

Marrero Man to Be Ordained This Saturday

James C. Lockwood of Marrero will be one of 19 permanent deacons to be ordained Saturday for service in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Lockwood, employed as a psychiatric social worker, resides in Immaculate Conception Parish.

The ordination will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Louis Cathedral with Archbishop Philip M. Hannan presiding.

The class is the first of permanent deacons to complete a two-year program of studies at Notre Dame Seminary.

By official ecclesiastical definition, deacons are clergymen ordained in Holy Orders. They are authorized to baptize, preach, distribute communion, officiate at weddings and funerals, conduct religious devotions and educational programs, and perform other pastoral duties. They are not authorized to say Mass, hear confessions or anoint the sick. All have completed courses in theology, liturgy, scripture and homiletics as part of their two-year program.
