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TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN CHURCH - ORDINATION



“So, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom.....whom they stood before the Apostles, and they prayed and placed their hands upon them.” [Acts 6:3 and 6]

On Saturday, 3rd August, before a crowd of approximately 500 witnesses, 11 men were made Deacon and 2 were Ordained Priest. It was a powerful service, filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit and the joy of the Lord.

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The men for ordination were drawn from several Gauteng and Limpopo parishes, and a central venue meant that many people could attend. I am giving you a pictorial record of this beautiful service and introducing those ordained into the ranks of the Southern African TAC clergy.

PREPARATION – Nothing happens without a solid preparation and a lot of hard work.



Making the stoles



The finished product ready for the service



"I will go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness – below: all is ready food for the body, food for the soul!"





St Cyprian's Atteridgeville arrive



The Chancellor watches as the Candidates get ready



The Candidates for Ordination form up



The Bishop runs through the Liturgy a final time



Those coming for Ordination prostrate themselves before the Altar of the Lord as the congregation and clergy sing the Litany. It is a moving time in the ceremony and emphasises the humility required of anyone entering the sacred ministry, for we are to follow the example of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to be amongst God's people a '*one who serves*'.

Following the Litany comes the **Making of Deacons**. At this Ordination, eleven men had been chosen to serve as Deacons in their parishes. They are Okeletsang Chimeloane (St Mary Magdalene, Ga Rankuwa) Br Ronnie Gilfillan OSG (Holy Cross, Pretoria) Christopher Gill (St Andrew's, Mondeor)

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Neo Mabela (All Saints, Seshego) Kabelo Makeketa (St Mary Magdalene, Ga Rankuwa) Joseph Mofokeng (St Stephen, Tokoza) Alfred Mohlafase (St Cyprian's, Atteridgeville) Dingaan Alfred Mothiba (All Saints, Seshego) Kevin Murinda (St Francis, Harare, Zimbabwe) Glenn Sekele (All Saints, Seshego) and Victor Thobejane (All Saints, Seshego)

We congratulate them and their parish priests, as new blood is fed into our parishes and new leaders will begin to emerge.



The Deacons make their statement of faith and their solemn promises to God before the Bishop and the whole congregation



Dn Okeletsang Chimeloane



Br Ronnie Gilfillan



Dn Christopher Gill



Dn Neo Mabela



Dn Kabelo Makeketa



Dn Josheph Mofokeng

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Dn Alfred Mohlafase



Dn Dingaan Alfred Mothiba



Dn Kevin Wellington Murinda



Dn Glenn Sekele



Dn Victor Thobejane



Holy Deacons to serve God's holy people – walking in the footsteps of their illustrious colleagues, Stephen, Nicanor, Phillip Procurus, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas – The Seven (Acts Ch 6). Our prayer is that our Eleven will match their deeds of faith, wisdom and fortitude.

May our blessed Lord pour His Holy Spirit upon their ministries.

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THE ORDINATION OF THE PRIESTS: Mmbofheni Phasha and Joshua Bokaba



Mmbofheni and Joshua make their profession of Faith and their vows before the Bishop and the assembled clergy and people



Fr Joshua Bokaba is presented to the Bishop; is clothed in a Chasuble; the blessing of his hands



Fr Mmbofheni is presented to the Bishop



The Laying on of Hands



Receives the Chalice and Paten

Fr Joshua and Fr Mmbofheni will add tremendous value to the clergy of the Tshwane Region. Both are humble and dedicated men of God, and both have already proven their fortitude and deep devotion to the church and to their people. We commend them and their families to your prayers.

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The service moved on to Holy Communion, with the Priests and Deacons able to function in their new roles for the first time, before joining their parishes for the Sunday Mass. The participation of the people was wonderful, and all those being ordained had their families and parishioners standing close by to witness this great event in their lives. A powerful sermon was preached by Fr Wonderful Edom and the strong spirit of unity and devotion filled the church.



Deacon Alfred Mohlafase reads the Holy Gospel Fr Edom preaches – the Regional Deans are seated beside him



Fr Joshua and Fr Mmbofheni feeding the faithful with the Bread of Life, assisted by their Deacons



The Deacons and Priests receive their Orders and are presented to the people



Bishop Michael thanks “Mma Dalene” for making all the robes and linens for this Ordination (and many others)



The Dismissal

I do hope that you have enjoyed this pictorial view of what was an inspiring day for the Southern African TAC. We are excited and encouraged to see good men coming forward to serve our Lord in His church. We were able to enjoy excellent worship and good fellowship between our parishes. When our Lord moves amongst His people, it is a pleasant and invigorating experience. All of us present were inspired by the presence of the Holy Ghost in our midst and were aware of the gravity of the task before us. We were all clear that we have a part to play in the growth of our church. I wish you every blessing and hope that this *Ad Clerum* will inspire you to greater works in the service of Him who loved us and gave His life for our sins, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be ascribed all Might, Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and in all eternity. Amen!

Bishop Michael Gill