

ordination 2012



Bishop Walter A. Hurley ordained Father Michael G. Hodges and Father Darrel C. Kempf to the office of the priesthood during the celebration of the Eucharist with the rite of ordination at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on Oct. 27, 2012.

Father Michael G. Hodges, 44, is the son of Gene and Kay Hodges of St. Mary Parish in Carson City, his home parish. He has three siblings: Michell, Patrick and Pamela. He attended Central Michigan University, where he earned a master's of art degree in 1997. Father Hodges entered his final year of seminary at St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Ill., in fall 2011 and received his master's of divinity degree in spring 2012. Father Hodges has been appointed associate pastor of Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Rockford, effective Nov. 14, 2012.

Father Darrel C. Kempf, 29, is the son of Tom and Jane Kempf of St. Michael Parish in Brunswick, his home parish. He has five siblings, Patrick, Amber, Christine, Max and Cameron. He attended Muskegon Community College and St. Thomas University, where he earned a bachelor's of art degree in philosophy in 2008. Father Kempf entered his final year of seminary at St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Ill., in fall 2011 and received his master's of divinity degree in spring 2012. Father Kempf has been appointed associate pastor of the clustered parishes of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Greenville and St. Joseph-St. Mary Parish, Belding, effective Oct. 27, 2012.

Photos

A In the St. Ambrose Chapel at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew moments before the Mass begins, Bishop Hurley blesses the chalice and ciborium that each new priest will receive as their first chalice and ciborium.

B As ordinandi, Deacon Michael G. Hodges (l) and Deacon Darrel C. Kempf (r) are presented to the community.



C As part of the ordination rite, Deacon Hodges and Deacon Kempf prostrate themselves while the Litany of the Saints is prayed.

D-E The most solemn moment of ordination is the laying on of hands. Done in silence, Bishop Hurley lays hands on both ordinandi.

F-H The newly ordained priests are vested with the stole and chasuble.

I Bishop Hurley greets the newly ordained Father Hodges and Father Kempf