

Ordination
October 24, 2009

On behalf of the community of the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, USA, and especially Father Chris Reising and Mr. Tom Carney who are with me today, I am pleased to offer heartfelt congratulations to Jose Reynaldo Hernandez Minero on the occasion of his ordination to the holy priesthood.

Father Reynaldo visited the Des Moines Diocese earlier this year and we came to know him as a gentle, dedicated, balanced, prayerful and very pleasant servant of God. We feel privileged that now, with the permission of Bishop Elias Bolanos, he will be coming to exercise his wonderful personal gifts as priest in the Diocese of Des Moines. We have many Latino immigrants in our community who will benefit tremendously from his service. We welcome him with open hearts and open arms.

I also want to thank Bishop Elias Bolanos – for his initiative and support in establishing a relationship with the dioceses of Zacatecoluca and Des Moines. I believe it will be mutually beneficial. Our community looks forward to welcoming Father Reynaldo and Seminarian Carlos _____.

It is my prayer that God will continue to bless both of our communities as we seek to build God's kingdom in our time.