

Election and Promise



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Candidates for ordination are called to stand before the assembly and present themselves. Testimony is given regarding their worthiness. The bishop accepts the men for priesthood and the people give their consent by applause. Each candidate is asked to declare his intention to assume the responsibilities of a priest and promise to serve through celebration of the sacraments. Placing his hands in those of the bishop, a candidate promises to respect and obey the bishop and his successors. Deacon Timothy Gahan and his fellow deacons process into the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on July 27.

Litany of Supplication



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The six candidates prostrate themselves in humility and prayer as an expression of dependence upon and unworthiness of God as the saints are called upon and asked to pray for them.

Laying on of Hands



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The bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate in silence as he calls down the Holy Spirit. All other priests present lay hands on the candidates to incorporate them into the presbyterate. Above, diocesan and visiting priests lay hands on Deacons Michael Cassabon, Jeffrey Kirby and Jeremi Wodecki.

Prayer of Ordination



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Bishop Robert J. Baker lays hands on Father Michael Cassabon. The priestly office is conferred on the candidate through the laying on of hands and the Prayer of Ordination.

Investiture with stole and chasuble



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Father John Zimmerman, right, helps vest newly ordained Father Jeremi Wodecki, left. The priests are clothed in the stole and chasuble as an outward sign of the ministry they will fulfill.

Anointing, presenting of chalice and paten



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Bishop Robert J. Baker anointed the hands of each of the newly ordained and presented them with the chalice and paten signifying the distinctive participation in Christ's priesthood of presiding at the celebration of the Eucharist. At right is Father Bryan Babick; seminarian Jason Oakes is center.