

The joy of being a new priest



By Michael Brown
Editor

BOISE — Hundreds gathered to support Father Marcos Sanchez during his Mass for ordination to the priesthood June 4 at St. John Cathedral. It was a good thing, because he needed it.

"It is because of all of you that I am here.... I promise that I will love you for the rest of my life," said Father Sanchez, choking back tears as he expressed his gratitude at the end of Mass. "I love you. God bless you."

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll and dozens of priests concelebrated the Mass. Unlike last year, when six men were ordained, Father Sanchez, 38, will be the only one this year. Attending were members of Father Sanchez' family, including his mother Bertha who assisted in his vesting.

Father Sanchez celebrated his first Mass the next morning at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's. His first official assignment will be as parochial vicar at St. Nicholas, Rupert, and St. Therese's, Burley. For more photos, see page 20.

Sacerdote experimenta el gozo de ser un nuevo padre

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BOISE — Centenares se reunieron en apoyo del Padre Marcos Sánchez durante su Misa de ordenación al sacerdocio el 4 de junio en la Catedral de St. John. Fue algo bueno porque lo necesitaba.

"Ustedes son la razón por la cual yo estoy aquí... les prometo que los amaré por el resto de mi vida", dijo el Padre Sánchez, deteniendo las lagrimas mientras expresaba su agradecimiento al terminar la Misa. "Los amo. Que Dios los bendiga."

El Obispo Michael P. Driscoll y decenas de sacerdotes concelebraron la Misa. A diferencia del año pasado cuando seis hombres fueron ordenados, el Padre Sánchez, 38, será el único ordenado este año. Presentes estaban los miembros de la familia del Padre Sánchez, incluyendo a su mamá Berta quien le ayudó a ponerse sus vestimentas.

El Padre Sánchez celebró su primera Misa al día siguiente por la mañana a las 8:30am en San Juan. Su primera asignación será como vicario parroquial en la parroquia de St. Nicholas, Rupert, y St. Therese en Burley.

HEARTFELT THANKS — Father Marcos Sanchez thanks those gathered at St. John Cathedral June 4 to celebrate his ordination to the priesthood. (ICR photo)

AGRADECIMIENTO DE CORAZÓN - El Padre Marcos Sánchez agradece a los que se reunieron en la Catedral de St. John para celebrar su ordenación al sacerdocio el 4 de junio. (ICR foto)

Next stop: New programs

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BOISE – Parish, youth and young adult leaders gathered at Our Lady of the Rosary to review the progress made on the pastoral plan goal for youths and young adults at 2009 Convocation.

When the event began, Bishop Michael P. Driscoll told leaders that he was proud of the priests, deacons, religious and lay leaders working to build the internal consultative structure while working on investigating and planning programs that appeal to young adults and youths.

"I really appreciate that I can count on you to communicate to me your vision of the church," he said during a brief

question and answer session June 1.

When it concluded three days later, the bishop told delegates he wanted them to spend the next year producing concrete results rather than dividing their attention between youth and young adult programs and moving on to begin work on another diocesan goal.

About 150 leaders – including 36 priests – attended some or all of the sessions June 1-4. The event began with a review of the work done since the All at the Table pastoral plan was formed during the 2008 Convocation, including the efforts by the various pastoral and presbyteral councils and

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GROUND BROKEN — Bishop Michael P. Driscoll blesses the site for a new Priest Retirement House June 4, located next to Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise. For the full story, see page 3. (ICR photo)

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