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CORRECTION to paragraph 6: The correct title for Father Maginot is administrator.

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Three to be ordained, to the Catholic priesthood and transitional diaconate

GARY – On Saturday, June 3, Most Rev. Robert J. McClory, Bishop of Gary, will ordain three men to serve the diocese. Steven Caraher, 27, Zach Glick, 28, will be ordained as transitional deacons and Deacon Robert Ross, 26, will be ordained a Roman Catholic priest.

“Liturgically, (transitional and permanent deacons) assist the priest at the altar, proclaim the gospel, preach and can lead prayer services and Holy Communion services,” said Father Kevin Huber, diocesan chancellor and pastor at St. Mary, Crown Point. “Transitional deacons can administer the sacrament of baptism, witness the sacrament of marriage and bless people and religious articles. Pastorally, they visit the sick and homebound, teach, prepare couples for marriage, prepare parents for baptism, sign marriage documents and preside at funerals outside of Mass and rites of committal at the cemetery.”

Caraher studied math and computer science at Indiana University, but when it all added up for the Munster native, he realized the seminary was the place he was meant to be. After five years studying for the priesthood and discerning his calling, he will spend this summer serving at Queen of All Saints in Michigan City and will receive a parish assignment in Detroit for his final year at seminary.

After earning a master’s degree in mechanical engineering, Glick changed gears and entered the seminary, discerning a calling to the priesthood. He will spend this summer serving at St. Mary in Crown Point and will receive a parish assignment in Detroit for his final year at seminary.

Glick will also serve a military chaplaincy, meeting a need for Catholic priests to serve the spiritual needs of the military. “I am planning to serve for a period of time as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. I will first serve in the Diocese of Gary for three years and then in the Archdiocese of the Military Services for five years before returning to the Diocese of Gary permanently,” he explained.

Deacon Ross, a Highland native, counts St. Stephen, Martyr in Merrillville, where his uncle, Father Michael Maginot, is the **pastor** administrator, as his home parish, and he is eager to celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving there at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, with his brother, Father Benjamin Ross, pastor at St. Bridget in Hobart, preaching the homily. Assisting at the Mass will be newly ordained transitional deacons Steven Caraher and Zachary Glick.

“That first Mass will be very special, especially the moment of consecration,” said the soon-to-be newest Father Ross, who revealed that he and his classmates have been practicing the consecration of the Body and Blood at the seminary. “Now, however, it will be the ‘real deal,’ a moment of awe. How can I be doing this – acting for God?” he noted.

As he takes the biggest step forward on his spiritual journey, Father Ross has one request for the people of the Diocese of Gary. “Pray for me,” he said. “I have really experienced as I’ve gotten closer to the priesthood that I’ve made it clear to the enemy (Satan) that I’m a captain now, and like all priests, I need the prayers of the people.”