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**DIOCESE OF  
ROCKFORD**

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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Bishop Malloy to Ordain Nine Deacons for the Diocese of Rockford

ROCKFORD, ILL—Most Reverend David J. Malloy will ordain 9 men to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Rockford, Saturday, Sept. 28.

The Mass and Rite of Ordination will begin at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter 1243 N. Church St.

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. A deacon's ministry can entail proclaiming, preaching, and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership. A permanent deacon serves the diocesan church and is assigned to serve in ministry at specific parishes as needed by the diocesan bishop.

The 2024 class of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Rockford includes:

- James Keith Adams, St. Andrews Church, Rock Falls.
- Prosper Gbesimide Agbetrobu, St. Patrick Church, Rochelle.
- Roman Peter Budek, St. Margaret Mary Church, Algonquin.
- Jose C. Dominguez, Church of Holy Apostles, McHenry.
- Jamie Gerald Hruza, St. Joseph Church, Harvard.
- Kenneth Karl Konetzki, St. Patrick Church, St. Charles.
- Richard Joseph Orabutt, St. Margaret Mary Church, Algonquin.
- Jose Pasillas, St. Monica Church, Carpentersville.
- Bill Salvador Riva Henriquez, Sacred Heart Church, Marengo.
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The ceremony is open to the public with limited seating. It will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Rockford Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

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**MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA:** Media coverage of the ordination is welcome. Due to the sacred nature of the ceremony, please dress in business attire and wear identification badge or lanyard issued by your media outlet. The ceremony lasts approximately 90-120 minutes with a reception afterwards. The diocesan Director of Communication will be present to assist you.