Diocese of Green Bay

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Five area men ordained as deacons

GREEN BAY, Wis. (May 30, 2017) – Five men were ordained as permanent deacons on Saturday, May 13. The ordination was conducted by the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay.

Those ordained as deacons, their parishes, and additional information:

- Thomas Gritton
  - St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Neenah
  - Deacon Gritton happy to bring others to Christ
- Robert Hornacek
  - St. Matthew Parish, Green Bay
  - TV reporter's faith journey given booth thanks to spouse
- Mark Knipp
  - St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Manitowoc
  - Dark days behind him, Knipp ordained a deacon
- Tom Tomaszewski
  - St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Manitowoc
  - New deacon turned to a weatherman for his forecast
- Paul Vidmar
  - St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, Oshkosh
  - Deacon Vidmar's vocation was result of many seeds planted

Like a priest, a deacon receives the sacrament of Holy Orders when he is ordained. His role in the mission of the Church is to be one who serves, whether in charitable ministry or in the secular workplace. A deacon often assists at worship celebrations, exercises the ministry of preaching, and provides other sacramental services to the community.

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