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### Bishop Barres to Ordain Six Men to Permanent Diaconate

- **Ordination on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in St. Agnes Cathedral**
- **Broadcast on CFN at 11 a.m. and rebroadcast at 8 p.m.**



From left: Sean Gerard Cotter, Nilo Garcia DeLeon, Thomas Ciro DePalo, Thomas Gilbert Elliott, Paul Vastola, Matthew Joseph Yellico. Photos by Gregory A. Shemitz.

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. – May 21, 2021** – Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre will ordain six men to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Agnes Cathedral. The Catholic Faith Network will broadcast the Ordination Mass live beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will rebroadcast at 8 p.m. on: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon Fios channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can also watch the Mass online at [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).

A deacon is a member of the clergy and an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or “orders,” of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not to be served.” The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

The six men who will be ordained are:

Sean Gerard Cotter  
Church of St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Nilo Garcia DeLeon  
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip

Thomas Ciro DePalo  
Church of St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station



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Matthew Joseph Yellico  
Church of St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma

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