



**2023 - 2024 HTS FORMATION CLASS & FACULTY**

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## **ARRIVAL OF PROPAEDEUTIC SEMINARIANS**

A new year has begun at Holy Trinity Seminary, and with it has come a significant change. This year marks the beginning of a new stage in seminary formation, the propaedeutic stage, in which men new to priestly formation spend a year focusing on their spiritual and human formation in a particular way before beginning their philosophy studies in the discipleship stage.

An Orientation Team made up of 10 returning seminarians arrived on campus early to prepare for the 20 new men arriving for their propaedeutic year. The team introduced the new men to seminary life and helped them familiarize themselves with the seminary campus, especially the new propaedeutic floor.

Designed specifically for the propaedeutic program, the floor includes two classrooms, a kitchen, an assembly room, a refectory, a student lounge, a sacristy, and the new St. Joseph Oratory. In a beautiful ceremony held on Thursday, August 17, Bishop **Greg Kelly**, a beloved resident of the seminary, blessed the new oratory. It was a powerful and prayerful experience, especially for the new propaedeutic year seminarians. [Click here to view an album of photos of the St. Joseph Oratory Blessing.](#) To watch a seminarian-produced video of highlights from the Mass, [click here.](#)

Including our new propaedeutic seminarians, we welcomed a total of 53 seminarians from 8 dioceses this year: Austin, Dallas, Galveston-Houston, Jefferson City, Lafayette, Nashville, Laredo, and Victoria in Texas. Bios of all 53 men can be found on the [Our Seminarians page on our website](#). [Portraits of the new men will be added as soon as they become available.]

[Click here to view an album of photos and videos from orientation.](#)

Please keep our seminarians in prayer as they embark on this new year of formation.



Everyone is invited to support the *spes gregis* - the hope of the flock - with a gift 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 to view Benefit sponsorship opportunities.](#)

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Holy Trinity Seminary will not participate in North Texas Giving Day this year; rather, we will participate in #iGiveCatholic2023, a global giving day dedicated to Catholic philanthropy, on Tuesday, November 28. Now in its ninth year, #iGiveCatholic is a proven, dynamic crowdfunding event that offers an excellent opportunity for the Catholic community to come together to give thanks, give back, and give Catholic!

More details to follow.

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