

FAREWELL DEACON DAVID!

Message from Dcn. David:



Dear FRIENDS,

I have been deeply moved by your many messages. At my diaconate ordination, the Bishop told me: proclaim what you believe, and practice what you proclaim. In my recent homilies, I have said that we are not only to say “Thy will be done,” but to live it, as our Lord Himself did. Obedience is part of my vocation, and to follow the direction of the Bishop is my duty. It is difficult, but it is also sacred. Please pray that I may live this sincerely and faithfully.

You are truly good disciples of Christ. You are like the sheep at the right hand of the Son of Man. As the Lord says in the Gospel, when I was hungry, you gave me food; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was a stranger, you welcomed me; when I was troubled, you comforted me; when I was in need, you cared for me. You have been like the Good Samaritan to me, caring for me when I felt alone and uncertain. God will surely reward you abundantly. As our Lord says,

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

I thank God that we met and became friends. As Jesus teaches us, “Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” You have truly lived out His teaching.

Although I will be leaving, these past two months have made us true friends. Please remember that you have a friend in Philadelphia! Please continue to pray for me, that everything may go smoothly toward my ordination in Philadelphia on May 16.

**With gratitude and prayers,
Dcn. David Wang**