

Five to be ordained to the diaconate [excerpt]
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Rev. Mr. Kozanko

Kozanko, 25, was born in Czaplonek, Poland, the son of Czeslaw and Helena (Ryozkiewicz) Kozanko, and was raised in Lubowo, Poland, where he attended elementary school. He graduated from Stanislaw Konarski High School in Cracow in 1993 and from the Catholic University of Lublin in 1996. Feeling a call to the priesthood, he applied and was accepted to the theology program at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Mich.

During the summers of his seminary years, Kozanko has served in the diocese at St. Mary Parish in Seekonk, St. Patrick Parish, Wareham and Our Lady of Grace Parish, Westport. He has also worked as a camp counselor at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, which serves children from across the diocese.

Kozanko enjoys working with people and as a priest would like to assist people in supporting and strengthening their faith. "Through working with families, parents and children, the great task of fostering the faith is accomplished," he said.