

After this ceremony, the choir sings:

LORD, HAVE MERCY.

GLORIA is sung by the Choir. (Kindly be seated).

OPENING PRAYER by Bishop Hubert.

FIRST READING by Stuart Beauvais.

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
Is. 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM by Rita McComber

Psalm 22(23)

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever
and ever.

SECOND READING by Albert Lazare

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philip-
ians. Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL by Dennis Wawaia

Whomsoever you find, invite to the wedding.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mathew,

Mt. 22:1-4

All: "Glory to you, Lord."

Reading of the Gospel

All: "Praise to you, LORD JESUS CHRIST".

HOMILY by Bishop Bernard Hubert, Bishop of St. Jean-Longueuil, Qc.

RITE OF ORDINATION

Calling of the Candidate.

Priest: Fr. Leon Lajoie, Pastor

"Let Ronald Boyer who is to be ordained,
please come forward."

Ronald comes forward.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Priest: Reverend Fr. Leon Lajoie, continues

"Most Reverend Bishop, holy mother church
asks you to ordain this man, our brother, for

service as a deacon."

Bishop: "Do you judge him to be worthy?"

Priest: "After inquiry among the people of Christ
and upon the recommendations of those
concerned with his training, I testify that he has
been found worthy."

Testimonies: 1. Rev. Fr. George Leach, S.J.

Director of Anishinabe Spiritual Centre

2. Mrs. Beverley Delormier,

Parishioner

ELECTION BY THE BISHOP

Bishop: "We rely on the help of the Lord God and
our Saviour Jesus Christ, and we choose this
man, our brother, for the Order of the Deacons."

CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

All: "Thanks be to God."

INSTRUCTIONS

Bishop:

Dearly beloved People,

This man, your relative, and friend, is now to be raised to the order of deacons. Consider carefully the ministry to which he is to be promoted.

He will draw new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit. He will help the bishop and his body of priests as minister of the Word, of the altar, and of charity. He will make himself servant to all. As minister of the altar, he will proclaim the Gospel, offer the sacrifice, and give the Lord's body and blood to the community of believers. It will also be his duty, at the bishop's discretion, to bring God's Word to believer and unbeliever alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptize, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and lead the rites of burial. Once he is consecrated by the laying on of hands that comes to us from the apostles and are bound more closely to the altar, he will perform works of charity in the name of the bishop or pastor. From the way he goes about these duties, may you recognize him as disciple of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served.

My son you are being raised to the order of deacons, the Lord has set an example for you to follow. As deacon you will serve Jesus Christ, who was known among His disciples as the one who served others.

Do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy. Look upon all unchastity and avarice as workshop of false gods, for no man can serve two masters.

Like the men the apostles chose the works of charity, you should be a man of good reputation, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit. Show before God and mankind that you are above every suspicion of blame, true minister of Christ and of God's mysteries, firmly rooted in faith. Never turn away from the hope which the Gospel offers; now you must not only listen to God's Word but also preach it. Hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. Express in action what you proclaim by word of mouth. Then the people of Christ, brought to life by the Spirit, will be an offering God accepts. Finally, on the last day, when you go to meet the Lord, you will hear him say: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

EXAMINATION

Bishop: "My son, before you are ordained deacon, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this office.

Are you willing to be ordained for the Church's ministry by the laying on of hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?"

Candidate: "I am."

Bishop: "Are you resolved to discharge the office of deacon with humility and love in order to assist the bishop and the priests and to serve the people of Christ?"

Candidate: "I am."

Bishop: "Are you resolved to hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, as the apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and action as it is taught by the Gospel and the Church's tradition?"

Candidate: "I am."

Bishop: "Are you resolved to maintain and deepen a spirit of prayer appropriate to your way of life and, in keeping with what is required of you, to celebrate faithfully the liturgy of the hours for the Church and for the whole world?"

Candidate: "I am."

Bishop: "Are you resolved to shape your way of life always according to the example of Christ, whose body and blood you will give to the people?"

