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Director of Vocations

Date: May 29, 2023

Re: Priestly Ordination on June 3, 2023 - Prayers for Deacon Eric Patrick

June 2023 Priestly Ordination Invitation to pray for Deacon Eric Patrick

In order to be united in prayer, and in thanksgiving to God for the ordination of Deacon Eric Patrick as a priest, I invite you to organize a Holy Hour or a Rosary for him. You may also consider praying a novena. The following prayer can be used:

God, our Father, you have awakened in our community a vocation to the priesthood. Your call, "Come follow me!", has been heard by Deacon Eric Patrick. Grant us the grace to support him with our love, prayers, and resources as he prepares for ordination. Lord in your mercy bless him to persevere in his vocation to the consecrated life of priestly ministry in the Diocese of Sacramento. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Mary, our mother and model of all vocations, pray for Deacon Eric Patrick to continue to say "yes!" to the divine plan for his life. Amen.