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### Archbishop Carlson to Ordain Four Men to Sacred Priesthood

*Mass of Priestly Ordination will take place Saturday, May 27, 2017*

**WHAT:** Priestly Ordinations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis

**WHO:** Four men will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 27, 2017, 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell Boulevard)

**ST. LOUIS** – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Reverend Mr. Michael Lampe, Reverend Mr. Peter Terwase Faimega, Reverend Mr. Clark Philipp, and Reverend Mr. John Schneier at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis on Saturday, May 27.

The candidates for ordination, or “ordinands,” will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders in culmination of several years of rigorous study and spiritual development at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Three of the candidates graduated from Kenrick School of Theology with a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity. Reverend Mr. Clark Philipp will return to the Pontifical North American College in Rome after ordination to complete his studies.

The candidates each followed the calling to sacred ministry in different ways. Reverend Mr. Schneier and Reverend Mr. Philipp entered the seminary immediately after graduating from Saint Louis University High School and DeSmet Jesuit High School respectively. Reverend Mr. Lampe earned a degree from Missouri University of Science and Technology and worked professionally as a nuclear engineer before entering the seminary. Reverend Mr. Faimega’s path to the priesthood began in his home country of Nigeria.

“The ordinandi have shown generosity of heart and a great openness to formation as the Lord continues to form them into the priests they are called to be,” said Fr. James Mason, president-rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. “At the beginning of the year, I asked them to be servant-leaders within the seminary community and models for the other seminarians. They responded wholeheartedly. I am confident that they will bring the same servant-leadership into their priesthood.”

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the total number of potential ordinands for the class of 2017 is 590, up from 548 in 2016, and near the 595 ordained in 2015.

Part of the rite of ordination includes the laying on of hands by the bishop, a tradition that began with the original Twelve Apostles and has continued in an unbroken line throughout the entire 2,000 year history of the Catholic Church. The new priests receive supernatural graces through the Sacrament of Holy Orders whereby they are able to act *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ) when they hear confessions and offer the sacrifice of the Mass, which is a bloodless re-enactment of Christ’s sacrifice on Good Friday.

The Mass of Priestly Ordination begins at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard, in the Central West End.

Additional background information about the ordinands and the Rite of Ordination, including a live-stream of the Mass and ceremony, can be found at [archstl.org/ordination](http://archstl.org/ordination).

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