

History of Vocations in the Diocese of Raleigh

Why we need **Priests:**



The first native born priest from the Diocese of Raleigh was Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price. He was ordained on June 20, 1886. Since then the Diocese has ordained hundreds of priests.

The Seminarian Partnership Program (SPP) provides an

opportunity for individuals, families or groups to support seminarians throughout their path to Priesthood. Your support of the SPP will assist young men answering God's call to serve.



From our earliest days of life to our final moments on earth, receiving the comforting grace of the Sacraments from a priest has been our experience and that of our loved ones.

It is only the priest, who acts *in persona Christi*, who can confect the Most Holy Eucharist and thus bring us the source and summit of Christian life (CCC 1324). The future priests of our Diocese will welcome new children of God through the waters of Baptism, preside at weddings, teach us the truths of the Catholic faith, console us in our trials and give us hope in eternal life. How ineffable is the gift of the Priesthood!

As we have been the recipients of God's many graces through the Sacraments, please take the time to contemplate the spiritual needs of our future generations and help provide them with your stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

SPP Membership **Benefits:**

- ♦ A special invitation which includes reserved seating at Diocesan activities, including ordinations to the Priesthood and Transitional Diaconate
- ♦ Mass for all SPP members to pray for vocations followed by a reception and meal.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

FATHER,
IN YOUR PLAN FOR OUR SALVATION
YOU PROVIDE SHEPHERDS FOR YOUR PEOPLE.
FILL YOUR CHURCH WITH THE SPIRIT
OF COURAGE AND LOVE.

GIVE THE CHURCH MORE PRIESTS,
WORTHY MINISTERS FOR YOUR ALTARS
AND ARDENT BUT GENTLE SERVANTS
OF THE GOSPEL.

GRANT ALSO TO US AN INCREASE
IN VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.
MAY MORE OF YOUR PEOPLE RESPOND
TO YOUR CALL IN A SPIRIT OF JOYFUL
GENEROSITY.

MAY THEY SERVE YOUR PEOPLE IN LOVE
BY FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
CHRIST YOUR SON
AND PROVIDE BY THEIR WAY OF LIFE
A CONVINCING SIGN OF YOUR KINGDOM.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH,
PRAY FOR US.



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—
*Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama
Bishop of Raleigh*


What you **can do**

- ◆ **Make an annual or multi-year pledge of cash or stock** to the Seminarian Partnership Program.
- ◆ **Support an existing** endowment.
- ◆ **Create your own** family-named endowment.
- ◆ **Learn how** you can get income for life when you give to charity.
- ◆ **Take a guided seminary tour** -- meet our seminarians.
- ◆ **Remember the Diocese of Raleigh** Vocations Program in your will.

Please make your check payable to: **The Foundation, Diocese of Raleigh-SPP** or you may give online at:
<https://2370.thankyou4caring.org/pages/seminarian-partnership-program>

ANNUAL OR MULTI-YEAR GIFT OPTIONS FOR SEMINARIANS

WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO FOR ONE SEMINARIAN

	\$19,200	Tuition-only
	\$14,000	Room and board at seminary
	\$2,600	Medical/Health insurance
	\$2,500	Travel (Seminary and assigned parishes)
	\$1,000	Ordination prep - average per seminarian
	\$40,700	TOTAL - one year of seminarian formation
	\$280,000	GRAND TOTAL - ALL seven years of formation

CURRENT ENDOWMENTS

Diocese - St. John the Baptist - Seminarians
Diocese - Seminarian Education Endowment
Diocese - Seminary Fund
Diocese - OLO Guadalupe Fund
Ron & Jeanette Dogget Endowment Fund
Nell Fletcher DeVane Endowment
Lee Roy Lee Endowment
Maffit Seminary Fund
Marie L. & Leonard M. McManus Seminarian Fund
Julie G. & Francis E. McVay Seminarian Endowment
Randall & Ruth Proctor Seminarian Endowment Fund
Frederick C. Rahdert Memorial Quasi-Endowment

LEGACY GIFT OPTIONS

Consider this!

- ◆ Which planned gift makes sense?
- ◆ Which gift option matches your interests?
- ◆ Consult with the Foundaton and your tax advisor to answer these questions

Charitable Trust	Donor Advised Fund	Bequest
Charitable Life Insurance	Life Income Gift*	

**Income paid to you*

Seminarians respond to key question:
What do you say to a young man who is considering a vocation



"Do not be afriad. God knows your vocation will bring you joy. Do not just put discernment on the back burner, but really try and dive into it courageously."

~Steven DiMassimo

3rd Theology - Saint Charles Borromero Seminary, Pennsylvania
Saint Luke the Evangelist - Raleigh, NC



"It can be a very unsettling thing to first feel you are being called. Do not be afriad. It takes courage to do so, but you will never regret doing it"

~Nicolas Rapkoch

2nd Theology - Theological College, Washington, D.C.
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral - Raleigh, NC



"Why not now?" God is waiting for you always; come to Him and He will be with you. Just say: "Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. I come to do your will." Spend time in deep prayer and listen to God; He speaks to your heart. Ask Him, as St. Francis of Assisi wrote, "Lord, what would you have me do?" Pray the Rosary, and the Mother of God will bring you closer to Christ Jesus."

~Cong Le

1st Theology - Notre Dame Seminary, Louisiana
St Mary - Greensboro, NC



"To talk to the priest in his home church and ask if he can follow him for a few weeks, so that he can see the reality of what being a priest is. Also ... to never be afraid to explore his vocation. Because answering God's call is the best thing you can do with your life."

~Erik Reyes

2nd Theology. Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Pennsylvania
Sacred Heart Parish - Whiteville, NC



"To a young man discerning I'd say, have a little faith. God does have a plan, you just need to trust Him."

~Philip Tooley

Frassati House of Formation at Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina
Sts. Cyril and Methodious - Cary, NC