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Diocese of Erie to Celebrate Presbyteral Ordination of Two New Priests

With profound joy and gratitude to God, the Diocese of Erie announces the upcoming presbyteral ordination of Reverend Mr. Brandon Matthew Feikles and Reverend Mr. Michael Christopher Scanga. The ordination Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie, at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

This sacred and solemn liturgy will be marked by the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, through which Reverend Mr. Feikles and Reverend Mr. Scanga will be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. The ceremony will bring together clergy, women religious, the Knights of Columbus and a large gathering of family, friends and supporters, all united in prayer and celebration.

About the Ordinands:

Reverend Brandon Matthew Feikles, a native of Erie, is the son of Patrick and Mary Feikles. A 2013 graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Gannon University in 2017 and was awarded a Master of Divinity degree, *summa cum laude*, from Saint Mary's Seminary and University in 2025. He was ordained a transitional deacon on April 13, 2024.

Reverend Michael Christopher Scanga, of Sharpsville, is the son of James V. and Kimberly A. Scanga. He graduated from Kennedy Catholic High School in 2015 and earned dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology (2019) and Philosophy (2021) from Gannon University. In 2025, he completed his Master of Divinity degree, *magna cum laude*, at Saint Vincent Seminary, where he also received the Judge Bernard Scherer Award for academic excellence, spiritual depth, and commitment to evangelization. He, too, was ordained a transitional deacon on April 13, 2024.

The Diocese of Erie offers heartfelt thanks to God for the vocations of these two men and for all those who contributed to their formation. We pray their priesthood will be rooted in faith, compassion, and zeal for the Gospel. We invite the faithful to join in this joyous celebration and to keep Fathers Feikles and Scanga in prayer as they begin their ministry in service to God and His people.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

6:45 p.m. | St. Peter Cathedral | The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie

Photos from the ordination will be available at www.eriercd.org.

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