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Three men to be ordained as priests June 22, 2013, at Sacred Heart Cathedral

ROCHESTER, New York – Three men will be ordained as Diocese of Rochester priests on Saturday, June 22, 2013 by Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse and Apostolic Administrator of the Rochester Diocese. The Mass begins at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park in Rochester.



Michael John Costik of Livonia studied at American College in Louvain, Belgium. Following the closing of the Belgium seminary in 2011, Costik completed his studies at the Theological College at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He was ordained a transitional deacon in June 2012. Costik said he is "thrilled" about his priestly ordination: "I love the priests in our diocese and I will be honored to be counted among them," Costik said.



Peter Bishop Mottola of Rochester, a native of Neptune City, N.J., was raised Methodist but became a Catholic while attending RIT, where he graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Information Technology. Ordained a transitional deacon in June 2012, he completed seminary training and studies at Theological College and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. "If I had to choose one word to describe my feeling about my upcoming ordination to the priesthood, that word would be 'serenity,'" Mottola said.



David Michael Tedesche, a native of Ontario, holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in philosophy from the University at Albany. A former teacher, Tedesche studied at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and is completing a licentiate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained a transitional deacon in October 2012. Tedesche said that "my ordination is not about me. It's about God loving his people and taking care of them by providing them with shepherds after his own heart."

Costik, Mottola and Tedesche will join the ranks of more than 160 active and retired Diocese of Rochester priests. Their ordinations are a fruit of a burgeoning growth in recent years in the number of Diocese of Rochester seminarians. From one or two candidates just a few years ago, the Diocese now has 20 men preparing for priesthood at major seminaries in the U.S. and Europe.

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