

WE  
*rejoice*  
 AND  
 GIVE  
*thanks*

This month I write to offer my congratulations to the Rev. Mr. David Harris and to the Rev. Mr. Matthew Schultz, ordained to the Order of Deacon on May 28, and to Father Michael Sartori, ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 4. We rejoice and give thanks to God, celebrating the newly ordained men of our diocese. Pope Francis himself rejoices with each of the newly ordained throughout the world as they respond to the call of Jesus. Pope Francis and I both give thanks to God; he for the universal Church, and I for our local Church. Together we know that the ongoing ministry of Jesus is being entrusted to mere men – but men of great faith. Join with me then in offering not only your congratulations, but also your prayers. May God's blessing be upon these men as they walk in the footsteps of Christ, and may His grace support them as they seek to remain faithful to Him forever and to be a gift to all whom they will serve in our diocese. ■

■ **Bishop Peter A. Libasci** is the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Manchester.



Deacon Matthew Schultz, Father Michael Sartori, and Deacon David Harris with the bishops of the Diocese of Manchester and fellow clergy.



(l-r) Deacon David Harris, Bishop Libasci and Deacon Matthew Schultz





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