



### **February Happenings**

The seminarians took a much-needed study break and gathered as a community to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 4. In addition to snacking on pizza and chicken wings, they also played billiards, ping pong and a variety of board games.

This past weekend, the seminarians traveled to St. Mary's Seminary in Houston to compete in the Rector's Cup and defend their 2017 championship. This annual tournament, comprised of teams from Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, is a favorite of the seminarians and a competition they look forward to competing in each spring. Although Holy Trinity won the volleyball game, they had to give up the Rector's Cup trophy this year after losing both the dodgeball and basketball games. There's always next year to bring the Rector's Cup back home to Dallas!

Last night on Shrove Tuesday, the seminarians were served pancakes—along with lots of extra toppings—for dinner. In addition to the personal sacrifices that each seminarian makes for Lent, the house as a whole gives up desserts during Lent, so this last feast of sweets was a welcomed treat!



# LENTEN + CORNER

## 40 Days of Reflection

Please accompany the seminarians on their Lenten journey by following their [Facebook page](#) and reading their *#40 Reflections* (see today's reflection below). A new Lenten reflection will be posted each Monday through Saturday during Lent.

As part of their Lenten journey, the seminarians will gather as a community on two separate Fridays to reflect more deeply on Christ's passion during *Stations of the Cross* devotions.

The seminarians will experience one of the most sacred moments of their year during *40 Hours Devotion*, which will occur the last weekend in February. The practice of this devotion began in Italy in the 1500s to commemorate the "40" hours that Jesus lay in the tomb before his resurrection. This beautiful devotion begins and ends with processions accompanied by incense and bells, and is followed by the seminarians keeping watch with our Blessed Lord as the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed and adored for three days, around the clock.

While these devotions are not open to the public, please know that the seminarians will be praying for the intentions of the entire Holy Trinity Seminary community during this time.



**Nicholas Weiss**  
Freshman

**As I grow in my spiritual life, I realize that our Lenten penances are not so much about giving something up or making ourselves suffer; rather, these penances are ways for us to become closer to Jesus in His suffering for us. They are ways for us to enter more deeply into His love!**

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**DALLAS**

The *Living Stations of the Cross*, a hallmark of Holy Trinity Seminary's observance of Palm Sunday, will be presented on March 25. Together with students from the University of Dallas, the seminarians will piously portray dramatic "freeze frames" of each Station and invite attendees to join them in reflecting on the mystery of Christ's passion and death.

We hope you will include us in your Lenten journey and join us for this presentation. Admission is free, and a reception with the seminarians follows.

# LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A VISUAL, PRAYERFUL EXPERIENCE OF THE  
PASSION OF CHRIST

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 25, 2018 - 7:30 PM



**+ THANK YOU**

**\$1.1 M Grant Received from The Catholic Foundation**

Holy Trinity Seminary is the grateful recipient of the largest single grant in Catholic Foundation history. The surprise grant was presented to **Fr. Swift** by **John Landon**, Chairman of The Catholic Foundation Board of Trustees, during the 36th Annual Catholic Foundation Award Dinner honoring **Cardinal Kevin Farrell** for faithfully shepherding the Diocese of Dallas as Bishop from 2007 – 2016. During his tenure as Bishop of Dallas, Cardinal Farrell made Holy Trinity Seminary a top priority, so it is fitting that this grant will benefit construction of the Cardinal Farrell Student Center, which is named in his honor.

Holy Trinity Seminary extends its most sincere gratitude to The Catholic Foundation, together with its Board of Trustees, for this truly extraordinary gift.





### **Knights of Columbus and Serrans Visit the Seminary**

The Knight of Columbus of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Arlington, joined by members of the Arlington Serra Club, visited the Seminary on Friday, January 26th. They were treated to a tour, followed by lunch with the seminarians. **John Miller**, who organized the visit, commented that the highlight of the day was visiting with the seminarians and seeing how joy-filled they are.

If your group or organization would like to visit the Seminary, please contact Sylvia Najera at [snajera@holytrinityseminary.org](mailto:snajera@holytrinityseminary.org).





**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018**

**INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



**Sunday Masses**

Please join the seminarians at one of our Sunday Masses being offered this spring. Upcoming Masses are February 18 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. [Click here](#) to view the full Mass schedule.

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