Candidate: "I am with the help of God".

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Lord, be merciful	Lord, save your people
From all evil	Lord, save your people
From every sin	Lord, save your people
From everlasting death	Lord, save your people
By your coming as man	Lord, save your people
By your death and rising	Lord, save your people
to new life	Lord, save your people
By your gift of the	
Holy Spirit	Lord, save your people
Be merciful to us sinners, Lord, hear our prayer	
Guide and protect your	
Holy Church	Lord, hear our prayer
Keep the Pope and all the Clergy	
in faithful service to your	
Church	Lord, hear our prayer
Bring all peoples together	
in trust and peace	Lord, hear our prayer

Strength us in your service,	Lord, hear our prayer.
Bless these chosen men,	Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless these chosen men and	
make them holy,	Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless these chosen men and	
make them holy and consecrate	
them for their sacred duties,	Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God,	Lord, hear our prayer.
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Christ, hear us,	Christ, hear us.
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Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer
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Bishop:

Lord God, hear our petitions and give your help to this act of our ministry. We judge these men worthy to serve as deacons and we ask you to bless them and make them holy, grant this through Christ our Lord,

All: "Amen."

LAYING ON OF HANDS

All stand. Ronald kneels before the Bishop.

The Bishop lays his hands on the head of Ronny.

The priests from their place does the same gesture as the Bishop.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop:

"Almighty God, be present with us by your power. You are the source of all honour, you assign to each his rank, you give to each his ministry. You remain unchanged, but you watch over all creation and make it new through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord:

He is your Word, your Power and your Wisdom. You foresee all things in your eternal providence and make due provision for every age. You make the Church, Christ's body, grow to its full stature as a new and greater temple. You enrich it with every kind of grace and perfect it with a diversity of members to serve the whole body in a wonderful pattern of unity.

You established a three-fold ministry of worship and service for the glory of your name. As ministers of your tabernacle, you chose the sons of Levi and gave them your blessing as their everlasting inheritance. In the first days of your Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit the apostles of your Son appointed seven men of good repute to assist them in the daily ministry, so that they themselves might be more free for prayer and preaching. By prayer and the laying on of hands the apostles entrusted to these chosen men the ministry of serving at tables.

Lord, look with favour on this servant of yours, whom we now dedicate to the office of deacon, to minister at your holy altar.

Lord, send forth upon him the Holy Spirit, that he may be strengthened by the gift of your seven-fold grace to carry out faithfully the work of the ministry.

May he excell in every virtue: in love that is sincere, in concern for the sick and the poor, in unassuming authority, in self-discipline, and in holiness of life. May his conduct exemplify your commandments and lead your people to imitate their purity of life. May he remain strong and steadfast in Christ, giving to the world the witness of a pure conscience. May he in this life imitate your Son, who came, not to be served but to serve, and one day reign with him in heaven.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

All: Amen.

INVESTITURE OF THE STOLE

Bishop sits and Sheila Boyer places the stole on Ronny.

PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK OF GOSPELS

Vested as deacon, the newly ordained goes to the bishop and kneel before him.

The Bishop places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of Ronald saying:

"Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practise what you teach."

Kiss of peace - sign of acceptance.

Bishop: "Peace be with you."

Deacon: "And also with you."

(At this time, the people applaud the newly ordain minister of God).

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Procession for the presentation of the gifts.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord, accept the prayers and the gifts we offer in faith and love. May this eucharist bring us to your glory.

PERMANENT DIACONATE at KAHNAWAKE, Que.

On Sunday, October 11, 1987, Bishop Bernard Hubert of the diocese of St. Jean-Longueuil, Que. was present at St. Francis Xavier Mission in Kahnawake for the purpose of ordaining MR. RONALD BOYER as a permanent deacon of the Church.

Mr. Boyer, an Ojibway Indian was ^{from} in Mississauga ^{Indian Reserve,} Ontario. He moved to Kahnawake in the early 60's. He and his wife Sheila have been married for thirty years, blessed with six children and five grandchildren.

