



## SEMINARIAN ORIENTATION

From August 7, when an Orientation Team of eight returning seminarians arrived, until the conclusion of Orientation on August 18, the Holy Trinity Seminary campus was overflowing with activity.

In addition to our 26 returning seminarians, we welcomed 27 new men to the seminary this year, with eleven dioceses represented: Austin (15); Charleston (3); Corpus Christi (1); Dallas (13); El Paso (1); Galveston-Houston (7); Jefferson City (3); Knoxville (1); Memphis (2); Nashville (5); and Tyler (2).

The Orientation Team developed a "save the world from a virus apocalypse" theme to introduce team-building games and events this year. Even with COVID restrictions in place, both the new and returning seminarians are excited to be living together in community and beginning a new year of priestly formation.

One highlight of Orientation included the seminarians receiving Welcome Baskets prepared for them by the Trinitarian Auxiliary. While the Auxiliary members were unable to join the seminarians in person this year, they delivered a video message for the seminarians to enjoy. The seminarians extend a sincere thank you to the Trinitarian Auxiliary and to everyone who supported the Welcome Baskets project!

Another Orientation highlight was a trip to The Southern Cross in Dallas, where the seminarians enjoyed rock climbing, zip lining, basketball, softball, Gaga ball and Human Foosball. To see more photos of Orientation, [click on the Holy Trinity Seminary Facebook page](#) and frequent this page throughout the year to keep up with the seminarians.

Please join us in welcoming our 53 seminarians. And most importantly, join us in praying for them!



## **NEW RESIDENT SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

Holy Trinity Seminary is pleased to announce that Bishop Burns has appointed Father **Eugene Azorji** as our new full-time resident spiritual director. Father Azorji, a priest of the Diocese of Dallas, is currently serving as the Pastoral Administrator of St. Michael the Archangel in McKinney and will join the seminary community in September.

Born in Ezinihitte Mbaise, Imo State, Nigeria, Father Azorji was ordained a priest for the Ahiara Diocese in Mbaise in 1980. His previous vocation work experience, all in Nigeria, includes: serving as a rector of a minor seminary; leading the theology department of a major seminary; and later serving as rector of another major seminary.

***Welcome, Father Azorji!***



## **NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY**

As we do each year, Holy Trinity Seminary will once again join the greater Dallas community in participating in North Texas Giving Day on **September 17, 2020**.

This 18-hour extravaganza inspires community-wide giving and benefits local nonprofits. As an added bonus, Holy Trinity Seminary will be eligible for monetary prizes that will be awarded throughout the day, simply for participating! All funds given to Holy Trinity Seminary through this effort will be used to enhance the seminarians' formation program.

[Click here to view Holy Trinity Seminary's giving page.](#) Early giving opens on Tuesday, September 1.

***Thank you for your support and prayers!***

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## STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS

Due to restrictions placed on mass gatherings at this time, we have made the difficult decision to not host an in-person Spes Gregis Dinner this year. However, now more than ever, Holy Trinity Seminary is in need of the funds generated through this annual benefit. As such, we are currently working on reformatting this year's benefit and will share the exciting details with you soon. We appreciate your continued support of Holy Trinity Seminary, and we thank you for your patience during this time of transition.



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