

## Five Salesian Deacons receive Priestly Ordination



*The five newly ordained with Archbishop Costelloe, Bishop Ireland and members of the Provincial Council*



On Saturday 28th January, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB of Perth in St Francis' Church, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, ordained five Salesian deacons to the priesthood for the Salesian Province. **Those ordained were Kevin Fiame, Joseph Huong Vu, Eteuati Milo, Jeff Miller and Duc Tran.**



**Concelebrating** with Archbishop Costelloe was **Bishop Ireland, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne** and 55 priests from the Salesian Province, the diocesan clergy other religious orders.

For the ordination St Francis Catholic Church in the city centre of Melbourne was a packed with people, from the Australian, Vietnamese and Samoan communities: family members and relatives and friends who joined in the responses and hymns of the sacred ceremony, with beloved hymns from their own cultures.

**-In his homily**, Archbishop Costelloe said: *“We are gathered here in St Francis Church, as the very beginning of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians in Australia, to celebrate an event which will create ripples across the Salesian Province and region. We pray in gratitude that each of these young men has found the courage to listen deeply to the voice of the Lord working in their lives and to respond generously to that voice.”*

Considering the widespread cultures from which the ordinands come from the Archbishop went on to say;” *I am sure that each of them has travelled his own*

*unique journey of life, and of faith. Because of this they are for us today an invitation to reflect on the mysterious ways of God. In reading their stories I was struck by the different backgrounds and experiences which has led these men here this afternoon.”*

He went on to say that they have once thing in common stirrings of the heart; a precious gift of God. He exhorted them, in the words of the psalmist, *” The cup of Salvation I will raise I will call upon the Lord’s name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.”*

He invited the five deacons soon to ordained priests, *to open themselves to the transforming power of God’s holy spirit and to the gift of priestly ordination which God now offers you*

He assured them of prayerful support as they take up their priestly ministry:

**First appointments of the newly ordained:**

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| Fr Kevin Fiame:     | Assistant Priest, Engadine Parish, NSW.             |
| Fr Jeff Miller:     | Director of the Youth Centre. St Marys, NSW.        |
| Fr Eteuati Milo:    | Assistant Priest, Massey Parish, New Zealand.       |
| Fr Joseph Huong Vu: | Assistant Priest, St Marys Parish NSW.              |
| Fr Duc Nguyen:      | Clifton Hill, Victoria, for Further Studies at ACU. |