

## **BACK TO SEMINARY**

The seminarians returned from their Christmas breaks the first weekend in January and hit the ground running!

First on the list was a week-long retreat: freshmen went to Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton, Texas with Fr. Stephen Sanchez, OCD, Provincial of the Carmelites, as their retreat director (top left); sophomores and juniors went to Subiaco Abbey in Subiaco, Arkansas with Fr. Eurel Manzano, the pastor of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugarland, Texas as their retreat director (top center); and seniors, pre-theologians I and II traveled to Christ the King Retreat Center in San Angelo, Texas with Fr. Charles Garza, the pastor of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Dripping Springs, Texas as their retreat director.

No sooner had they returned from retreat before they were attending workshops on fitness and cultural awareness led by experts in those respective fields (top right). Well-equipped with spiritual and human formation, they headed back to classes at UD for intellectual formation (middle left), as well as to their practicum assignments throughout the community to continue their pastoral formation.

Finally, the seminarians participated in the Dallas Pro-Life Mass and Rally on Saturday, January 20 (middle center and right).

Please keep the seminarians in your prayers as they fully devote themselves to their human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation. You can keep up with the seminarians throughout the year by following their <u>Facebook page</u>.





## GIFTS FROM JCDA AND K OF C

Although the seminarians' first few weeks of the semester were busy, they found time to enjoy gifts from two very special groups.

First, the Junior Catholic Daughters of America (JCDA) from St. Patrick Parish in Dallas delivered goodie bags filled with snacks and prayers for each of our seminarians (bottom left and center).

Second, the Knights of Columbus from St. Monica Parish in Dallas delivered bags filled with supplies and other goodies for the seminarians (bottom right).

The seminarians extend a heartfelt thank you to both groups for their prayers and support!



+ THE CARDINAL FARRELL STUDENT CENTER

## **CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON**

We are excited to announce that a contractor has been selected and construction will soon begin on the Cardinal Farrell Student Center. By this time next month, the sounds of construction will fill the air as the seminarians and formators go about their daily work in the current seminary building.

This 23,000 square foot addition will give our seminarians the gym and fitness rooms they need to stay healthy; the lounge, kitchen and recreation room they need to build healthy bonds of fraternity; and the classrooms they need for group formation and a quiet place to study.

While the majority of the funding will come from the Our Faith... Our Future Diocese of Dallas Capital Campaign, additional funding is needed to complete this project and furnish the building. Please <u>Click Here</u> to make a donation and support our seminarians.



## **SUNDAY MASSES**

Please join the seminarians at one of our Sunday Masses being offered this spring. Upcoming Masses are January 28; February 4, 19 and 25; March 25; and April 8, 15, 22 and 29. Each Mass begins at 9:15 AM and is followed by a brief reception with coffee and donuts provided by the Serrans. <u>Click here</u> to view the full Mass schedule.



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