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Bishop Barres to Ordain Nine Men to Permanent Diaconate

- **Ordination on Wednesday, September 23 in St. Agnes Cathedral at 2 p.m.**
- **Gerard Magaldi, father of DRVC Vocation Director, Fr. Sean Magaldi to be ordained**



Top row from left: Terrence Culhane, Michael Durso, Matthew Faughnan, Gregory Fewer.

Bottom row from left: John Heverin, Ronald Lacsa, Gerard Magaldi, George Sprance, Vincent Sweeney

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ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. – September 22, 2020 – Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre will ordain nine men to the Permanent Diaconate on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Saint Agnes Cathedral. The Catholic Faith Network will broadcast the Ordination Mass live on: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon Fios channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can also watch the online at www.cfntv.org. An ordination worship aid is available on drvc.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 nine men who will be ordained are:



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Terrence Culhane (wife: Eileen)
Church of St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia

Michael Durso (wife: Tina)
Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead

Matthew Faughnan (wife: Eileen)
Church of St. Patrick, Smithtown

Gregory Fewer (wife: Carolyn)
Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne

John Heverin (wife: Ann)
Church of Sacred Heart, North Merrick

Ronald Lacsa (wife: Rachel)
Church of St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

Gerard Magaldi (wife: Deborah)
Church of St. Aidan, Williston Park

George Sprance (wife: Josi (deceased))
Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point

Vincent Sweeney (wife: Sharon)
Church of Ss. Peter and Paul, Manorville

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