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Serra Club announces 2025 Serra Youth Service Award recipients

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The Serra Club of Evansville is proud to once again sponsor the Serra Youth Service Award, which recognizes eighth



grade students in the Diocese of Evansville for Christian leadership, Christian formation and community involvement.

It is fitting to recognize the service of the students because it is from service that vocations grow. All vocations: priesthood, religious life, married life and single life require a desire for one to give of themselves in order for the vocation to flourish. The Serra Club of Evansville through its programs and activities assists in promoting and fostering vocations in the diocese.

The Youth Service Award program is held at the end of each school year to honor those students in diocesan schools and religious education programs who have consistently given of themselves through their involvement in their parish and community.

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Bishop Siegel ordains four as diocesan priests

By JOHN ROHLF

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For the first year since 2019, the Diocese of Evansville ordained four men to the priesthood.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel ordained Father Nick Biever, Father Keith Hart, Father Aaron Herrenbruck and Father Clint Johnson to the priesthood during the Rite of Ordination June 14 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville.

Over the past two years, the Diocese of Evansville has ordained seven men to the priesthood. Father Phillip Rogier, Father Caleb Scherzinger and Father Tyler Underhill were ordained to the priesthood in 2024.

"In the course of 12 months, we added seven men as priests," Diocese of Evansville Director of Vocations Father Tyler Tenbarge said. "All seven newly ordained in the past two years are under 32 years old and all were raised at parishes within our 12 counties. It shows that the faithful and our pastors make vocations a priority in their homes and com-

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Bishop Joseph M. Siegel, middle, stands with Father Nick Biever, far left, Father Keith Hart, second from left, Father Aaron Herrenbruck, second from right, and Father Clint Johnson inside St. Benedict Cathedral following the June 14 Ordination Mass.

First Masses

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Photos by Aaron Pea, Special to The Message FATHER CLINT JOHNSON Holy Cross Parish, Fort Branch



FATHER KEITH HART St. Peter Parish, Montgomery



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FATHER AARON HERRENBRUCK
St. Clement Parish, Boonville



FATHER NICK BIEVER
Annunciation Parish –
Christ the King Church, Evansville