Bishop to ordain a priest and a transitional deacon

Two men are scheduled to be ordained this year — one to the priesthood and one to the transitional diaconate. Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne will ordain Deacon Robert Murphy a priest and seminarian Gregory Caldwell a deacon preparing for priesthood at a special Mass on Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington.

The bishop will place his hands on the head of the candidate for priestly ordination, and through this Laying of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination, the Gift of the Holy Spirit for the priestly office will be conferred on the candidate for priesthood who will receive the stole and chasuble, signs of the office of the ministerial priesthood.

Deacon Murphy graduated from Mount Anthony Union High School Bennington in 2013 then attended Providence College where he earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 2017. He first felt the calling to the priesthood in elementary school. “I was open to the call and desired to do God’s will for my life,” he said. He chose to study for the Diocese of Burlington because it is his home Diocese, and he felt called to serve the people of Vermont.

“There have been many great priests in Vermont who have inspired me in my discernment of the priesthood,” he said.

Caldwell, who graduated from Essex High School in 2008, earned a Master of Arts in Catholic philosophical studies from St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He was received into full communion with the Church in 2013.

He has said he hopes to bring to the priesthood an ability to “teach in a way that can reach people,” an ability to show people how to live their faith and the willingness to bring the sacraments to the people of the Diocese of Burlington.

Deacon Murphy advises men who are contemplating priesthood to focus on growing in holiness — especially through daily prayer — and striving to grow in virtue. “I believe that if they are open and seeking to do God’s will, God will lead them to their vocation and give them what they need to live it well,” he said.

The ordination will be a special time for clergy to meet in a spirit of fraternity and camaraderie.

Due to the seating capacity restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be by invitation only to allow for the priests of the diocese, Robert and Greg’s family and friends, and members of their home parishes to attend. The Mass will be live-streamed at www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/

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Upcoming Events

06|13 Sunday
Vermont Catholic Advance Directive Presentation
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 pm
Bioethicist Deacon Pete Gummere will lead a discussion on the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive: The document complies with Vermont’s Advance Directive Law as well as with Church teaching.

06|20–25 Sunday–Friday
Saint Anne’s Shrine 5 Day Directed Retreat
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. FOR MORE INFO: saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats

07|11 Sunday
Family Mass with Bishop Coyne
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm
More information will be shared soon!

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Worldpriest Annual Global ROSARY RELAY

Friday, June 11, 2021 • 2 p.m.

- Live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
- Rosary to be led by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne
- Join us on www.vermontcatholic.org or facebook.com/DioBurlington/
- Learn more about the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay at worldpriest.com/annual-global-rosary-relay/
- Questions? Email Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org
- How many Vermonters can we get praying the Rosary together? Join us to find out!

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