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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:

Brandon Matthew Feikles earned the Master of Divinity degree, *summa cum laude*, in 2025. A seminarian from the Diocese of Erie, he is a 2013 graduate of Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie. He was ordained to the diaconate on April 13, 2024, and will be ordained to the priesthood on May 23 in Erie. Deacon Feikles earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Gannon University, Erie, in 2017. He has also studied theology at Saint Mary's Seminary and University. He is the son of Patrick and Mary Feikles of Erie.

Michael Christopher Scanga earned the Master of Divinity degree, *magna cum laude*, in 2025. At the spring honors convocation of Saint Vincent College and Seminary, he was presented with the Judge Bernard Scherer Award, granted by the faculty to the student who most exemplifies the qualities in the life and the mission of Judge Scherer, who was also a professor at Saint Vincent. Judge Scherer dedicated much of his life to teaching and forming students at Saint Vincent College and Seminary. Consideration is not just based on the student's grade point average, but the recipient must also share Judge Scherer's love of learning, the ability to discern God in all things, and the desire to share the faith with all of God's people. He was ordained to the diaconate on April 13, 2024, and will be ordained to the priesthood on May 23 in Erie. Deacon Scanga is a 2015 graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School, Hermitage. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology in 2019 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Gannon University, Erie, in 2021. His parents are James V. and Kimberly A. Scanga of Sharpsville.

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.

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