

Model Good Shepherd, Bishop Taylor tells Father Eveld

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Father Cody Eveld (left) and Bishop Anthony B. Taylor celebrate after Father Eveld's ordination Mass May 25 at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. (Bob Ocken)



Father Cody Eveld (center right) kneels before Bishop Anthony B. Taylor (center left) before being ordained May 25 at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. (Bob Ocken)

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After a week of stormy weather, it was all blue skies and sunshine May 25 at Christ the King Church in Little Rock, as Deacon Cody Eveld awaited his ordination to the priesthood.

The Eveld family sat closest to the altar among the crowd of 250 attendees, consisting of clergy and members of Catholic organizations in full regalia, watching as Eveld nervously — but excitedly — counted down the minutes before lying prostrate in front of the altar.

The Mass was moved from the Cathedral of St. Andrew days before the ordination after the air conditioning failed.