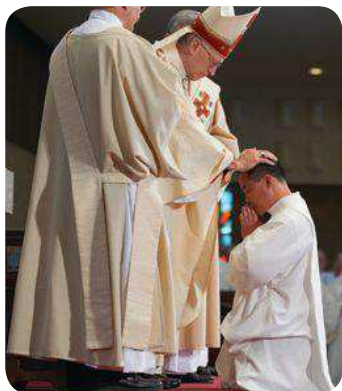


On May 21, Bishop Boyea ordained 10 men to the permanent diaconate. The ordination Mass took place at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing. Permanent deacons are ordained ministers of the Catholic Church who are a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not be served.” Deacons serve the Church through their various ministries, which include proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, teaching, baptizing, leading the faithful in prayer, witnessing marriages and conducting wake and funeral services. **For more information about the permanent diaconate**, contact Deacon Jerry Brennan at 517.342.2451 or jbrennan@dioceseoflansing.org.



Permanent deacon ordination

>> Bishop Boyea announces the parish assignments of those men ordained permanent deacons on May 21, 2011:

- Deacon John Amthor** - St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn
- Deacon Richard Badics** - St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor
- Deacon Leonard Brown** - St. Joseph, Adrian

- Deacon Raymond Ellingson** - S.S. Charles and Helena, Clio
- Deacon John Fitch II** - St. Casimir, Lansing
- Deacon Michael McCormick** - St. John the Evangelist, Jackson
- Deacon Michael McCrandall** - St. Mary, Flint
- Deacon Chuong Nguyen** - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing
- Deacon Omar Odette** - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint
- Deacon Gregory VandeVoorde** - Christ the King, Ann Arbor