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'Root yourself in Jesus' life and love,' Deacon Michael Boris told at Ordination Mass



Just minutes before being ordained a Deacon – as Michael J. Boris laid on the floor of the Cathedral of Saint Peter – five words from the Litany of Supplication really caught his attention.

As the crowd of several hundred prayed to all of the saints, asking for God's blessing on the Dallas native, Boris said he was struck by the words: "Lord, deliver us we pray."

“I found myself really saying that from the heart. I think it was the spirit speaking within me to say, Lord, deliver us so that we may experience the Joy of the Gospel, deliver us from our failings and our fears,” Boris said in an interview with *The Catholic Light* directly following his Ordination Mass.

Boris, 26, was ordained as a transitional deacon on May 28, 2022, the ordination serving as the last major step before ordination to the priesthood, which typically occurs a year later after additional pastoral, liturgical and educational preparation.

“It really does feel unreal, I know it’s cliché to say that, but it is such a simple moment when the bishop lays his hands on your head and says the Prayer of Ordination. The Holy Spirit is working in powerful ways and I’m trusting that,” he added.

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Bishop Bambera to celebrate Sunday Mass on Pentecost prior to Diocesan Synod Listening Session



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MASS PRECEDING THE DIOCESAN SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

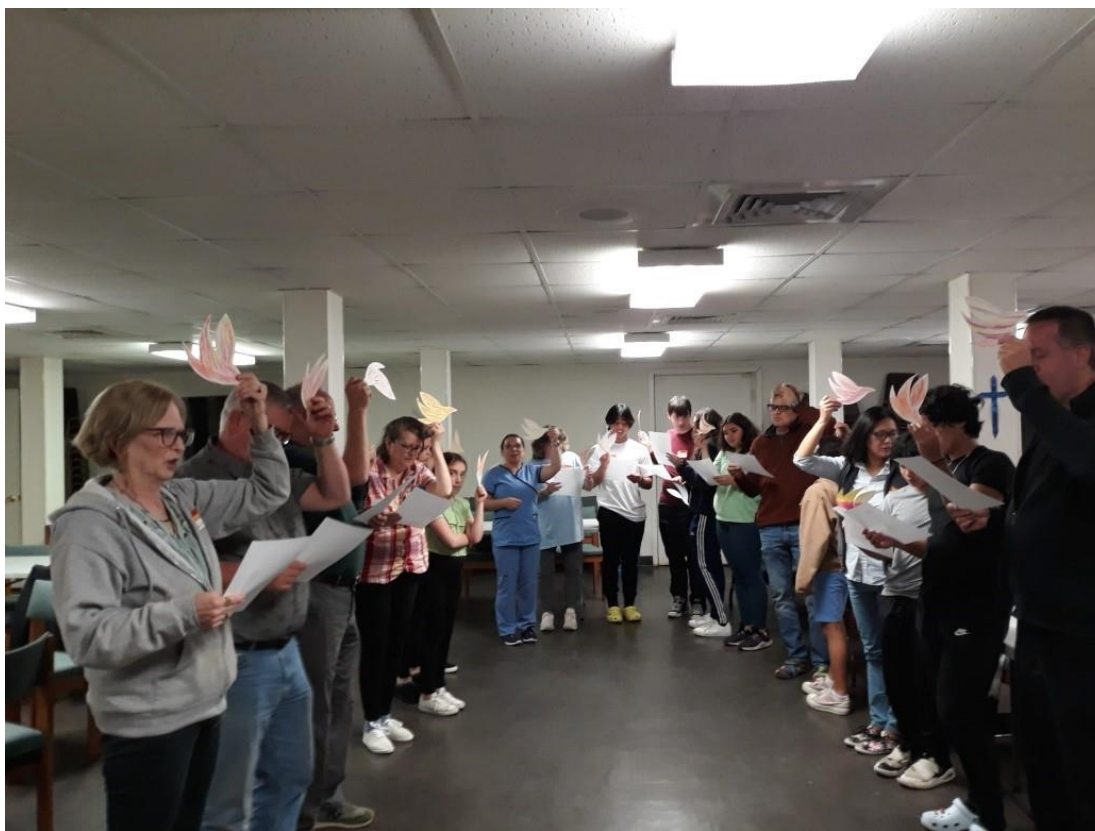
On Sunday, June 5, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will hold an afternoon of listening in connection with the Diocesan Synod Process that has been ongoing since late last year.

