



## THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

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May 31, 2019

My Dear Brother Priests and Deacons:

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, is pleased to announce that he will call the following men to the Order of Deacon:

Mr. Nicholas Thomas Fleming  
Mr. Carl Eugene Schrage  
Mr. Joel Lawrence Seipp

The Ordination will take place in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, on Saturday, June 8, 2019, the Vigil of Pentecost, at 10:30 A.M. The Bishop would like every Priest and Deacon to participate in the Ordination Liturgy and to join us in praying for our new Deacons. He reminds you of the urgent need for your continued prayers for vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. If for some reason you are unable to attend please contact the Chancery.

Please bring your Alb and Diocesan Chasuble (or dalmatic) and stole with you. Designated concelebrants are asked to vest in the sacristy. Other concelebrating priests and deacons will vest in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. Parking is available on the playground of Notre Dame grade school. Immediately following the Ordination ceremony, a reception will be held in the Cathedral's McCormick Center.

Please encourage your parishioners to attend and send a delegation of outstanding parishioners to represent your parish. Feel free to invite guests. We have previously sent an Ordination flyer that we asked to be posted to your website and published in your bulletins.

All are urged to attend. No tickets are required. Please pray for our new Deacons on their journey to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Also include the following petition in the Prayers of the Faithful every weekend until Pentecost Sunday:

"We pray for Mr. Nicholas Thomas Fleming, Mr. Carl Eugene Schrage, and Mr. Joel Lawrence Seipp who will be ordained to the Order of Deacon, that the Holy Spirit fills them to serve faithfully in their ministry. Let us pray to the Lord."

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On Pentecost Sunday, the day after the ordination, please adapt the prayer to "who were ordained yesterday, the Vigil of Pentecost."

We look forward to joining with you in praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our servants of the Lord at Pentecost.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Msgr. John W. McEvilly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Reverend Monsignor John W. McEvilly  
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia