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## Archbishop Carlson to Ordain Two Men to Sacred Priesthood

*Mass of Priestly Ordination will take place on Saturday, May 28, 2016*

**WHAT:** Priestly Ordinations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis

**WHO:** Two men will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 28, 2016, 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (4431 Lindell)

**ST. LOUIS** – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Reverend Mr. Kent Pollman and Reverend Mr. Scott Scheiderer at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis on Saturday, May 28.

The candidates for ordination, or *ordinands*, will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders in culmination of several years of rigorous study and spiritual development at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The candidates graduated from Kenrick School of Theology with a Master of Arts degree in Theology and a Master of Divinity degree.

The candidates each followed the calling to sacred ministry in different ways. Before entering the seminary, Reverend Mr. Pollman worked professionally for a few years after graduating from Central Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree. Reverend Mr. Scheiderer graduated from the University of Colorado and later Saint Louis University with a master's degree in social work.

"The Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community is excited to have these two men offer their lives in service of Jesus Christ and His Church," said President-Rector Rev. James Mason. "We continue to pray that more men from St. Louis will consider this call of priestly service."

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the total number of potential ordinands for the class of 2016, 548, is slightly down from 595 in 2015 and up from 477 in 2014.

Part of the rite of ordination includes the laying on of hands by the bishop, a tradition that began with the original Twelve Apostles and has continued in an unbroken line throughout the entire 2,000 year history of the Catholic Church. The new priests receive supernatural graces through the Sacrament of Holy Orders whereby they are able to act *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ) when they hear confessions and offer the sacrifice of the Mass, which is a bloodless re-enactment of Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday.

The Mass of Priestly Ordination begins at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard, in the Central West End.

Additional background information about the Rite of Ordination and a live-stream of the Mass and ceremony can be found at [archstl.org/ordination](http://archstl.org/ordination).

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