In 1972 he left the construction job at which he was working & another community to come home and work for his town and the people. He helped in building the Youth Centre, which also houses the town's PUBLIC LIBRARY. ⁱⁿ In 1985, he built the new Kateri Hall which has been used for so many functions in its short history. He also was involved in the distribution of bread and pastries to the less fortunate in our community.

In 1981, he returned to his birthplace for the sad occasion of his brother's funeral. God chose this time to open up Ron's mind and heart to Him in an even deeper way. He was touched by the ministry and music of the KATERI PRAYER GROUP and thereafter travelled with them, singing out and speaking about their love for God and their devotion to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. The Kateri Prayer Group consists of a few Ojibway singers from Northern Ontario. They are charismatics and have held healing services wherever they go.

Ron took his training at Anishinabe Spiritual Centre at Anderson Lake, Ontario, studying for approximately three years under the able direction of Reverend Father George Leach, S.J. He is presently continuing his studies at Regis College, Toronto in FOUNDATION OF MINISTRY and Ron hopes to obtain his bachelor Church degree in theology.

At Ronny's request, the after ^{noon} and the evening before the Ordination, a prayer service was held. Many of our diocesan friends came, friends and parishioners. Some came for the Reconciliation Service, but many came for God's blessings upon our people, and especially for Ron's ministry.

The ordination itself was unique in that native spirituality was evident throughout. Friends of Ronald's came from Akwesasne, Plattsburgh, Montreal, as well as Ontario and Kahnawake, to take part in the purification rite, the burning of sweet grass by Deacon Dominic Eshkawkogan who had previously performed this same ceremony for the Pope when he was in Midland, Ontario.

The ceremony of Investiture of a deacon, like that of a priest, is most moving. The candidate swears obedience in all matters to the Bishop of the diocese and his successors. He lays down at the altar to symbolize that he is willing to give his life for the Church. In return he receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the "laying on of hands" performed by the bishop.

The newly ordained received his stole, symbol of his status within the church. Miss Brenda Rice, a member of the Church Committee presented it to his wife, Sheila and she vested Ronald as an outward and public sign of her consent to her husband's commitment to the service of the Church. The stole was

ornamented with a traditional native symbol within which is the symbol of the cross. *The cross surrounded by 4 colors - black, white, red and brown, indicating the four directions*
Ronald was also presented the Book of the Gospels from which the bishop exhorted →

him to "believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach."

This ceremony occurred at a most opportune time because it coincided with the Thanksgiving holiday. For Ron, he is thankful for having been called by God to the ministry, and for us, we are thankful that Ron listened to, and acted upon this call.

Ronny, we are all rooting for you, and praying for your ministry!

(Mrs.) Nancy Phillips,

Parishioner.

and all races of the world; the cross is also the
fulfillment of a Native culture and salvation
for all; through the cross Christ is our all,

WITNESSING FOR RONALD BOYER

PERMANENT DIACONATE

October 11, 1987

Delivered by: Mrs. Beverley Delormier

RONALD BOYER, a man able to place his values in proper perspective.

He dreamt dreams and he had the stamina to see that his dreams, in the service of others, came true. His dreams always called for hard work ... and that did not in anyway prevent him from bringing them to fruition.

He is a selfless man who is able to take care of others by going out every week, to different stores, getting the extra bread and pastries offered by the owners. Ronald is less involved today but his boys carry on the good works.

Ronald is a man who has known physical pain, yet, never complained. His strength was found in turning to the Lord, knowing that the Lord would carry him through.

When one is downcast, Ronald is able to speak on a spiritual level to those who share their problems with him. In this way, he brings comfort and lifts their courage so that they may continue the journey.

