



2008 Ordination

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Fr. Glen Chun, SJ



Fr. William Murphy, SJ



Fr. Peter Nguyen, SJ



Fr. Charles Rodrigues, SJ

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On June 7, 2008, family, friends, and fellow Jesuits gathered to celebrate the ordinations of Glen Chun, William Murphy, Peter Nguyen, and Charles Rodrigues at Holy Family Church in Chicago. These four ordinands represent the largest group to be ordained together in the Chicago Province since 1991.

To help our readers become better acquainted with the 2008 ordinands, *Partners* asked each of them to share highlights from their lives, backgrounds, educations, Jesuit training, and ministry experiences. We also asked those who know them best to offer insights into the qualities that will make each of them successful Jesuit priests.



In an ancient act symbolizing humility, obedience, and willingness to live by Christ's example, the four ordinands lie prostrate on the floor in response to the Bishop's invitation to prayer. As the men pray, the People of God sing the Litany of the Saints asking holy women and men throughout history to guide them in their ministries.



In the tradition of the apostles, the ordaining Bishop and fellow priests lay their hands on the heads of the candidates in silent prayer. This gesture signifies the conferral of the Holy Spirit, who ordains one to serve in Holy Orders. Among those concelebrating, Jesuits Joseph Daoust, Benjamin Jimenez, Mitch Pacwa, Walter Deye, and John Ferone lay their hands on Glen, Bill, Peter, and Charlie.



Joining more than 250 Jesuits, hundreds of the ordinands' family, friends, and colleagues filled Holy Family Church for the ordination liturgy. The historic parish recently celebrated its 150th anniversary of service to God's people.

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Following the central moments of prayer in the ordination liturgy—the Litany of the Saints, Imposition of Hands, and Prayer of Consecration by the bishop—the newly ordained Frs. Glen Chun, William Murphy, Peter Nguyen, and Charles Rodrigues are clothed with the liturgical vestments of a priest. In a moment between father and son, Al Murphy places the stole that symbolizes the office of priest over Bill’s shoulders.

The Bishop then anoints the hands of the newly ordained with chrism, the oil that is used in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, as a sign that they now share in the mission of Christ. Here, Bishop Rassas anoints the hands of Fr. Charles Rodrigues.



During the liturgy, Frs. Glen, Bill, Charlie, and Peter receive the bread and wine as symbols of their serving the People of God at Eucharistic worship. Having received the gifts and exchanged the ancient greeting of peace extended from the bishop as a sign of membership in the presbyteral order, the newly ordained concelebrate the Mass for the first time as priests.





Upon conclusion of the ceremony, the newly ordained Frs. Glen Chun, William Murphy, Peter Nguyen, and Charles Rodrigues gathered at the altar of Holy Family Church with Fr. Provincial Edward Schmidt (far left), Bishop Rassas, and Fr. Robert Thesing, SJ, assistant to the provincial for formation.



“It is so wonderful to be back at St. Ignatius for my ordination,” says Fr. Peter Nguyen. “During my regency here, the students had a profound impact on my Jesuit formation and I am thrilled that they could share in this celebration.” Peter gathers in the St. Ignatius gardens with former students, Michael Jones, Caitlyn Jones, Jill Luzzi, Eric Nyberg, David Green, Kevin White, Aloysius Schuck, Duong Nguyen, Nico Sanchez, Ethan Roeder, Gillian Hemme, and Colin Monohan.