



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY



FORMING YOUNG MEN TO BE HOLY AND FAITHFUL PRIESTS FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Pray for us

SEMINARIAN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, in your great love for us you provide shepherds for your people, shepherds whose hearts are conformed to the heart of your own beloved Son, the Good Shepherd. Hear our prayers and raise up worthy ministers for your Church, ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel. Look with kindness on Holy Trinity Seminary and bless its work. Through your Holy Spirit, shape and form the seminarians of Holy Trinity Seminary to seek not to be served but to serve their brothers and sisters, to be effective in action, gentle in ministry, and constant in prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Priest, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



TRINITY-COR 2019

Seminarians **Jeremy Maness**, **Peter Whitfield** and **Allen-Michael Muench** (all from the Diocese of Dallas); **Justin Cabrera** (Diocese of Austin); **Ryan Hinlo** (Diocese of Nashville); **Landon Tulipana** (Diocese of Tulsa); and **Luis Lozano** (Diocese of Corpus Christi) are currently on a backpacking trip in the mountains of Eastern Utah via the Trinity-COR program, which was specially tailored for Holy Trinity Seminary through Wyoming Catholic College's Cor Expeditions program.

Accompanied this year by **Fr. Nicholas Ramirez** of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, as well as certified instructors with extensive training and experience, this experience affords them an opportunity to grow in skills important to priesthood such as leadership, team building, and conflict management. This adventure also supports and strengthens their manly confidence as they learn that they have what it takes to be strong and make important decisions, a skill so necessary to being a spiritual father as a priest.

Please join us in praying that this experience will be life-changing and affirm their discernment to the priesthood.



CHRISTIAN CORONA

This summer has been a busy one for Christian.

During the week he's living at Holy Trinity Seminary and taking a Latin class at the University of Dallas.

On the weekends, Christian resides at Our Lady of Victory parish in Paris, TX and assists in various duties throughout the Diocese of Tyler.

Occasionally, Christian has the opportunity for a little rest and relaxation, as shown in this photo during a visit to the Eiffel Tower--in Paris, Texas!

ROLANDO PEREZ

Rolando writes that his summer assignment at Immaculate Conception in Union City, Tennessee has been a blessing, and he has enjoyed the humbling experience of leading Communion Services and sharing reflections on Scripture.

Additionally, while the pastor is on vacation, Rolando has had the privilege of serving as mediator between parishioners and visiting priests.

He also found helping with the parish's Vacation Bible School a very refreshing experience. It was Rolando's job to develop skits based on the daily theme of the ROAR VBS program, and he even had the opportunity to play Pharaoh and Moses. He thoroughly enjoyed assisting in the transformation of the gymnasium, stage and classrooms into a jungle.

In this photo, Rolando is assisting in stage design for Vacation Bible School.



BO BEATY

Bo, a seminarian for the Diocese of Knoxville, is grateful that his diocese has allowed him to work this summer to pay off debt. He has been working at McDonald's, where he worked prior to entering seminary.

He's had the opportunity to create and lead training classes for the management teams of five different

locations, as well as help each of those five stores improve their operations through on-floor consultations. He's also been tasked with doing a lot of Human Resources work, including creating and updating orientation programs, auditing employee files and organizing employee picnics.

Bo has also been working at St. Christopher in Jamestown, Tennessee, doing anything that needs to be done in his small hometown rural parish of only 75 families. He has served as Sacristan, helped arrange flowers and helped train new lectors and extraordinary ministers.

In this photo, Bo is pictured with a manager and a crew member at one of the McDonald's locations.

BRANDON RIOJAS

Brandon, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, attended the ordination to the priesthood of transitional deacons **Ricardo (Rick) Arriola, Jose Alonso, Justin Cormie** and **David Michael Moses**, all recent alumni of Holy Trinity Seminary, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston, TX on June 1, 2019.



In this photo, Brandon (far right) is pictured with the newly ordained Father Arriola (third from right), and another Holy Trinity Seminary alumnus, **Matthew Krusleski** (far left). Matthew is continuing his seminarian studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston.



ZAK ZAPLETAL AND PATRICK CHESTER

Zak and Patrick, both seminarians for the Diocese of Dallas, are living at St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish in Oak Cliff this summer.

They are experiencing first-hand the typical day-to-day life of a parish. and are helping out in the parish wherever they are needed.

In this photo, Zak (left) and Patrick (right) are shown with the pastor of St. Elizabeth, **Fr. Russ Mower**.

PRESTON THOMPSON AND ERIK ROMAN

Preston and Erik are enjoying summer assignments at their respective dioceses of Nashville, TN and Charleston, SC.

They were happy to run into each other at the Steubenville conference in Atlanta this summer, where they had the opportunity to catch up.

The conference, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, was hosted by Life Teen and aims to help teens encounter the love of Jesus Christ.



DANNY HERMAN

As mentioned in June's e-newsletter, Danny has spent most of his summer making a pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago.

On Day 30 of his pilgrimage, he reached the highest elevation point on the Camino, the Cruz de Ferro. This 20-foot iron cross sits atop a 20-foot pile of rocks.

Traditionally, each pilgrim carries a rock from the onset of his/her journey and then places it at the foot of the cross upon reaching that milestone. The rock represents the efforts one has made on the pilgrimage.

[Click here to read Danny's Day by Day Notes and Reflections on the Camino de Santiago.](#)





FERNANDO RICAUD

Fernando, a seminarian for the Diocese of Austin and an alumnus of Holy Trinity Seminary, is now pursuing his theology degree at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston.

This summer he is doing Clinical Pastoral Education at Dell Seton Medical Center in Austin, which involves working as a chaplain and providing spiritual and emotional support to patients and their families during

their time in the hospital. Fernando writes that this ministry has been one of the most powerful experiences in his seminary formation, and one of special closeness to the Lord in his suffering Body.

Fernando is now 3 years away from priestly ordination and cannot wait to be a priest!



WELCOME BASKETS PROJECT

The Trinitarian Auxiliary raises funds annually through its Welcome Baskets project to benefit the seminarians discerning their vocations at Holy Trinity Seminary. These funds are used throughout the year.

To help the seminarians feel more at home as they move into the seminary each fall, the Auxiliary distributes welcome baskets to them that include items such as school supplies, note cards and postage stamps. The Auxiliary also presents the seminarians with small gifts at Christmas and Easter as well as upon their graduation.

Support of this project conveys to the seminarians that they have the prayers of the community as they discern their call to the priesthood. Please consider making an [online donation to the Welcome Baskets project by clicking here.](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Honorary Co-Chairs **Georgia & Marc Lyons** and **Mary & Bill Sladek** invite you to join them at this year's *Spes Gregis* Dinner, which will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel.

Table sponsorships and reservations are [available online now](#) and formal invitations will be mailed in early August.

To find out how you can join our Table Host Committee and help us promote the dinner, please contact Sylvia Najera at snajera@holytrinityseminary.org.



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