On different occasions, Ronald displayed much courage and moral strength in the many trials he envisioned as he undertook to build a BOYS and GIRLS CLUB so as to give our youth a place to go to enjoy themselves; a place

to learn how to make all kinds of crafts; a place to develop their skill in sportsmanship. On the 2nd floor of the Club building a public library was made available to all our people ... young and less young. In this way, Ronald had also taken care of the intellectual needs as well as the physical needs.

To this day, our youth is enjoying this facility.

One cannot speak of Ronald's achievements without mentioning our beautiful Kateri Hall opened in 1985. Our late, Father Paul Emile Beaudoin had drawn up the plans but Ronny was his right-hand man. Together, in collaboration with our skillful men of the community, they gave our Reservation the spacious hall we now enjoy.

We are most thankful for the many jobs well done by Ronald.

It is with much pride that his family consents to his ordination.

These are some of the reasons why I feel Ronald is deserving of the Orders of Diaconate.

Thank you.

Mission Saint-François-Xavier
C.P. 70, CAUGHNAWAGA, P.Q.
JOL 1B0

December 9, 1987.

Reverend Sister Margaret Brennan

Re: Deacon Ronald Boyer

Dear Sister:

I am unknown to you, but I am responsible for a difficulty caused to one of your students, Deacon Ronald Boyer.

We were given a grant, here at the Mission; it consists of a special program for the repair of the Rectory. As you know, these grants have deadlines and we have to meet them, or else ... see the project unfinished. Our deadline is for December 11th., so I asked Ronnie to put in additional hours of work; his evenings were taken up so as to make ends meet. I didn't realize that by doing this, I was asking him to sacrifice his time for study; even his weekends were spent on the building. We were racing with winter. You do see why I am asking for an absolution on your part, for having kept Ronald so busy and thereby away from his studies. I am also asking for Ronnie an extension of time before taking his exams. He feels that if you could give him till the end of January, this would give him sufficient time.

Ronald has had an exceptional Fall season. He saw to the preparation of his ordination, the ordination with all the after work such as: writing out thank you notes, the project at the Rectory and other involvements, and this even on weekends. His concentration and the lack of time for studies were greatly impaired. He really wants to succeed and he does enjoy your Scripture Course so very much.

Would you please consider giving him the extra time he needs? He feels that if he had till the end of January, he hopes to bring to success the examination you would prepare for him. He would meet you in Toronto.

