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Ordination of Mr. Roger Hernandez to the Diaconate

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), is pleased to announce that Mr. Roger Hernandez will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at noon on 26 February.

Mr. Hernandez pursued philosophical and theological studies at Nicaragua's La Purísima Major Seminary and obtained a law degree from American University there. Married and a father of three children, he currently resides in Maryland and has been associated with the ANCC since 2017. A dedicated evangelist, Mr. Hernandez currently ministers to a thriving faith community, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, which he founded.

Regarding his upcoming ordination, Mr. Hernandez says that he "feels strengthened and rejoices in God." His prayer is to place himself "in God's Providential Hands to resemble Christ our Supreme and Good Shepherd" so that he can "make known the God of Mercy in an inclusive church." He asks for prayers "so that the Good Lord who has started this good work Himself will bring it to a happy conclusion."

The ordination, presided over by Bishop Lucey, will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe ANCC parish in Long Branch, New Jersey.

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