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"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."—John 8:32

Ten men to be ordained into ministry

Ten men are to be ordained in the Diocese of Worcester within the next month. Three will be priests, four transitional deacons preparing for priesthood and three permanent deacons. Eight will serve the diocese; two are in religious orders. They come from the United States, the Philippines, Colombia, Poland and Vietnam.

Trappist Brother Vincent Rogers (Robert Thomas Rogers) will be ordained at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at Saint Joseph Abbey in Spencer. He will preach at his Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Invited guests can enter the monastic enclosure for these Masses; others can sit in the guest chapels. Music will be primarily Gregorian chant.

Being ordained transitional deacons for the diocese at 10 a.m. June 5 at St. Paul Cathedral are Juan Herrera, Guillermo José Ochoa-Vélez and Marcin Wodzimiez Nowicki. Being ordained a transitional deacon with them is Brother Dinh G. Vo Tran, an Augustinian of the Assumption at Assumption College. A public reception will follow in St. Paul's Cenacle.

Being ordained permanent deacons for the diocese at 10 a.m. June 12 at St. Paul Cathedral are Frederick Alan Coggins, Anthony Keith Gagliani and Paul John Lesieur.

Being ordained priests for the diocese at 10 a.m. June 26 are Rev. Mr. Lowe Bretaña Dongor and Rev. Mr. Nicholas Desimone. Rev. Mr. Dongor will be the diocese's first Filipino priest. Mr. Desimone is a Worcester man who studied in Rome.

Brief biographies of all but the diocesan priests follow. Their stories will be featured next month.

Trappist priest

Brother Rogers, son of Robert Thomas Rogers and the late Sheila O'Donovan Rogers, was born August 10, 1952, in Santa Monica, Calif.

He attended Villa Park High School, Orange, Calif.; University of California Irvine, and Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, Weston.

He taught in a parochial school for a year before entering St. Joseph Abbey in 1977. He made his first vows in 1980 and his final vows in 1986. He was ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop McManus at the abbey last June. Father Luke Truhan, dean of studies at the abbey, is vesting him. He expects family from California to attend his ordination.

Transitional Deacons

Juan Herrera was born Jan. 25, 1980 in Colombia. He was a policeman and seminarian before coming to Worcester in 2007. He studies at St. John's Seminary, Brighton. He served at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Boylston, and this summer is at St. Patrick Parish, Whitinsville.

Father Kenneth R. Cardinale, Our Lady of Good Counsel's pastor, is vesting him. Expected at his ordination are relatives and priests from Colombia and various states.

Mr. Herrera's Mass of Thanksgiving is at 4:30 p.m. June 5 at Our Lady of the Good Counsel, where he will offer his ministry to the Blessed Mother. Celebrants are Father Cardinale and Father Edwin Gomez, coordinator for Latino seminarians. He has a Mass of Thanksgiving June 12 in Colombia.