



LIFE OF A SEMINARIAN



SUMMER FORMATION

Below, several seminarians share how their seminarian formation continues in their home dioceses - and beyond - this summer.

Ryan Both (Diocese of Austin): "I am serving at St. Elizabeth in Pflugerville, TX this summer, where I am getting to know the parish, helping to further develop

our altar server and choral ministries, and growing in my understanding of how parishes operate."

Jeremy Casal (Diocese of Austin): "I have been serving Mass at Holy Trinity in Jarrell, going with Father **Stephen Nesrsta** [HTS Class of 1990] to visit the homebound, helping out with the youth ministry programs, and also spending time with my brother seminarians. It has been a blessed summer."

Jack Graves (Diocese of Austin): "This summer I've been assigned to St. Patrick Parish in Hutto. During my stay here I have been able to help with music and service in the liturgies, complete small projects around the parish office, and travel with the parishioners on a pilgrimage to Ireland where we visited many holy sites and grew in devotion to Jesus through the life of St. Patrick and his intercession."

Luke Hubacek (Diocese of Austin): "For the past two months I have been in Manor at St. Joseph's Parish, right outside of Austin. I've been getting to know the area, the community, and the culture there while preparing to go on T-COR!"

Kevin Kelly (Diocese of Austin): "This summer I am assisting my vocations director with my Dioceses propaedeutic year summer program, where the newest members of the Diocese of Austin are prepared to enter seminary. I have been tasked with organizing liturgies, and different activities for the guys here."

John Paul McGuire (Diocese of Jefferson City): "During this summer I am serving in my diocese as a camp missionary with 11 other missionaries doing youth summer camps. There have been so many great blessings and graces received from this experience, and it has been a great help to my discernment. I am also doing a 7-day relic tour with some of these same missionaries in my diocese. We will be taking Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Manuel Gonzalez Garcia as a way of promoting the Eucharistic revival in my diocese. So far my summer has been one of the greatest experiences of my life and I have seen God present in all of it."

Gage Neisen (Diocese of Jefferson City): "I am attending UD's Summer Rome Program, studying the ancient history and art and architecture of Roman, Greek and Christian culture. It has been a great experience for me to continue my pursuit as a lifelong learner and lover of the Church in her members, history and beauty."

Luke Parmenter (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston): "I am working in Omaha at the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) as a seminarian worker and helping with the manual labor for the IPF program."

Pedro Rubio (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston): "**Andres Carabez** and I have been attending meetings with Fr. **Justin Cormie** [HTS Class of 2014] and helping serve at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Galena Park."

Ethan Sicking (Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston): "I am participating in a 9-week intensive summer program (IPF) for diocesan seminarians in Omaha, Nebraska where we are learning to dive deeper in our relationships with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, classes, and an 8-day silent retreat we are challenged to surrender ever more to God's love for us and to respond to His invitation to personal friendship in prayer and in deeper discernment of our vocation."

Jacob Smith (Diocese of Dallas): "Spanish Immersion in Mexico has been an incredible gift, helping me to better understand both the Spanish language and the people and culture of Mexico. It's also provided many opportunities for fraternity with my brother seminarians, both those from Dallas and from around the U.S." **William Dobrient**, **Khanh Tran**, and HTS alums **Bryce Baumann** [Class of 2020] and **Ben Crocker** [Class of 2022] also participated in the Spanish Immersion program.

John Ungarino (Diocese of Austin): "This summer, I've been assigned to St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. Every day looks very different from the next, but typically includes things such as helping with the youth ministry, shadowing staff members, sitting in on meetings, helping with liturgies, and visiting ministry meetings. One highlight of the summer was singing with my brother seminarians at the Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop Joe Vasquez in June. Overall, it has been an incredibly formative and joyful summer!"

Please keep all our seminarians in prayer this summer.



TRINITY-COR EXPEDITION

Griffin Alexander, Ryan Both, Jack Graves, Emmanuel Hernandez, Basil Housewright, Luke Hubacek, William Pettus, Ethan Rice, Daniel Sanchez, Michael Snyder, and Khanh Tran are currently backpacking through the Uinta Mountains of Utah. Newly ordained alumnus, Father **Alex Fry** [Class of 2018], is accompanying the seminarians as chaplain during this intense formational experience.

The Trinity-COR expedition, a backpacking experience uniquely tailored for the seminarians, presents them the opportunity to strengthen their leadership, team building, and conflict management skills.

To see more photos from their trip, [click here](#). Then check the link again in 2 weeks for more photos. The seminarians are currently in an area without a cell signal, so we won't receive additional photos until the trek is over.



Fr. Paul Bechter



Fr. Luke Turner, OSB



Fr. Don Zeiler

WELCOME TO NEW FORMATION FACULTY

Holy Trinity Seminary is pleased to welcome three new priests to our formation faculty:

Father **Paul Bechter** joins us as Director of the Propaedeutic Program. Prior to being assigned to the seminary, Fr. Paul was serving as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Dallas and as Associate Chaplain at the University of Dallas.

Father **Luke Turner**, O.S.B. will serve as resident Spiritual Director of the Propaedeutic Program. Fr. Luke comes to us from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Dallas, where he has served as Parochial Vicar for the the past year.

Father **Don Zeiler** has been appointed as Vice Rector of the seminary. He will be greatly missed by the parishioners of St. Gabriel the Archangel in McKinney, whom he faithfully served for 15 years.

Click on each priest's name to read more about him.

THANK YOU



STOCK THE KITCHEN EFFORT A HUGE SUCCESS

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped us Stock the Kitchen!

Every item on the gift registry has been purchased, and the new propaedeutic kitchen is now ready for the seminarians to cook in once they arrive next month!

To find out more about this new stage of formation and to see additional photos of the progress we've made on the propaedeutice hall, [click here](#).

WELCOME BASKETS PROJECT



The Trinitarian Auxiliary organizes the annual *Welcome Baskets Project* to raise funds for "baskets" filled with gift items presented to the seminarians each fall as they move into the seminary, as well as to provide them with gifts at Christmas, Easter, and graduation. To support the *Welcome Baskets Project* and the seminarians discerning their vocations at Holy Trinity Seminary with an online gift, [click here](#). 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.

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SPES GREGIS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE AND BENEFIT

We invite everyone to celebrate the *spes gregis* - the hope of the flock - by making a donation to the Spes Gregis Annual Fund Drive, which raises funds to sustain our important work of priestly formation. Our budgeted goal for this year's drive is \$550,000. [Click here to make a donation to the Annual Fund Drive.](#)

The annual fund drive will culminate with a celebration benefit on Saturday, October 21, in the Cardinal Farrell Student Center. Due to limited seating capacity, we are only able to accommodate benefit sponsors and their guests at this event. [Click here for Benefit sponsorship opportunities.](#)



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