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## DIACONATE NOVENA

**ALMIGHTY GOD**, giver of every grace, who apportion every order and assign every office, who remain unchanged, but make all things new, send your Holy Spirit into our midst to make our brothers, Gabriel and Leonardo, preparing for ordination to the diaconate ready to offer themselves forever in the ministry of the word, of the altar, and of charity, a servant to all.

Grant them wisdom when they are unsure, knowledge when they are afraid, counsel when they are confused, fortitude when they are fragile, understanding when they are troubled, piety when they are indifferent, and fear of you when they are proud.

Help them to receive the Gospel of Christ: – convince them to believe what they read; train them to teach what they believe; strengthen them to practice what they teach.

Hear the prayers of all your faithful servants and in the eternal charity that you have shown us, draw us all to that heavenly kingdom where all are made perfectly one at the eternal banquet of Christ, the Good Shepherd and Eternal King.

**Grant this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Amen.*

