

# Priestly Ordination 2020

**JOIN US ONLINE on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 10am  
for the ordination of Deacon Thomas Tran to the priesthood!**

**You can join the livestream at:**

**[vimeo.com/archdioceseofseattle](https://vimeo.com/archdioceseofseattle) or [facebook.com/archdioceseofseattle](https://facebook.com/archdioceseofseattle)**

As Deacon Thomas is called by God from the midst of the people, your participation in the livestream is more important than ever. Although the congregation will not be present in the cathedral, the livestream is a unique occasion for us to be closer to Thomas and the elements of the Ordination Rite as we all gather together in a different communal way—up close and personal—to serve witness to this ceremony that carries profound meaning for the life of the Church.

## **Five reasons to join the livestream!**

### **#1 Witness the Rite of Ordination up close.**

This rite has profound meaning—it is through this rite that the priesthood began, and it is through the priesthood that the ministry of Jesus continues today. The livestream will come to us directly from the altar platform, giving everyone a unique opportunity to get closer than is normally possible.

### **#2 Come together as a large virtual congregation.**

It is important to remember that God has called Deacon Thomas to his vocation to the priesthood from the midst of the people. In following God's call, Thomas has spent many years in formation and the Rite of Ordination begins his life as a priest for the people of the archdiocese. Join the livestream to show your approval and support.

### **#3 Join your prayers for Thomas to those of Archbishop Etienne.**

During the Litany of Supplication, Deacon Thomas lies prostrate as a symbol of his submission to God's will. At this time the saints are called upon to intercede on Thomas's behalf, reminding us of the universal call to holiness. You are invited to join the livestream so we can all pray together as one congregation for Thomas.

### **#4 Learn more about the Rite of Ordination.**

We will be "virtual ushering" the event with commentary posted throughout the entire ordination on the Archdiocese of Seattle facebook livestream, to enhance our understanding of what is taking place—from the entrance procession to the final blessing.

### **#5 Post messages of congratulations and blessings.**

The facebook livestream is the perfect place to post your congratulations to soon-to-be Reverend Thomas!