

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRIESTS  
IN THE SAME LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

Prayer of Ordination of One Priest  
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Draw near, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eter - nal God, au -  
thor of human dignity and bestower of all grac-es, through whom  
all things progress, through whom everything is made firm, who,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit, in order to form a priestly people,  
establish among them ministers of Christ your Son in var - i - ous  
or-ders. Al-ready in the earlier covenant there arose offices insti-  
tuted by mys - ti - cal rites: so that when you had set Moses and  
Aaron over your people to govern and sanc - ti - fy them, you chose  
men next in or - der and dig - ni - ty to join them and assist them  
in their work. Thus in the desert, you instilled the spirit of Moses  
in the minds of seventy wise men; with them as helpers he more  
easily governed your peo-ple. So too, over the sons of Aaron

you poured an abundant share of their father's fullness, that the num-  
 ber of priests prescribed by the Law might be sufficient for the sacri-  
 fices of the tab-er-nac-le, which were a shadow of the good things  
 to come. But in these last days, holy Father, you sent your Son in-  
 to the world, Jesus, the A-pos-tle and High Priest of our con-  
 fession. Through the Holy Spirit, he offered himself unblemished  
 to you and made his Apostles, who were consecrated in the truth,  
 sharers in his mission; to them you add-ed com-pan-ions to pro-  
 claim and carry out the work of sal-va-tion through all the world.  
 Now, we pray, O Lord, provide also for our weakness this helper  
 whom we need for the exercise of the Apos-tol-ic Priesthood.

Grant, we pray, almighty Father, to this your servant the dignity  
of the Priesthood; re - new deep within him the Spir - it of  
ho - li - ness; may he hold the office second in order, received from  
you, O God, and by the example of his man - ner of life may he in -  
spire right conduct.

May he be a trustworthy co-worker with our Or - der, so that by his  
preaching and through the grace of the Ho - ly Spir - it, the words of  
the Gospel may bear fruit in human hearts and reach even to the ends  
of the earth. To - gether with us, may he be a faithful steward of your  
myster - ies, so that your people may be renewed through the cleans -  
ing waters of rebirth and refreshed from your al - tar, so that sinners  
may be rec - on - ciled and the sick raised up. May he be joined to  
us, Lord, in imploring your mercy for the peo - ple entrusted to him

and for the whole world. Thus, may the full number of the nations,  
gathered togeth-er in Christ, become your one peo-ple, brought to  
perfection in your Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
All:  
God, for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

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