit the Christian people?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and deed according to the Gospel and the Church's tradition?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to maintain and deepen the spirit of prayer that is proper to your way of life and, in keeping with this spirit and what is required of you, to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours with and for the People of God and indeed for the whole world?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambera: Do you resolve to conform your way of life always to the example of Christ, of whose Body and Blood you are a ministers at the altar?

Elect: I do, with the help of God.

Bishop Bambara: Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?

Elect: I do.

Bishop Bambara: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Bishop Bambara: My dear people, let us pray that God the all-powerful Father will mercifully pour out the grace of his blessing on these, his servants, whom in his kindness he raises to the Holy Order of the Diaconate.

Deacon: Let us kneel.

Bishop Bambara: Lord God,
mercifully hear our prayers
and graciously accompany with your help
what we undertake by virtue of our office.
Sanctify by your blessing these men we present,
for in our judgment we believe him worthy
to exercise sacred ministries.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us stand.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Bishop Bambara: Draw near, we pray, Almighty God, giver of every grace, who apportion every order and assign every office; who remain unchanged, but make all things new.

In your eternal providence,
you make provision for every age,
as you order all creation
through him who is your word,
your power and your wisdom,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

You grant that the Church, his Body,
adorned with manifold heavenly graces,
drawn together in the diversity of its members,
and united by a wondrous bond through the Holy Spirit,
should grow and spread forth
to build up a new temple
and, as once you chose the sons of Levi
to minister in the former tabernacle,
so now you establish three ranks of ministers
in their sacred offices to serve in your name.

And so, in the first days of your Church,
through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
your Son's Apostles appointed seven men of good repute
to assist them in the daily ministry,
that they might devote themselves more fully
to prayer and preaching of the word.
By prayer and the laying on of hands
they entrusted to these chosen men
the ministry of serving at table.

We beseech you, Lord:
look with favor on these servants of yours
who will minister at your holy altar
and whom we now humbly dedicate
to the office of Deacon.

Send forth upon him, Lord, we pray, the Holy Spirit,
that they may be strengthened
by the gift of your sevenfold grace
for the faithful carrying out of the work of the ministry.

May there abound in them every Gospel virtue:
unfeigned love, concern for the sick and poor,
unassuming authority, the purity of innocence,
and the observance of spiritual discipline.

May your commandments shine forth in their conduct,

so that by the example of their way of life
they may inspire the imitation of your holy people.
In offering the witness of a clear conscience,
may they remain strong and steadfast in Christ,
so that by imitating on earth your Son,
who came not to be served but to serve,
they may be found worthy to reign in heaven with him,
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

INVESTITURE WITH DIACONAL STOLE AND DALMATIC

Hymn--"Eye Has Not Seen"

HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

Bishop Bambara: Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become.
Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what
you teach.

FRATERNAL KISS

Bishop Bambara: Peace be with you.
Deacons: And with your spirit.

Hymn--"Ubi Caritas"

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

from the Roman Missal

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer I (with proper form of the *Hanc igitur*)

Eucharist Acclamations

from the *Roman Missal*

A Community Mass

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

FRACTION OF THE BREAD

litany from *Holy Cross Mass*

COMMUNION PROCESSION

"Prayer of St. Francis"
"One Bread, One Body"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

from the *Roman Missal*

CONCLUDING RITES

PONTIFICAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon

RECESSIONAL

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"