

Ordination 2008

Eight Men Are Completing Their Diaconate Formation for Ordination - May 17, 2008

THE CANDIDATES

[Stephen Blabac](#)

[Timothy Downes](#)

Michel Gudaitis

[Garrett Kearney](#)

David Kirsch

[Timothy McNerney](#)

[Anthony Paparella](#)

[Robert Talomie](#)



Ordination of St. Stephen

57 days until
Ordination
(1354:18:59)

ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The restoration of the Office of Permanent Deacon following Vatican II in the mid-1960's recalls the ancient tradition described in *The Acts of Apostles*, Chapter 6, when the disciples of the early church presented seven "reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom [...] to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them." These seven, the first Deacons, were ordained by the apostles and charged with tasks of practical charity in the community of believers.

ABOUT DEACON FORMATION

Each of the men in Diaconate Formation is completing the final months of a six year program of discernment, study, faith formation, and service that began with the "Formation for Ministry" program. With the support and encouragement of their wives and families, these candidates will begin an ordained ministry in their local church communities in the spring of 2008.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CANDIDATES

Each candidate's name is linked to his own informational page with background about the candidate and his family, church and community. We encourage you to become acquainted with these men as they complete their preparation for vocation.

