



Brother Ricardo Rivera, Sch.P.



Brother Vinod Angadtathu George, Sch.P.

Brothers Ricardo and Vinod Receive the Ministries of Our Church

On Saturday, October 23, Father Fernando Negro, Sch.P., who is the Provincial Superior of the Piarist Fathers Province of the United States and Puerto Rico, traveled to St. Helena Church in the Bronx, New York. He was there to celebrate Mass and to confer the ministry of Lector on Brother Ricardo Rivera, Sch.P. and the ministry of Acolyte on Brother Vinod Angadtathu George, Sch.P. during the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass.

The moment was very special for all of us, since it was the first time that these ministries have ever been conferred here at St. Helena. In recent years, they were conferred at St. Joseph's Seminary Dunwoodie in Yonkers, NY. Five priests concelebrated the Mass, including two professors from St. Joseph's. Both seminarians are students there, and they are currently in their second and third year of studies respectively.

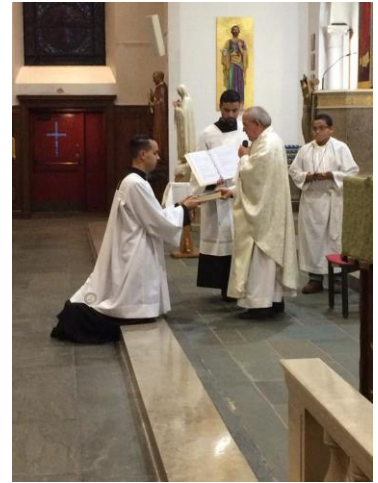
Those who receive the ministry of Lector are called to proclaim the Word at Mass outside of the Holy Gospel, as well as to instruct the faithful and to proclaim that Word with their lives. Acolytes are called to service at the altar with the Deacon and Priest, dedicating themselves to the service of the sacraments. While lay people can be called to either of these ministries, they are also integral in the path to the priesthood. Through these ministries, seminarians are further formed to be ministers of the Lord and to serve His people.

A reception, with nearly 200 people, was held in the school cafeteria following the Mass.

***Father David B. Powers, Sch.P.
Pastor of St. Helena Church***



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