

At a joyful Mass, Archbishop Gregory ordains 10 new priests for Archdiocese of Washington



Archbishop Gregory offers a sign of peace to newly ordained Father Stefan Megyery during the Ordination Mass. (CS photo/Andrew Biraj)

Presiding at a Mass on what he noted was a “joyful day for the Archdiocese of Washington,” Archbishop Wilton Gregory ordained 10 new priests for the archdiocese on June 15 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Addressing a standing-room congregation of 3,500 people filling the largest Catholic Church in the United States, Archbishop Gregory said, “God’s people are gathered here in joy this morning, because these 10 men are being invited to begin their priestly ministry in imitation of the Good Shepherd.”

In his homily, Washington’s archbishop encouraged the men who were about to be ordained to model their lives after Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and reflect Christ’s love and care for His flock as they carry out their priestly ministry.

“Beloved sons, you are to be pastors in the image of the Good Shepherd,” he said.

At the dramatic two and one-half hour Mass, Archbishop Gregory did the laying on of hands on the candidates for priesthood, asking the Holy Spirit to fill them with wisdom and grace, and then he extended his hands over the candidates, offering a prayer of ordination, as he ordained Father John Benson, Father Joseph Cwik, Father Brendan Glasgow, Father Christian Huebner, Father Ebuka Mbanude, Father Stefan Megyery, Father Patrick Mullan, Father Benjamin Petty, Father Jan Pietryga and Father Michael Russo.

Congratulations, Father Stefan Megyery



Father Stefan with his parents, Helga and Csaba Megyery.

