



LIFE OF A _____ + SEMINARIAN



The Nashville seminarians from Holy Trinity Seminary [pictured L to R: **Skylar Cummings**, **Christian Hamrick**, **Reed Robinson**, **Preston Thompson** and **Nathan Schachle**] have been living in community at St. John Vianney Church in Gallatin, TN since Holy Thursday back in April. Now that school is out, they have been primarily working on developing media content for their NashVocations initiative and helping the parish re-open public Masses.



During the pandemic, seminarians from the Diocese of Dallas have been assisting with the televised Masses. On Sunday, May 24, 2020, the Ascension of the Lord, Holy Trinity Seminary was honored to host that week's televised Sunday Mass. Bishop **Edward Burns** served as principal celebrant, Bishop **Greg Kelly** served as the principal concelebrant and Fr. **Edwin Leonard** offered the homily. Holy Trinity seminarians **Manny Mora**, **Bryce Baumann** and **Nick Weiss** [pictured left to right] served at the Mass and sang a beautiful rendition of the *Salve Regina* for the communion meditation.



The Most Reverend **Joe Vasquez**, Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, received seminarians **Scott Fyall** and **Michael Noriega** as candidates for the priesthood at a Mass of Candidacy in Austin on Thursday, May 14, 2020. Both Scott and Michael will begin their theological studies in the fall at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. [Pictured L to R: Scott Fyall, Bishop Vasquez, Michael Noriega and Father **Jonathan Raia**.]

ALUMNI CORNER



PRESBYTERAL ORDINATIONS

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

On Saturday, May 30, 2020, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Frisco, Bishop **Edward Burns** ordained six men as priests for the Diocese of Dallas. Four of the new priests are alums from the Holy Trinity Seminary Class of 2015: Reverend **Garrett Bockman**, Reverend **Mark Garrett**, Reverend **Elmer Herrera-Guzman** and Reverend **Ryan Hiaeshutter**.

Fr. Garrett Bockman, assigned to San Juan Diego parish for this summer, will continue his studies in the fall. His home parish is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano, and he was also involved in the SMU Campus Ministry. He is originally from San Antonio.

Fr. Mark Garrett, whose home parish is Our Lady of the Lake in Rockwall, has been assigned to St. Monica parish in Dallas where he will serve as the parochial vicar.

Fr. Elmer Herrera-Guzman, who will serve as parochial vicar at Holy Cross parish in southern Dallas, is originally from El Salvador. His local home parish is Santa Clara in Oak Cliff.

Fr. Ryan Hiaeshutter, whose home parish is St. Ann Catholic Church in Coppell, has been assigned as parochial vicar of Christ the King parish in Dallas.

DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

William L. Rooney, Jr. and **Christopher B. Smith**, both HTS alums of the Class of 2015, will be ordained as priests for the Diocese of Austin on June 27, 2020, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. Both Will and Chris call St. Thomas Aquinas Church in College Station their home parish and both attended Texas A&M prior to entering seminary.

DIOCESE OF BROWNSVILLE

Deacon **Pedro Hernandez**, an HTS alum of the Class of 2016, will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Brownsville on June 20, 2020, at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle - National Shrine in Brownsville. The Most Reverend **Daniel E. Flores**, Bishop of Brownsville and an HTS alum of the Class of 1978, will celebrate his Ordination Mass.

DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES

The presbyteral ordination of Deacon **Mario Ivan Torres**, an HTS alum of the Class of 2016, will take place this evening, June 19, 2020, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Las Cruces. The Most Reverend **Peter Baldacchino**, Bishop of the Diocese of Las Cruces, will celebrate his Ordination Mass.

DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

Deacon **Joseph Scott Friend**, an HTS alum of the Class of 2016, will be ordained a priest on August 15, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock. The Most Reverend **Anthony Taylor**, Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, will be the principal celebrant. Deacon Joseph's brother, Father **Patrick Friend**, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Little Rock in 2018.

DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK

Reverend **Jeremy Trull**, an HTS alum of the Class of 2015, was ordained a priest on June 13, 2020, at Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock. The Most Reverend **Robert M. Coerver**, Bishop of Lubbock and an HTS alum of the Class of 1976, celebrated the Ordination Mass to the Presbyterate for Father Jeremy.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

Reverend **Joseph Baltz**, an HTS alum of the Class of 2015, was ordained a priest on May 30, 2020, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. Fr. Joseph will serve the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for three years and then enter active duty as an Army chaplain for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A.

DIOCESE OF TULSA

On June 26, 2020, Deacon **Jonathan P. Fincher**, an HTS alum of the Class of 2016, will be ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Tulsa. The Most Reverend **David A. Konderla**, Bishop of Tulsa and an HTS alum of the Class of 1989, will celebrate the Ordination Mass at Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa.

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

On Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory, three HTS alums from the Class of 2015 were ordained as priests for the Diocese of Victoria: Reverend **James M. Dvorak**, Reverend **Dalton R. Ervin** and Reverend **Chase Goodman**. Each has been assigned to serve as a parochial vicar in the Diocese of Victoria.

After up to 9 years of studying, discernment and formation, these and all newly ordained priests want, need and deserve our prayers. Please join us in praying that they will be worthy ministers for our Church and gentle heralds of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God!



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