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Two to be ordained to the Catholic priesthood

GARY – On Saturday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, Bishop Robert J. McClory will ordain Deacon Steven Caraher, 28, and Deacon Zach Glick, 29, as Roman Catholic priests to serve the Diocese of Gary. The two men are ready to take the next steps in serving the people of God.

Deacon Steven Caraher is proud to be from Munster and “the first son of St. Thomas More to become a priest for the diocese.” Deacon Caraher remembers “feeling awkward and stiff” when he first approached preaching but believes his opportunities at Sunday Masses during the past year have found him preaching with deeper and richer messages, feeling amazed at “how clearly the Lord speaks.”

Growing up, Zachary Glick considered joining the U.S. military, especially while pursuing an engineering degree at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Once he discerned a vocation to the priesthood, Deacon Glick found a way to blend his aspirations. After three years with the Gary diocese, he will begin a five-year commitment to the U.S. Air Force serving as a military chaplain where he is eager to “bring the Mass and other sacraments to Catholics who might otherwise not have access to baptism and the anointing of the sick,” he explained. “We serve not only the enlisted but their families, too.”

Deacon Caraher graduated from St. Thomas More Catholic School in Munster (2010), Munster High School (2014) and Indiana University (2018). He spent two years at St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Illinois before attending Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit where he earned a philosophy degree (2024).

As Deacon Caraher begins his priestly ministry, he is looking forward to hearing confessions, especially from someone who hasn’t been to confession for 30-40 years. “It doesn’t matter how far we’ve strayed from Him; He is so ready to forgive us, and I will get to say those words,” Deacon Caraher said. The Munster native is looking forward to celebrating his first Mass, which he will do at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 2 at his home parish, St. Thomas More, and hearing confessions.

“St. Thomas More is the place that nourished me during my childhood, and it will be a really special moment for my first Mass with my family and friends there.” Deacon Steven Caraher’s first assignment as a priest, effective July 1, will be as associate pastor at Holy Martyrs Parish and Our Lady of Consolation, both in Merrillville.

Deacon Glick graduated from Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Highland (2009), Highland High School (2013) and Rose-Hulman with a bachelor’s degree (2017) and a master’s (2019), both in mechanical engineering. After attending the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Illinois for two years, he earned a philosophy degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit (2024).

Deacon Glick looks forward to meeting the spiritual needs of his flock through counseling people and ministering to the soul.

“Listening is important as we practice imitating Christ as deacons, facilitating personal interaction with Jesus,” Deacon Glick added. “People need to know they are heard and understood by someone who cares.”

Deacon Glick will celebrate his first Mass at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, at his home parish, Our Lady of Grace in Highland, with his family and friends, whom he has been grateful to have in his corner throughout his schooling, military service and seminary studies. "I think my six years of seminary has been a blessing for my family because they have grown in their faith and been very supportive and happy for me," said Deacon Glick.

Once ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Gary on June 1, Deacon Glick will begin his first assignment, effective July 1, as associate pastor of Queen of All Saints and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception parishes in Michigan City.

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