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Deacon Chris Fagin

**Deacon at St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett
Home Parish is The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

Deacon Chris Fagin will be ordained by Bishop David P. Talley into the Presbyterate within the Catholic Diocese of Memphis at our Mother Church, The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday June 6, 2026.

Deacon Chris Fagin was born and raised in northern Kentucky in a devout Catholic home. The oldest of three, Chris was blessed to attend Catholic Schools, including St. Paul School, Florence, Ky., and Covington Catholic High School, Park Hills, Ky., where Chris participated in many activities, including football, choir, and retreats. It was by leading a retreat as a Senior that Chris began to sense that he was called to some kind of Ministry to others.

After graduating Covington Catholic in 2016, Chris attended the alma mater of his parents, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tenn., graduating in 2020 with Bachelor's Degrees in Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics. Though involved heavily in the Sciences, including Computer Science internship experiences with FedEx and the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., Chris drew greater joy from his involvement with Campus Ministry.

Through the guidance of trusted Priests and lay mentors, he also grew in his personal prayer life, intellectual life, and in willingness to serve others. In particular, quiet time spent in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament opened him more and more to a Priestly Vocation. By the end of College, Chris discerned that God was calling him to enter the Seminary to become a Priest.

Desiring to stay in the Memphis that he came to love, Chris was accepted as a Seminarian for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis and began Seminary studies in 2020, earning a Master of Arts in Philosophy for Theological Studies in 2022 and a Master of Divinity in 2025 at Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology, New Orleans, La.

Father Chris Fagin will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, on Corpus Christi Sunday morning, June 7, at 10:00am.

Effective July 1, 2026, Father Chris Fagin will be assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett.