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25 SEMINARIANS RECEIVE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

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On 3, March 2024, His Excellency, The Most Rev. Joseph Augustine Di Noia, Archbishop, Adjunct Secretary of the Congregation for Doctrine of the Faith conferred the Ministry of Acolyte in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State, on the following students:

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| 1. Andrew Ryan Chase | Archdiocese of Baltimore |
| 2. Stephen Orlo Coutcher | Diocese of Providence |
| 3. Charles Joseph DeReuil II | Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| 4. Jacob John Derry | Diocese of Lansing |
| 5. Patrick Jacob Ernst | Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend |
| 6. Michael Thomas Figura | Archdiocese of Omaha |
| 7. Lucas Sebastian Folan | Diocese of Paterson |
| 8. Noah Huddleston | Diocese of Grand Island |
| 9. Thomas Cooper Johnson | Diocese of Great Falls-Billings |
| 10. Thomas Steven Kollasch | Diocese of Sioux City |
| 11. Kyle Edward Lang | Diocese of La Crosse |
| 12. Steven Thomas Lang | Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis |
| 13. Nathan Joseph Ledoux | Diocese of Providence |
| 14. Nicholas Anthony Martell | Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon |
| 15. Ian Paul Christopher Mendoza | Archdiocese of New York |
| 16. Kaleb Patric Mitchell | Diocese of Helena |

17. Benjamin Luke Oursler	Archdiocese of Baltimore
18. Brendan Basil Parlett	Archdiocese of Washington
19. Mateusz Christopher Puzanowski	Diocese of Providence
20. Reed Francis Donnelly Robinson	Diocese of Nashville
21. Brian Baker Schumacher	Diocese of Salt Lake City
22. Eric Mitchell Schumann	Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
23. Alexander James Turpin	Diocese of Albany
24. Martin Nchedo Umeatuegbu	Archdiocese of Santa Fe
25. Charles Henry Warner	Diocese of Saginaw

In his homily the on the Third Sunday of Lent when the Installation of Ministry Acolytes would take place, His Excellency, Archbishop Di Noia preached on the Gospel passage of John 2:13-25, The cleansing of the Temple. Archbishop Di Noia directly addressed those who would be receiving the Ministry of Acolyte and encouraged them to, “serve the Church as Acolytes with the same zeal that Jesus himself exhibited in the cleansing of the Temple.”

In the rite of the Institution of Acolyte, Archbishop Di Noia placed the paten, which contains the hosts for the celebration of Mass, in the hands of each candidate. He then said, “take this vessel with bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of his Church.”

The seminarians, currently in their second year of formation at the college, have two additional years of theological studies before being ordained to the priesthood in their home dioceses.

The Pontifical North American College serves as the American seminary in Rome. Founded in 1859 by Blessed Pius IX, the College has formed over 5000 priests near the heart of the Church for service in dioceses around the United States and Australia. The College strengthens the bonds between Rome and local Churches worldwide, and it allows its students a first-hand encounter of the Church’s rich religious and cultural heritage.

A gallery of photos from the Mass may be viewed at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pnac/albums> in the coming days. Local diocesan news organizations may contact Chukwuma Odigwe codigwe@pnac.org for information regarding photo use credits and permissions. All other news sources may contact pnacdc@pnac.org for photo permissions.

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