

Ordained to serve: Men continue journey to priesthood

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infer from it such joy,” Father Rodriguez said. “It has been a long haul, seven years for Tim and five for Rob,” he said.

Both of the diaconate candidates were struck by the number of people who were present who had been there with them during various stages of their faith journeys.

Spaulding remembered walking through the doors and “seeing so many people he cares for and loves so much.” One of the greatest parts about the ordination was “coming home to Wyoming and having so many people to share in the celebration,” he said. “There were many folks there that were from when I was very small and helped form the person I am now,” he said.

As Martinson looked out and saw all the people in the congregation, he was touched to see “the support and the love for holy orders from

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around the diocese,” he said. The two expressed their gratitude for the support and prayers of those in the diocese during their time in seminary and at ordination.

It was wonderful having the ordination with Rob Spaulding, Deacon Martinson said. “We both have been in the seminary a long time; we both have had struggles and joys, and having him beside me



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The Knights of Columbus serve as honor guard during the ordination Mass.

was great,” he said.

The parents of both men shared how pleased

they were with the path their sons have chosen.

“I was just so proud of him and his accomplishments, that he is doing what he is doing, I am very happy for him,” Deacon Martinson’s mother, Nancy, said. He is “very caring and kind and he can really help a lot of people. He is prayerful and has a deep spiritual life. He has a great gift,” she said.

Jim and Patty Spaulding said it was a proud and humbling experience to see Rob being ordained. “I think he has a lot to offer

the people of Wyoming as a priest. He is very knowledgeable,” his father said. Echoing his sentiments, his wife Patty shared that her son brings “his compassion and understanding of peoples’ journeys through life, and his understanding of what it means to be Jesus on earth and totally accepting of all people.”

Deacon Martinson is looking forward to his summer internship at his home parish in Worland. He is enthusiastically anticipating the opportunity to work with the people

and to preach. He has one year of study before his priestly ordination.

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The two men lie face down during the Litany of Saints during the ordination Mass

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