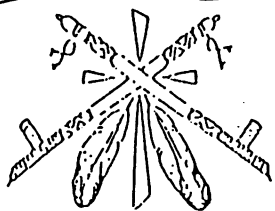
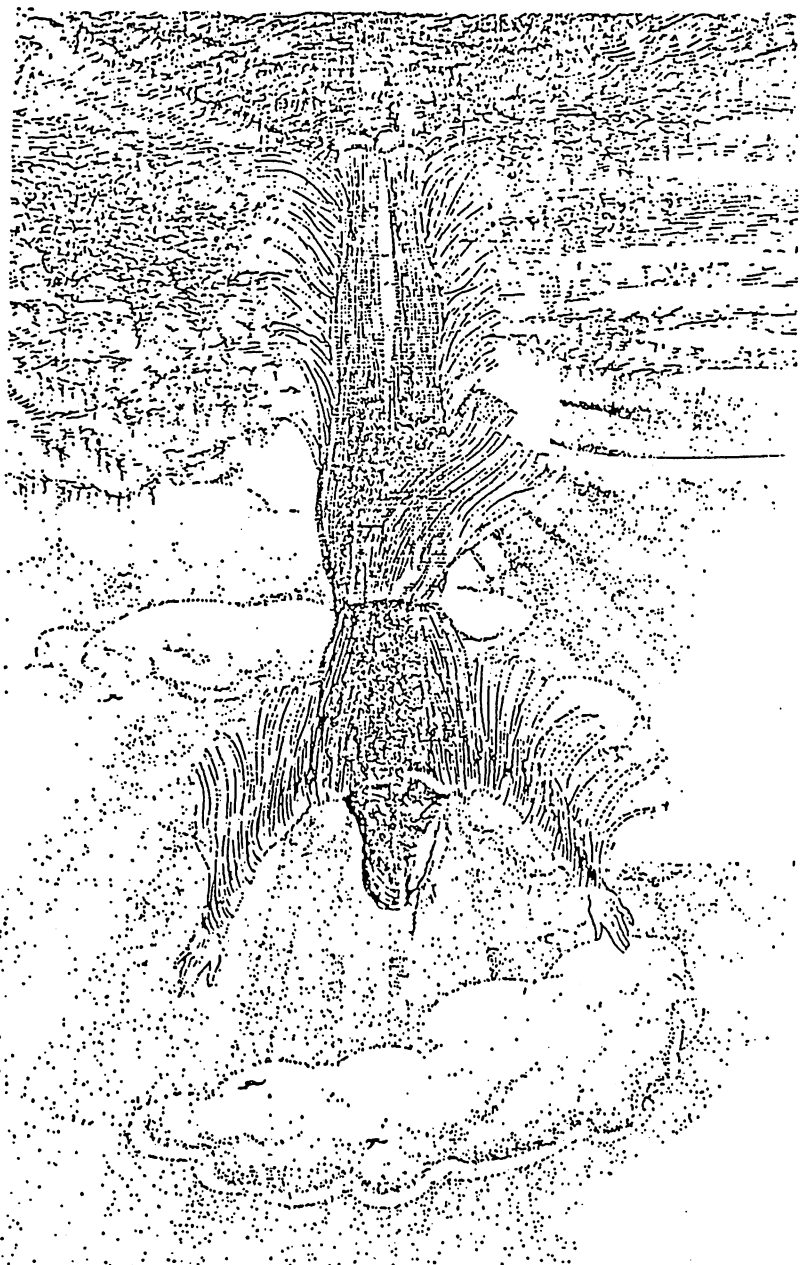
I am sorry about this situation but we were really caught in a web! Sorry to cause you this extra work but I am sure you do understand our predicament.

Many thanks for considering this request. I pray that the Babe of Bethlehem will let fall upon you His choicest blessings for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor at the Indian Mission.

Reception at Kateri Hall
 at 12:30 P.M.
 on
 Sunday, October 11, 1987
 at 11:00 A.M.
 St. Francis Xavier Mission
 Kahnawake, Qc.
 at
 St. Jean-Longueuil, Qc.
 Bishop of the Diocese of
 Most Reverend Bernard Hubert,
 by
 RONALD J. BOYER
 of
 ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE
 INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE
 and the PASTOR
 THE CHURCH COMMITTEE



My spirit is one with You,
 Great Spirit.

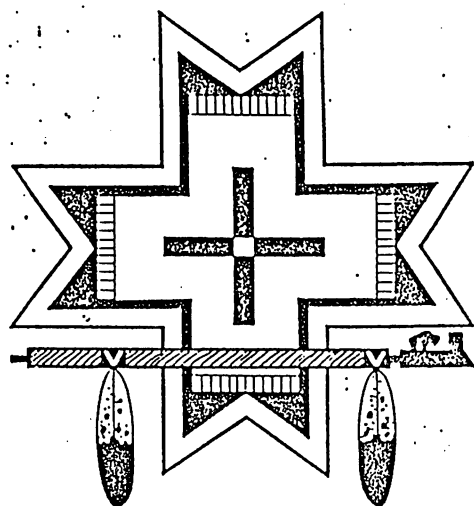
You strengthen me day and
 night to share my very best
 with my brothers and sisters.

You, whom my people see in
 all of creation and in all
 people, show Your Love for
 us.

Help me to know, like the
 soaring eagle, the heights of
 knowledge.

From the Four Directions, fill
 me with the four virtues of
 Fortitude, Generosity,
 Respect and Wisdom;
 so that I will help my people
 walk in the path of
 Understanding and Peace.

Amen



"Where two or three are gathered
 in my name, there am I in their
 midst."

Matt. 18:20.