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St. Vincent de Paul Seminary Announces 11 Seminarians Ordained as Transitional Deacons

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary joyfully announces the ordination of 11 seminarians as Deacons by His Excellency, Bishop David L. Toups, of Beaumont, Texas. The ordination Mass took place on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

The men who were ordained are from the following (Arch)Dioceses: from Miami – Andrew Vitrano-Farinato, Gustavo Santos, Saul Araujo, and Piotr Sawicki; from St. Petersburg - Christian Galvan; from Orlando - Ángel Garcia-Chávez, Zachary Parker and Edgar Serrano; from Palm Beach – Marc Gustinelli; and Venice - Alan Baldarelli and Michael Young.

In addition to the above, the Bishop of Charleston, Bishop Jacques Fabre, C.S. will ordain as a deacon, SVDP seminarian Paul Lacombe on Friday, May 20, 2022, at Saint Peter Catholic Church in Beaufort, SC.

This Ordination Mass, celebrated by Bishop Toups, was especially significant, as prior to being named Bishop of Beaumont, then Msgr. Toups, was the Rector of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. He ordained these men whose formation he directed during their earlier years in the seminary.

As newly ordained Deacons, they will be assigned to parishes where they will exercise their ministry in preparation to become priests in the following year. Among many duties, they will preach, perform baptisms, witness marriages, as well as preside over wakes and funerals. Please join us in celebration and prayer for these 11 men.

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St. Vincent de Paul Seminary is located in Boynton Beach, FL and is an ATS-accredited school. It currently has a student population of over 115 seminarians. Since its foundation in 1963 it has formed over 650 priests who have gone on to serve in parishes across the state, the Southeast, and parts of the Caribbean.

St. Vincent de Paul Seminary offers the following degrees: a Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), and a Master of Arts (Philosophical Studies for Missionary Discipleship). SVDP is one of the only two bilingual seminaries in the US, with courses taught in English and Spanish.