Every parish, along with numerous community groups, was invited and encouraged to send a representative to the listening session. Preceding that event, the bishop will celebrate Mass on Pentecost Sunday for all those that will attend.

The 12:15 p.m. Mass will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The public is invited to attend the Mass. The Mass will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

Due to seating limitations, the listening session is open to those parish representatives that have registered in advance.

Pocono Pines parish holds Family Faith Formation Festival



Members of Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines, demonstrate the gift of tongues given by Jesus to the Apostles at Pentecost.

This was done by holding a Holy Spirit craft above their heads and reading the Lord's Prayer in many languages all at once. Those languages included Polish, Spanish, French, Philippine, Latin, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Vietnamese.

The "Faith on Fire" reading took place during the parish's Family Faith Formation Festival, held on Wednesday, May 18, in which Father Sean Carpenter, pastor, invited families to participate in activities, crafts, prayer and fellowship.

“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the spirit enabled them.” Acts 2: 3-4

**Dioceses nationwide, including Scranton,
to launch National Eucharistic Revival on
Sunday, June 19**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

At their November 2021 General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to move forward with plans for a National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The multi-year Eucharistic Revival begins on Sunday, June 19, 2022, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), and culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.

The Diocese of Scranton will begin its local observance of the Eucharistic Revival with a Pontifical Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession celebrated by Bishop Bambera on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 12:15 P.M. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton.

The public is welcome to attend the Mass and participate in the Procession that will take place directly outside the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

[For More Information and Resources on the National Eucharistic Revival](#)

**Parishioners invited to support Diocesan
causes during #NEPAGives on Friday, June 3**



**FIRST FRIDAY RALLY
& GIVE GATHERING
TOMORROW, JUNE 3,
FROM 5 UNTIL 8 P.M.!**
**JOIN US INSIDE THE
DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER,
330 WYOMING AVE., SCRANTON**

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"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!" PSALM 98:4



#NEPAGives is now less than 24 hours away!

Thank you in advance for considering a gift to this special day of giving in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Because NEPA Gives also falls on First Friday in downtown Scranton this year, we invite you to join us at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, for a fun evening of fellowship from 5-8 p.m.!

If you'd like an early look at which organizations in the Diocese of Scranton will be looking for support on Friday, please click the link below...

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San Diego bishop says he was 'stunned,' humbled' by being named a cardinal



Cardinal-designate Robert W. McElroy told reporters May 31 that when he learned he is among the 21 new cardinals Pope Francis will create Aug. 27, "I said a big prayer."

“I said several prayers because I was stunned and so shocked by this,” said the 68-year-old prelate who heads the San Diego Diocese. He is the only American in the group the pope announced May 29.

“It was prayer in gratitude for my family and the many people who have helped form me over the years and thanksgiving to God for all their roles in my life,” he said during a 25-minute news conference held outside the diocesan pastoral center.

After the consistory, he will be among 132 cardinals under the age of 80, who will be eligible to vote in a conclave. The number of those over 80 will be 97, bringing the total number of cardinals to 229.

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Shame on those who take advantage of the elderly, ill, pope says



Old age, frailty and vulnerabilities should not be hidden, Pope Francis said.

“We are all tempted to hide our vulnerability, to hide our illness, our age and our seniority, because we fear that they are the precursor to our loss of dignity,” the pope said June 1 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

“Do not hide old age, do not hide the fragility of old age,” he said, because society needs to be taught and reformed to respect all seasons of life.

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Stealing Brooklyn, N.Y., church's tabernacle is 'heinous act,' pastor says



A burglar cut through a metal protective casing to steal a historic tabernacle valued at \$2 million at a Brooklyn Catholic church.

In the course of the crime, angel statues flanking the tabernacle were decapitated, and consecrated hosts from inside the tabernacle were thrown all over the altar, according to a Brooklyn diocesan news release.

The burglary is suspected to have taken place May 27 at St. Augustine

Catholic Church in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn and the theft was discovered by the pastor May 28, the release said.

A safe in the sacristy also was cut open but nothing was inside, it added.

“This is devastating, as the tabernacle is the central focus of our church outside of worship, holding the body of Christ, the Eucharist, which is delivered to the sick and homebound,” said Father Frank Tumino, the pastor.

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