



FAREWELL TO FATHER SWIFT

After faithfully serving Holy Trinity Seminary as rector for eight years, Father **James Swift**, C.M. will be leaving at the end of June to join the faculty at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston as a spiritual director.

We express our sincere gratitude for his innumerable contributions, including these highlights depicted in the photo collage above: spearheading eight very successful Spes Gregis Dinners; championing the cause for and then overseeing the building of the much-needed Cardinal Farrell Student Center; leading the seminarians to several unforgettable Rector's Cup victories; instituting the annual Forty Hours Devotion and acquiring a glorious new monstrance for the seminarians to draw themselves ever closer to Christ through Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; and leading the effort to renovate the residence halls and drastically improving the living accommodations of the seminarians.

Above all, we thank Father Swift for his exceptional pastoral leadership as shown through his unwavering love and dedication to the seminarians, always placing their spiritual and personal welfare first. *May God continue to abundantly bless you, Father Swift!*

After June 30, you may contact him at: Fr. James Swift, C.M. | St. Mary's Seminary | 9845 Memorial Drive | Houston, TX 77024.

LIFE OF A ———+ SEMINARIAN

YEAR-ROUND FORMATION

Even though the seminarians have returned to their home dioceses for the summer, know that the important work of their formation continues. Through various assignments, as determined by their home dioceses, the seminarians continue in their human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation.

Below is a glimpse of how our seminarians are spending their summers. Please continue to pray for them as they continue to discern God's will for their vocations.



CHRIST IN THE CITY

Beginning in May and continuing through the first couple of weeks in June, our homeless brothers and sisters in Dallas were blessed by personal encounters with current and former HTS seminarians who participated in the [Christ in the City](#) program. **William Dobrient**, Deacon **Alex Fry**, **Jeremy Maness**, **Juan Mendez**, **William Mobley**, **Greg Schettini**, **Jacob Smith**, **Parker Thompson**, **Khanh Tran**, **Nick Weiss**, **Peter Whitfield** and **Mark Williard**, all from the Diocese of Dallas, as well as **Brandon Bain** and **Kevin Kelly** of the Diocese of Austin, reached out to the homeless and built friendships with them.



UD IN ROME

Rising seniors **Wyatt Parlow**, **Jude Lugari** and **Shane Kliethermes** are attending classes on the University of Dallas Rome campus this summer. They recently took a break from their studies to enjoy dinner with several HTS alums: (then) Deacon **Sam Bass**, **Christian Hamrick**, **Michael Rhodes**, **Christian Corona** and **Michael Noriega**, all who are continuing their formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.



INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

Recent alumni **Ryan Berger, Wesley Castañeda, John Cavanna, Ben Crocker, Kyle Fletcher, Chris Haberberger, Ike Iwuji, Brian McNaughton, Mitchell Schumann, Will Stivers** (not pictured), and **Zak Zapletal** are attending an intensive month-long spiritual formation program specifically designed for seminarians discerning the diocesan priesthood at the [Institute for Priestly Formation](#) on the campus of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

PRESBYTERAL ORDINATIONS

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, we rejoice in sharing with you the good news of the priestly ordinations of seven of our alumni. Please keep these men in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministries.

Pray, too, that our Heavenly Father continues to look with kindness on Holy Trinity Seminary so that, together with your prayerful support, this important holy work of preparing men for the priesthood continues to bear much fruit.

DIOCESE OF DALLAS



Reverend **Elijah Thomson**

Class of 2017

Ordained on June 4, 2022

Assigned to St. Monica Parish in Dallas, TX

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE



Reverend **Agustin Henderson**

Class of 2017

Ordained on June 4, 2022

Assigned to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Las Vegas, NM



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Reverend **Darrell Segura**

Class of 2017

Ordained on June 4, 2022

Assigned to Santa Maria de La Paz Parish in Santa Fe, NM

DIOCESE OF AUSTIN



Reverend **Sam Bass**

Class of 2017

Ordained on June 11, 2022

Assigned to Santa Cruz Parish in Buda, TX



Reverend **Fernando Ricaud**

Class of 2017

Ordained on June 11, 2022

Assigned to the University Catholic Center in Austin, TX

DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Reverend **Carlos De La Rosa**

Class of 2017

Ordained on June 18, 2022

Assigned to St. Pius X in Corpus Christi, TX

DIOCESE OF TYLER



Reverend **Isaac Oviedo**

Class of 2018

Ordained on June 18, 2022

Assigned to St. Joseph in Marshall, TX



2022 WELCOME BASKETS PROJECT

At the beginning of each fall semester, the Trinitarian Auxiliary presents the seminarians at Holy Trinity Seminary with “welcome baskets” filled with items to help them feel more at home as they move into the seminary.

Donations received through the Auxiliary’s annual *Welcome Baskets Project* also provide funding for gifts made to the seminarians at Christmas, Easter and graduation.

To support the *Welcome Baskets Project* and the seminarians discerning their vocations at Holy Trinity Seminary, [click here to make an online donation](#) or scan the QR code below. You may also mail a check made out to “Trinitarian Auxiliary” to Holy Trinity Seminary | 3131 Vince Hagan Dr | Irving, TX 75062 and write “Welcome Baskets” in the memo line.



19TH ANNUAL *Spes Gregis* HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY BENEFIT

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

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