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Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, to ordain eight men to the priesthood Next Friday Evening **May 19**

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Cleveland, will ordain seven men for the diocese and one for the Diocese of Daegu, South Korea, to the sacred priesthood in the solemn ritual of the Catholic Church on **Friday evening, May 19**. Bishop Thomas will preside at the ordination at 7 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in downtown Cleveland.

Those being ordained are:

Deacon Jacob Bearer

He is 29 and was a member of St. Mary Parish in Painesville, Lake County. He is a graduate of Riverside High School and John Carroll University. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron.

Deacon James Cosgrove

He is 31 and was a member of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Maple Heights. He is a graduate of Trinity High School in Garfield Heights and The University of Dayton. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Christopher Parish in Rocky River.

Deacon Eric Garris

He is 26 and attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Wickliffe. He is a graduate of Lake Catholic High School and John Carroll University. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Raphael Parish in Bay Village.

Deacon Matthew Jordan

He is 27 and attended St. Francis de Sales School in Akron. He is a graduate of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron and John Carroll University. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn.

Deacon Robert McWilliams

He is 37 and attended Immaculate Conception School in Akron. He graduated from Kenmore High School in Akron and John Carroll University. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Joseph Parish in Strongsville.

Deacon Peter Morris

He is 28 and was home-schooled. He graduated from St. John Bosco Charter School in Columbia Station. He also is a graduate of John Carroll University . The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. John Vianney Parish in Mentor.

Deacon Anthony Simone

He is 33 and was a member of St. Mary Parish in Hudson. He is a graduate of Hudson High school and the University of Akron. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be St. Sebastian Parish in Akron.

Deacon Soohyun Peter Bang

He is 30 and graduated from high school in Daegu, South Korea, where he lived. He is a graduate of the Catholic University of Daegu. The parish of his first priestly assignment will be Holy Angels Parish in Bainbridge Township.

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About the Diocese of Cleveland:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland was founded on April 23, 1847. Under the leadership of the Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator, it is the 23rd largest diocese in the United States. The diocese encompasses the counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Lorain, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Wayne and Ashland. There are more than 692,000 Catholics in the Diocese, and Catholic Charities- Diocese of Cleveland is one of the largest diocesan systems of social services in the world. There are 185 parishes, 114 Catholic schools, one pastoral center and one mission office within the diocese. The cathedral is the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, located in downtown Cleveland.