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*While residency at Holy Trinity Seminary for the seminarians has been suspended for the remainder of the spring semester, rest assured that their human, spiritual and pastoral formation continues. The seminarians are socially distant but spiritually close.*



## **ZAK ZAPLETAL**

"I am currently staying at home in Dallas with my parents and younger sister. Also, my older sister has come home from college because of the virus, so all five of us are back together. Although living in close quarters can be difficult at times, we are using the opportunity to spend quality time with one another. Our favorite activity is watching movies.

Seminary formation and online classes at home are not ideal by any means, but I am still optimistic about the upcoming weeks. I talk with my HTS brothers through online video chats, and I have adjusted my prayer schedule to fit a home setting, which includes watching Mass each day over the internet.

All in all, the coronavirus situation makes me a more grateful person – thankful for my health, my family, my seminary formation, but most of all, my hope in Jesus Christ. His loving sacrifice on the cross gives me greater perspective on all of the challenges our world faces, including this one right now."

[Click here to read Zak's bio.](#)

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## **SKYLAR CUMMINGS**

"Since spring break, I have been living at home with my family, outside of Nashville.

I am fortunate that my home parish live streams Masses almost everyday of the week so I get to serve, read, set up/down, and learn from my pastor during these different times.



Soon, my brother seminarians and I from the Diocese of Nashville that attend HTS will move in together in an old mission house, once used by Nashville Dominicans, where we will continue communal prayer, online classes, online formation, and discerning God's call for each of us."

[Click here to read Skylar's bio.](#)

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## ANDREW HENDERSHOTT

"During this time of quarantine, I am living at home with my family in Knoxville, where my siblings are also taking their classes online. The transition to online classes went well, and it has been nice to have the daily routine of school. While at home, I have been able

to join in the spring cleaning both inside and outside in preparation for the celebration of the Easter Season.

My off-site formation is also going well and is allowing me to grow in many various ways. Through prayer and live-streamed Mass, I have been able to join in the Passion of Christ in a profound way as I await the Resurrection of Christ.

May we be witnesses to each other of the Easter message and of the joy that comes from the empty tomb."

[Click here to read Andrew's bio.](#)

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## NICK WEISS

"During this time of distance formation, I am at home with my family. Having been homeschooled while growing up, the transition to at-home learning has felt like a sort-of return to high school. We've prayed together and celebrated two of my brothers' birthdays!

Prayer has been the greatest stabilizing force for me during this time, especially the Liturgy of the Hours, the common prayer of the whole Church. The Lord has reminded me that He really is the only constant in my life.

I'm grateful for technology, which has allowed me to keep in touch with my brother seminarians on an almost daily basis. Talking with them has been a great reminder for me that although we are physically separated, we are still part of the same mission and Body of Christ."

[Click here to read Nick's bio.](#)

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## **SCOTT FYALL**

"Hello all! I am living at the rectory at St. Martin de Porres Parish with HTS alumnus Rev. Justin Nguyen and my fellow Austin seminarian, Matthew Jewell, from St. Mary's Seminary.

Spirits are high in the house. We live-stream morning prayer and evening prayer on Facebook live every day at 8AM and 8PM, respectively. We have also been blessed to celebrate Mass every day on YouTube for the parish.

But as nice as things are, it's fair to say that this is not how I expected to finish my time at HTS. Nor is it the way I anticipated ending Lent and entering into Holy Week. I am disappointed, but with our Lord in my heart, I am never discouraged. Even if life feels like it's out of control, God is still in control of our

lives. Through new routines, setbacks, and unexpected challenges, He is present and He is at work for our good.

I pray that everyone may know this truth and be filled with hope. God bless you and thank you for your prayers and support."

[Click here to read Scott's bio.](#)

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## **ADRIAN ANNICCHIARICO**

"Due to the current pandemic, I am currently living with a few brother seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary in my home diocese of Galveston-Houston.

The transition home from HTS was a hard one, but the Lord's providential hand has not been absent. While at St. Mary's, my diocesan brothers and I have especially entrusted ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Walking by her statue in the main courtyard each day reminds us of her constant protection, as well as our need to pray for those most affected by the pandemic. For she truly is 'our life, our sweetness, and our hope.' So, go to Mary!"



[Click here to read Adrian's bio.](#)



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



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