

Ordination



On June 14, a beautiful summer day, **Joseph Redfield Palmisano, SJ**, was ordained to the priesthood at the Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola, Fairfield University by The Most Reverend William E. Lori, bishop of Bridgeport. Family, friends, and brother Jesuits from Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Ireland, and Jamaica joined in the joyous celebration.

Fr. Palmisano, 33, comes from Monroe, Connecticut, and graduated from Fairfield Prep and Boston College. Joe entered the Society of Jesus on August 23, 1998, and pronounced vows on August 12, 2000. After completing First Studies at Fordham University, he earned an M. Phil. in ecumenical theology at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Joe then spent two years at Campion College, Kingston, Jamaica, teaching religion and doing campus

ministry, while living and serving pastorally at St. Anne's Parish and in Annotto Bay. Joe then returned to Trinity College in Dublin to undertake doctoral studies in theology, with a concentration in Jewish-Catholic dialogue. Joe is also taking part in a two-year program in Spiritual Direction training sponsored by the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Dublin.



At the Ordination

1. Abp. Lawrence Burke, SJ, Fr. Joseph Palmisano, SJ, and Bp. William Lori
2. Fr. Palmisano's parents
3. Brother Jesuits in formation
4. Friends from Jamaica
5. Fr. Palmisano blesses his grandmother
6. Family and friends with Fr. Palmisano
7. Fr. Richard Deshaies, SJ, province assistant for formation, gives the greeting of peace to Fr. Palmisano
8. Fr. Thomas Regan, SJ, provincial, imposes hands on Fr. Palmisano



Eucharistic Prayer in Ordination

By your Holy Spirit you anointed your only Son
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant.
With wisdom and love you have planned
that this one priesthood should continue in the Church.
Christ gives the dignity of a royal priesthood
to the people he has made his own.

From these he chooses this our brother
to share this sacred ministry by the laying on of hands.
He appoints him to renew in his name
the sacrifice of redemption
as he sets before your family his paschal meal.
He calls him to lead your holy people in love,
nourish them by your word,
and strengthen them through the sacraments.

Loving God, he is to give his life in your service
and for the salvation of your people
as he strives to grow in likeness of Christ and honor you
by his courageous witness of faith and love.

*-from the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer
in the Rite of Ordination*