



# SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

## The Seminary Formation Fund, May 6-7, 2017

Through your prayers and stewardship, you can help 5 seminarians give their lives to Christ.

Take part in forming faithful and holy clergy for the Ordinariate.

*Please give.*

**The men you help educate today will serve as the leaders of our Ordinariate Parishes and Parochial Communities tomorrow. Ensure the stability and growth of the Ordinariate by supporting the Seminary Formation Fund.**

### FAQs

**Why are we holding a special collection for our seminarians? Doesn't the Bishop's Appeal pay for seminarians?**

The Bishop's Appeal provides \$225,000 in funding for multiple services and programs that cannot be accomplished by one parish or community alone. Just 25%, or \$56,250, of the Bishop's Appeal goes toward formation opportunities for both ordained clergy and seminarians. (The other 75% of the appeal goes towards communications, administration, and evangelization ministries.)

Gifts collected for the Seminary Formation Fund will be directed entirely towards the education and formation of Ordinariate seminarians.

Since the Ordination of Bishop Steven J. Lopes in February 2016, our number of celibate seminarians has escalated from 1 to 5. This is a wonderful "problem" to have, as it means the Ordinariate is increasing its vocations to the priesthood! But it also means that the costs for educating our seminarians have increased exponentially. This fund is being established so that Ordinariate faithful may join together to help the men who have so generously responded to the Lord's call.

**How much does the formation and education of a seminarian cost the Ordinariate?**

It costs the Ordinariate \$36,000 per seminarian per year, which includes his:

- Room and board
- Tuition
- Books
- Travel and Auto Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Formation opportunities, such as Ordinariate workshops for Candidates for Holy Orders and programs by the Institute for Priestly Formation

**Will the collection for the Seminarian Formation Fund be held annually?**

Yes. The high cost of seminary education requires a reliable source of funding. As our vocations continue to increase, we will need additional resources to cover these costs.

Therefore, the collection of Seminary Formation Fund is held yearly so that we have a collective opportunity to honor our responsibility to fund the formation of our future priests. The collection is held every year on the weekend of Good Shepherd Sunday.

**Where are our seminarians educated?**

In 2017, our seminarians will study at: St. Mary's Seminary and the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas; the Pontifical North American College in Rome; and St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, La. But the Ordinariate is free to send its seminarians to any seminary.

**How will the Ordinariate take up this collection in 2017?**

Your parish will host a special second collection on May 6-7. Envelopes from the Ordinariate will be provided in the pews the weekend before the collection, as well as the weekend of May 6-7. **Checks should be made to "The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter."** Parishes will collect gifts and forward them to the Chancery, or supporters may mail their gifts **directly** to the Chancery using the provided envelope.

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# WHOM SHALL I SEND?

ISAIAH 6:8



*Through your prayers and stewardship, we can help our seminarians give their lives to Christ.*

*Can you give to those who have generously responded to serve us?*

## Support Our Seminarians

Give to the Seminary Formation Fund

Second Collection at all Ordinariate Parishes & Parochial Communities, May 6-7, 2017



**Armando Alejandro**

**Theology II**

**St. Mary's Seminary**

Houston, Texas

Home Parish

**Our Lady of**

**the Atonement**

San Antonio, Texas



**Roberto Brunel**

**College III**

**University of**

**St. Thomas**

Houston, Texas

Home Parish

**Our Lady of**

**Walsingham**

Houston, Texas



**Nathan Davis**

**Theology II**

**St. Mary's Seminary**

Houston, Texas

Home Parish

**Mount Calvary**

Baltimore, Maryland



**Robb Lester**

**College III**

**St. Joseph**

**Seminary College**

St. Benedict, Louisiana

Home Parish

**Corpus Christi**

Charleston, South Carolina



**Patrick McCain**

**Theology I**

**Pontifical**

**North American College**

Rome, Italy

Home Parish

**Incarnation Catholic**

**Church**

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