



# ORDINATION 2010

*A photo essay highlights  
the joyous celebration.*



*Photos by Jonathan Tramontana*

More than 700 join  
in the celebration  
at the cathedral



Bishop Hurley •  
**Ordains**  
diocese's newest priest, deacon

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ishop Hurley ordained Father David C. Gross and Deacon Luis F. Garcia at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on June 5.

Bishop Hurley has appointed Father Gross as associate pastor at St. Mary Parish and St. Paul Campus Parish in Big Rapids. Deacon Garcia will continue his studies. Congratulations Father Gross and Deacon Garcia!



>> a & b: Election of the candidate for the priesthood and diaconate: The candidate for the presbyterate, Rev. Mr. David C. Gross (a), and candidate for the diaconate, Mr. Luis F. Garcia (b), are called forth and presented to Bishop Walter A. Hurley. After the bishop announces the election of the candidates, the assembly shows its consent by applause.

>> c: The ordinandi prostrate themselves on the floor while the Litany of Saints is sung. The prostration is a symbol of their death to their former lives and their rising into a new Spirit-filled and resurrected life in the risen Christ, who came among us not to be served, but to serve. The Litany of Saints invites the intercession of this holy cloud of witnesses who will support and sustain the ordinandi in their new lives as deacons/priests.

>> d: The family of Deacon Luis Garcia.

>> e: The family of Father David Gross.

>> f & main image: The most solemn moment of the ordination is the laying on of hands. In prayerful silence, the bishop lays both hands on the heads of each of the ordinandi, Father Gross (pg. 18) and Deacon Garcia (bottom right), and prays the Prayer of Ordination, conferring upon them the gift of the Holy Spirit.





>> g: Deacon Garcia is assisted by Father Tony Russo, pastor, Our Lady of Consolation, in putting on the stole and dalmatic, symbols of the office of deacon in the church.

>> h: Father Paul Milanowski (left), pastor, St. Stephen Parish and Father Tom Page (right), pastor, St. Jude Parish, help Father Gross dress in the stole and chasuble, symbols of the presbyteral office in the church.

>> i: Bishop Hurley hands the book of the Gospels to Deacon Garcia signifying the office of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations and preach the faith of the church in word and deed.

>> j: Bishop Hurley anoints the hands of Father Gross with the Oil of Sacred Chrism, offering sacrifice to God and sanctifying the Christian people.

>> k: Father Gross concelebrates Mass for the first time as a priest with Bishop Hurley and other priests of the diocese.

>> l: Immediately following the ordination, family and friends gather on the Piazza Secchia to extend their congratulations to the newly ordained.

>> m: For the first time as a priest, Father Gross blesses his parents Leonard and Roberta.