

Four to be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday

On Saturday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m., four men will be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Baltimore by Bishop W. Francis Malooly, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore. The Mass of Ordination will take place at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, located at 5200 N. Charles Street in Baltimore.

The following men will be ordained priests of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 23, 2007:

Jesse Bolger, 34. Jesse holds a bachelor's degree from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg. He completed his studies for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Prior to entering the seminary in 2001, Jesse owned and operated a landscaping company in the Frederick area. Jesse is originally from Long Island, NY, but moved to the Baltimore area in 1983.

Michael Foppiano, 27. Born and raised in New York, Michael enrolled at The Catholic University of America (D.C.) in 1998 following high school graduation. He began his studies at Theological College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude in 2002. He continued his seminary studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and graduated in May 2007 with a Master's in Theology.

Daniel Goulet, 33. Daniel, though born in Hollywood, Florida, grew up in Maine. Upon graduation from Portland High School in 1992, he entered into Active-Duty service with the U.S. Army. While assigned to Fort Meade in Maryland, Daniel discerned his vocation to the priesthood. In 2001, he applied for the Archdiocese of Baltimore as a cosponsored seminarian with the Military Archdiocese and entered St. Mary's Seminary & University in Roland Park.

Michael Triplett, 28. Michael grew up in Reisterstown, attending Sacred Heart parish, where he worked as a sacristan and was active in the youth leadership team. After grade school, Michael attended Calvert Hall College High School and began discerning his vocation. Following his graduation, Michael attended La Sale

University and graduated in 2001 from the University's honor's program and received a bachelor's degree with Religious Studies and Philosophy majors and a minor in Computer Science. After college, Michael was sent by the Diocese to St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park for one year of Pre-Theology before beginning at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. In June 2005, Michael earned a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the Jesuit Gregorian University.

Media Notes: The Mass of Ordination is rich in Catholic tradition and very visual: the new candidates for priesthood are presented to the bishop who asks about their intentions and worthiness to be ordained. The ceremony continues with the candidates prostrating themselves while the congregation chants the Litany of Saints. Immediately following, the bishop through the ancient sign of ordination confers priesthood by laying hands on each candidate. Each priest present also lays his hands on each candidate. The new priests are then vested in a stole and a chasuble (symbols of the priestly office) followed by the bishop presenting the bread and a chalice filled with wine, which is offered and consecrated at this Ordination Mass, the new priests' first Mass.

It is requested that media covering the event dress in appropriate attire. Photographers will be given access in the side aisles of the Cathedral. No photographers will be allowed in the sanctuary, in front of the altar or in the center aisle.

Media parking is permitted on the side and lower lots South of the Cathedral. Media vehicles are not permitted on the driveway directly in front of the Cathedral.