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WHAT | Priesthood Ordination Mass

WHEN | Saturday, May 17, 2025, 10 A.M.

WHERE | Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains: 325 W. 8th St., Cincinnati OH

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Two men being ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will joyfully celebrate the ordination of two new priests on Saturday May 17, 2025. The men will be ordained to the priesthood for service to God and the Church. Archbishop Robert G. Casey will celebrate the Mass. Within the course of the ordination rite, the archbishop will lay his hands on the men, invoking the authority given by Christ to the apostles to make new priests. The Mass will be live streamed on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati YouTube channel.

The two new priests will contribute to the growing trend of men being ordained priests over the last decade. **Since 2015, 52 men have been ordained the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.**

The two new priests have served as transitional deacons for the last year. Their ministry has included baptizing, assisting at marriages, and preaching at Mass. The men graduated on May 10 of this year from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology, after at least seven

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years of formation for the priesthood. Parish assignments for the new priests will be announced at the ordination.

Men to be ordained:

Deacon Kevin LeMelle

Deacon Adam Lewis

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the 45th largest Catholic diocese in the country, with nearly 440,000 Catholics, and has the fifth largest Catholic school system in terms of enrollment with more than 40,000 students. The 19-county territory includes 199 canonical parishes organized into 57 Families of Parishes, and 108 Catholic primary and secondary schools.