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BURLINGTON--Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, ordained two men to the priesthood and one to the transitional diaconate at a special Mass June 18 at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral.

The celebration was part of the diocesan commemoration of the Year of Mercy and its Jubilee for Priests and Seminarians.

During the more-than-2-hour Mass, the bishop ordained the Revs. Curtis Miller and Matthew Rensch and Deacon Joseph Sanderson; the church was filled with family members, friends, members of the clergy and other supporters of the three men.

"These three men -- Joseph as a transitional deacon and Curtis and Matthew as priests -- have been chosen by God through his holy Church to go forth, appointed and anointed through the Sacraments of Holy Orders to spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord of all and the bearer of salvation to [the] entirety of creation," the bishop said in his homily. "You are called forth from the community to serve that same community and the wider Church as servants of the Church. What an honor and what a responsibility."

Miller's first priestly assignment will be as parochial vicar of Corpus Christi Parish in St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville and Danville.

Rensch has been appointed temporary parochial vicar of St. Monica Parish in Barre.

This summer Sanderson will be assigned to parish work in Swanton and Highgate Center.