

# Libertytown Man to be Ordained to the Catholic Priesthood on Saturday, June 25

On Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, will ordain a new Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Deacon Michael Rubeling, 27, studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence College Seminary and then at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Deacon Rubeling's home parish is St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown, Maryland. One of 10 children, Deacon Rubeling's younger brother, Peter, is also preparing to become a priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Deacon Rubeling will join over 150 diocesan priests actively serving in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Approximately 548 men are being ordained to the priesthood in the United States in 2016.

## **Media Notes:**

*The Mass of Ordination is rich in Catholic tradition and very visual: the new candidate for priesthood is presented to the bishop who asks about their intentions and worthiness to be ordained. The ceremony continues with the candidate prostrating himself while the congregation chants the Litany of Saints. Immediately following, the bishop through the ancient sign of ordination confers priesthood by laying hands on the candidate. Each priest present also lays his hands on the candidate. The new priest is 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 priest's first Mass.*