



February 13, 2017

To all the faithful of the Diocese of Prince Albert,

These past few weeks of winter have sent us cool temperatures, but nothing can ever cool the workings of the Holy Spirit. There is no question the Holy Spirit has been active in our diocese!

On his journey to the priesthood, and in his eighth year of formation, **Kendrick Beler will be ordained a Transitional Deacon at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, the feast of St. Mark, in Battleford** where he will soon complete his year of internship with our Chancellor, Fr. Greg Elder and the parish community of St. Vital.

As well, four years ago, we, as a diocese, put out a call to those who would be interested in the Permanent Diaconate. We placed our intentions in the maternal hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, asking her to watch over the candidates for this ministry to proclaim the Word faithfully, serve the liturgy reverently, and care for the needs of the poor joyfully.

This summer, we will see the fruits of our prayers and labours, and of theirs. Five of the men who participated in formation will be ordained Permanent Deacons this summer. Their ordination dates, times, and locations are as follows:

Permanent Deacons	Date	Time	Feast	Place
Dan Lamoureux	Friday, July 14	7:00pm	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	O.L. of Perpetual Help, Cutknife
Brian McLane	Tuesday, July 25	7:00pm	St. James	St. Eugene, Nipawin
Mike Hardwicke	Tuesday, July 25	7:00pm	St. James	St. Eugene, Nipawin
Lynn Ryan	Thursday, August 10	7:00pm	St. Lawrence	St. Michael, Prince Albert
Greg Bobbitt	Thursday, Sept 14	7:00pm	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	St. Odilon, Rosthern

All celebrations will be followed by a reception.

With each of these ordinations, I would ask that we reflect on how through our baptism, we too have been called to a life of service, and I encourage you to:

1. Pray for these individuals, that the glory of God would be manifested in all that they do.
2. Show your solidarity with each of these individuals by attending their ordination.
3. Advertise and promote these ordinations in your parishes, as we would like to see all the people of God represented at these joyous celebrations.

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As we begin to enter the season of Lent, let us pray especially that we would all undergo conversion and that God would touch the hearts of those journeying towards ordination.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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Bishop of Prince Albert

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