

31 New Deacons for the Church

On Saturday November 4, thirty-one faithful of the Prelature received diaconal ordination in the Roman Basilica of Saint Eugene. They will be ordained priests next May 5.

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Bishop Ignacio Carrasco, president emeritus of the Pontifical Academy for Life, ordained the new deacons. The ceremony took place at 10.30 am

in the Basilica of Saint Eugene in Rome.

The 31 candidates come from 15 different countries:

- Pablo González-Villalobos Bérghamo (Spain)
- Francisco Javier Fernández Centeno (Spain)
- Agustín Alfredo Silberberg Muiño (Argentina)
- Alejandro Gratacós Casacuberta (Spain)
- Juan José Velasco Fernández (Spain)
- Antonio Vargas-Machuca Salido (Spain)
- Francis Anthony Jose Inzon Ong III (Philippines)
- Francisco Felipe Nieto López (Spain)

- Gonzalo Trelles Villanueva (Spain)
- Juan Suárez-Lledó Grande (Spain)
- Ignacio María Varela Vega
(Uruguay)
- Luis Poveda Talavera (Spain)
- Manuel Ignacio Candela Temes
(Spain)
- Alberto de Ángel Castel (Spain)
- Michele Crosa di Vergagni (Italy)
- Jorge Segarra Taús (Spain)
- Àngel Miquel Aymar (Slovakia)
- Jude Kasirima Karuhanga (Uganda)
- **Pedro Emeka Okafor (Nigeria)**
- Alfred Robert Cruz Vergara
(Philippines)
- Pierre Laffon de Mazières (France)

**-Frederick Vincent Ifechukwude
Oraegbu (Nigeria)**

- Yao N'zian Jean Eudes Téhia (Ivory
Coast)

- Raphael Rezende Fernandes (Brazil)

**- Anthony Elobuike Asogwa
(Nigeria)**

- Martijn Sebastian Pouw (Holland)

- Ignacio Ramoneda Pérez del Pulgar
(Spain)

- Alberto José Ospina Sánchez
(Colombia)

- José Guillermo Muñoz Maldonado
(Colombia)

- Donatus Dedan Wainaina (Kenya)

- Manuel Alejandro Vielma Alvarado
(Venezuela)

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