

Queenship of Mary, 2019

Dear Benefactors,

On June 14th, I was pleased to ordain two men as priests for the Diocese of Reno, Eduardo Gutierrez and Patrick Klekas. This brings a total of five men ordained in the last two years. Fr. Eduardo's first priestly assignment will be as Parochial Vicar at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Carson City and Fr. Patrick's first assignment will be as Parochial Vicar at St. Albert the Great church, in Reno.



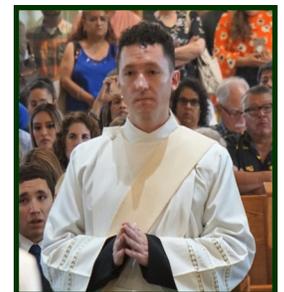
Fr. Eduardo Gutierrez was born in Mexico. He came from a family of 6 with 3 siblings and a 93-year-old grandmother. He first came to Reno in 2003 and worked in the construction field and a butcher shop. During that time, he was active with the Youth and Young Adult Ministries at St. Therese of the Little Flower Church and at the St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral. He also played in a soccer league. In 2009, he was accepted into the seminary here in Reno, but that was just the start of his journey to priesthood.



Fr. Eduardo returned to Mexico to gain his visa so as to serve here in the diocese. While he was in Mexico, he attended the Seminario Hispano de Santa Maria de Guadalupe, in Mexico City, Mexico and then at a seminary in Mexicali, Mexico. Once his visa was ready, he returned to Reno. He was then ordained as a deacon and was assigned to a Year of Pastoral Service at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Reno. Fr. Eduardo feels that his vocation is to minister to all of the people in his parish with the joyful heart that God has given to him.

His journey took another turn just a week before the ordination. He was not feeling well and drove himself to the hospital where the doctors rushed him into surgery. As he was in the hospital bed, he told the Lord that if this was to be the end of his life, it was OK, but also wondered why did he would go through the last 9 years of preparation if it would all be in vain? Thankfully, Fr. Eduardo is now fine and he has been ordained as a priest.

Fr. Patrick Klekas was raised in Elko, Nevada in a strong Catholic family with 10 children. He was the second oldest of the ten; nine boys and one girl. The youngest of the 10, Sam, has Downs Syndrome. The blessing of Sam had an impact on the rest of the family teaching them to be joyful, grateful, and humble. Fr. Patrick attended Boise State University and studied history and music. He is musically inclined and plays the guitar, bass, ukulele, and taught himself to play the piano. He was a member of a rock cover band and even toured the US with this band. He earned his degree in philosophy and religious studies at Mt. Angel in Oregon and finished up at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo, California. A year before finishing seminary, he stopped to discern more. He traveled to Europe and had a job where he taught English to students in Spain. It was during that time he traveled to numerous religious sites including, Lourdes, Fatima, Rome, and the Holy Land. These travels gave him time to solidify his vocation. With God's final direction, he then returned to the US to finish his studies.



Fr. Patrick hopes that by choosing the priesthood he can show people that there are young men who are faithful and who want to share the faith.

The ordination ceremony for these two men was a joyous occasion for the whole Catholic Community. The parish church of St. Teresa of Avila in Carson City was filled to capacity as it was full with family and community members from all around the Diocese. Among the many priests who participated in this ordination were some of Fr. Eduardo's and Fr. Patrick's former classmates who journeyed to Nevada to celebrate with them. We have truly been blessed in having two new priests added to the presbyterate of the diocese. I hope that you will join your prayers to ours as we offer thanks to God and ask his blessing on these new priests and in their new ministry.



After the ordination, the newly-ordained conferred their priestly blessings on people who requested. Those lining up included parents, siblings, and friends.



The celebration of the Feast of the Queenship of Mary is August 22nd. As usual, you and your intentions will be included in a Novena of Masses celebrated in honor of Mary. Simply return the enclosed petition sheet with your intentions listed. Thank you for your past generosity to us.

May this summer season be filled with many blessings for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo.

Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo
Bishop of Reno



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+ A \$5.00 stipend for Mass to be celebrated at a time left to the discretion of the priest.

+ A \$10.00 stipend for a Mass to be celebrated on a specific date.

We will, however, continue to accept and distribute mass stipends in lesser amounts.