



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Tony DeGol

Secretary for Communications

925 S. Logan Boulevard

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Telephone: (814) 695-5579

Facsimile: (814) 696-9516

Cell: (814) 937-1418

E-mail: tdegol@dioceseaj.org

May 23, 2017

MEDIA ADVISORY

Bishop to Ordain Two Men to Diocesan Priesthood

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, will ordain Deacon Peter Crowe and Deacon Jonathan Dickson to the Diocesan Priesthood during a Mass on May 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

Deacon Crowe, 30, is a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. He graduated from Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe with a Master of Divinity degree. For the past year, Deacon Crowe has served summer and weekend assignments at Saint Aloysius and Saint Francis Xavier Parishes in Cresson. He has also served summer seminarian assignments at Resurrection Parish in Johnstown, Saint Peter Parish in Somerset, and Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Altoona.

Deacon Dickson, 37, belongs to Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Altoona. He graduated from Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore with a Master of Divinity degree. Deacon Dickson's summer assignments included Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in Johnstown, Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College, Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bellefonte, and Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish in Johnstown.

The Ordination of Deacons Crowe and Dickson will be the first Ordination to the Diocesan Priesthood in Altoona-Johnstown since 2011.