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## Courageously Living



Deacon Christian Galvan is shown holding the chalice he will use for the celebration of Mass when he is ordained a priest on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg. Photo by Keishla Espinal

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## All Are Invited to the Ordination of Deacon Christian Galvan

April 18, 2023 | The Diocese of St. Petersburg will joyfully celebrate the priestly ordination of Deacon Christian Galvan, on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg.

After many years of preparation through prayer, study, and discernment, Deacon Galvan is ready to be ordained into to the priesthood. Bishop Gregory Parkes will preside over the Ordination Mass and offer his blessings and prayers. As Deacon Galvan begins his journey as a priest, he will be called upon to serve the community and Courageously Live the Gospel while offering the Sacraments and spiritual guidance to Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Following his ordination, Deacon Galvan will serve as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Land O' Lakes.

It is with praise and gratitude to almighty God that Bishop Gregory Parkes invites the public to attend the ordination. It is a beautiful opportunity for our entire Diocese to gather and celebrate this most joyous occasion.

## ABOUT DEACON GALVAN

He was born in Medford, New Jersey in 1987, though his family moved to Riverview, Florida when he was 3 years old. He has been a member of St. Stephen Parish his entire life. His family is of Mexican descent.

He attended Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa for middle school and H.B. Plant High School. He graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from University of Notre Dame (GO IRISH) in 2009 and an M.B.A. from the University of Tampa in 2011. He worked for two years as a civil engineer and then three years as a construction project manager before discerning the call to priesthood and entering seminary in 2016.

Some of his hobbies include singing, cooking, and going to Rays games. He's also passionate about youth and family ministry in parish life.

When he began discerning the priesthood, he spent time with priests his own age and saw them living their vocation in total joy. Ultimately, Jesus showed him that his path to true fulfillment would be found in pursuing priesthood. Bearing that in his heart, he made the call to apply to seminary.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,

You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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