

Ordination to the Priesthood

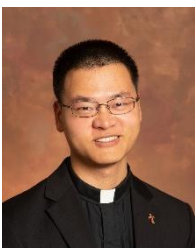


Brother Antoninus Maria Samy, O.P., a Dominican friar currently assigned to St. Matthew's who will be ordained to the priesthood on **May 25**.

Br. Antoninus was born and raised in Melbourne, Australia, and came to the United States to join the Dominican Order. Prior to entering religious life, Br. Antoninus worked as an economist for the Australian Government, and as an economic history researcher and lecturer at the University of Oxford (UK).

Br. Antoninus has assisted in a number of ministries over the past two years at the Cathedral, including RCIA, parents' group, the Sacred Page Bible study, as well teaching baptism preparation classes and preparing couples for marriage.

Br. Antoninus will be ordained a priest on Saturday, **May 25** at 9:30am in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by Most Rev. Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving after ordination here at the Cathedral, at 11:30am on Sunday, **May 26**. All are most welcome to attend the ordination and the First Mass.



Mingwei Li, a seminarian for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, **June 29** at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, by the Most Reverend David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh. He will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, **June 30** at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Pittsburgh, PA.

Mingwei was born in southeastern China, the oldest of three children. He and his family immigrated to the United States 20 years ago and settled in Pittsburgh, PA. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene at the University of Pittsburgh, Mingwei discerned with the Diocese of Pittsburgh and became a seminarian there. He studied two years of philosophy while living at St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Mingwei is finishing his studies at the Catholic University in the joint degrees of the Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B) and Master of Divinity. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved in the Sacred Page Bible Study, baptism preparation, baptisms, marriage preparation and served as a deacon at various liturgies. He is very grateful for the two years here at St. Matthew's. He is grateful to Msgr. Jameson for his supervision, to the resident priests for their inputs, to the staff for their assistance, and to the faith community of St. Matthew's for their welcome. He hopes to return and to celebrate a Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

Ordination to the Diaconate



Since September 2018, four seminarians from Theological College have studied at the Catholic University of America and also served here at St. Matthew's. Their ministries have included the Cathedral Young Adults, Always God's Children, Sacred Page Bible study, and marriage preparation, as well as serving at

Cathedral liturgies. From left to right pictured above, they are: **Garrett Bockman**; **Mark Garrett**; **Elmer Herrera-Guzman**; and **Ryan Hiaeshutter**. All were ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Dallas on Saturday, **April 27** by Bishop Edward J. Burns, St. Jude Catholic Church. We hope to see them back next year!



Earlier this year, on **March 16**, our Dominican seminarian, **Br. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.**, was ordained to the diaconate at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He served at St. Matthew's for the first time as a deacon and preached at the 11:30am Mass the next day, **March 17**. While studying for the priesthood at the Dominican House of Studies during the past academic year, Br. Hyacinth assisted with St. Matthew's RCIA, Young Adults and Sacred Page groups, and worked with parents of our Religious Education students and engaged couples. Next year he will serve at a hospital chaplaincy in New York.

Let us keep all of these young men in our prayers as they pursue their callings to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Let us also offer a special prayer of thanksgiving for their presence and ministries here at the Cathedral parish.