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Bishop Siegel ordains two diocesan seminarians as transitional deacons

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Bishop Joseph M. Siegel ordained two diocesan seminarians as deacons during the Rite of Ordination April 18.

Bishop Siegel ordained Diocese of Evansville seminarians Nathan Folz and Chase Riecker as deacons during the Rite of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon April 18 at Good Shepherd Church in Evansville. A son of Good Shepherd Parish in Evansville, Deacon Folz attends St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad. A son of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish in Celestine, Deacon Riecker attends Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Over 30 priests, including many diocesan priests and priests who are friends of the newly ordained, concelebrated the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Siegel. About 10 deacons were present, including Deacon

Dan DeCastra, who assisted during the Mass. Father Chris Forler, Larry Durchholz, Paul Folz and Matt Miller were the masters of ceremony.

After the Gospel reading, Father Tyler Tenbarge, Director of Vocations for the diocese, presented both seminarians to Bishop Siegel for election.

"After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I testify that they have been found worthy," Father Tenbarge said during the election of the candidates.

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Bishop Joseph M. Siegel stands with newly ordained Deacons Chase Riecker, left, and Nathan Folz after their April 18 Rite of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon Mass at Good Shepherd Parish in Evansville.



Diocese celebrates fourth annual Deo Gratias Society Mass and reception

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Nearly 200 members of the Diocese of Evansville Deo Gratias Society gathered April 19 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville for Mass celebrated by

The Message photo by Megan Erbacher
Bishop Joseph M. Siegel, standing at left, delivers his homily during an April 19 Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville for more than 200 members of the Diocese of Evansville Deo Gratias Society.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel. Father Alex Zenthoefer, Father Tyler Tenbarge and Father Ray Brenner concelebrated Mass with Bishop Siegel.

The fourth annual event began with Mass, followed by a catered reception and brief program in St. Benedict Cathedral's Woodward Center. Benedictine Sister Jeana Visel served as the featured speaker during the reception.

The Deo Gratias Society was established in 2021 to recognize those who have financially invested in the mission

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Catholics for Habitat sponsor Home Build

Last month, Habitat for Humanity of Evansville held a home dedication for a home sponsored by Catholics for Habitat. This is the 28th home sponsored by Catholics for Habitat. According to the program, for more than 30 years, Catholics for Habitat have put their faith into action by raising funds needed to build a home each year for a family working toward a brighter future. The home was for Le'Tara on the 1500 block of South Lindwood Avenue. See more photos on page 8.



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