



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.

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.

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.

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WHOM SHALL I SEND?

ISAIAH 6:8



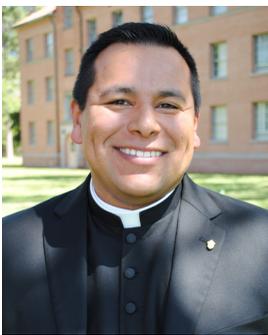
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Can you give to those who have generously responded to serve us?

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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

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