



HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY



FORMING YOUNG MEN TO BE HOLY AND FAITHFUL PRIESTS FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

LIFE OF A SEMINARIAN





SPRING SEMESTER UNDERWAY

RETREATS Just three days after returning from Christmas break, the seminarians departed for their annual silent retreats. Accompanied by Father **Paul Bechter** and Father **Luke Turner**, O.S.B., seminarians in the propaedeutic stage of formation left for the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, where Father **Stephen Sanchez**, O.C.D., led their retreat.

Seminarians in the second and third year of the discipleship stage (sophomores and juniors) traveled to Subiaco Monastery in Arkansas for their retreat, along with their formator, Father **Don Zeiler**. Newly-ordained Father **Kevin Kolker**, a recent alumnus of Holy Trinity Seminary, directed their retreat.

Finally, seminarians in the fourth year of the discipleship stage (seniors and second year pre-theologians) went to San Angelo for a self-directed retreat, where they met daily with their assigned spiritual director for the week. Serving as spiritual directors were Father **Keith Koehl** (Diocese of Austin), and Fathers **Ryan Rojo** and **Josh Gray** (Diocese of San Angelo). Father **Zach Webb** also accompanied the men on their retreat. [Click here to see additional retreat photos.](#)

HTS OLYMPICS Before classes started up, the seminarians kept alive a long-standing tradition: the HTS Olympics! As always, it was a great time of

communal entertainment with, of course, a healthy dose of fraternal competition! [Click here to view photos.](#)

BLESSING OF STATUES The long-awaited statues of Mary and Joseph, designed in Germany, were joyfully welcomed and placed in the arches of the altar-ledge of the St. Joseph Oratory earlier this month. The propaedeutic seminarians gathered on January 17 for a special blessing of the statues by Fr. **Vincent Anyama**. In his homily, Fr. Vincent reminded the seminarians that St. Joseph, in his radical embrace of a celestial vocation as chaste spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus, models masculine identity for seminarians and priests, and the features of the St. Joseph statue were specially crafted to capture a healthy masculine image for the seminarians' own reflections and prayers. [Click here to read Fr. Vincent's full homily](#) and to learn more about the significance of the statues and to see additional photos.

PRO-LIFE MARCH Last weekend, the seminarians participated in the North Texas March and Rally for Life. After a packed Mass celebrated by Bishop Burns at the National Shrine Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the seminarians, alongside 4,500 pro-life advocates, marched through downtown Dallas and heard several powerful witnesses from some true heroes of the pro-life movement. [Click here to see more photos from the march.](#)

OPEN MASS On January 21, seminarians in the discipleship stage hosted their first open Mass of the semester. We invite you to view the open Mass schedule below and join us for Mass sometime this spring.

MASS AWAY On January 21, the Filipino communities of the Dallas Diocese welcomed the propaedeutic seminarians and their director, Fr. Paul Bechter, at St. Pius X Catholic Church for the Feast of Santo Niño Eucharistic Celebration. Following a special Mass, the seminarians joined in the celebration, witnessing first-hand the communities' vibrant and reverent devotion to the child Jesus. [Click here to view more photos.](#)

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LENTEN JOURNEY

SEMINARIAN REFLECTIONS ASH WEDNESDAY - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us this Lenten season as we accompany Jesus on his journey to the Cross. Each day, a seminarian will offer his personal reflection on the reading for the day.

The schedule below outlines our plan to post the reflections to Facebook. If you wish to receive these daily reflections via email, you must opt-in by notifying Sylvia Najera at snajera@holytrinityseminary.org.
Deadline to "opt-in" is Friday, February 9.

We also invite you to join us for the ***Living Stations of the Cross***, a visual, prayerful experience of the Passion of Christ to be presented by the seminarians on **Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7:30 PM.**

Know that you are never far from our thoughts and that we are praying for you – and with you.

In Christ,

The Seminarians of Holy Trinity Seminary

Our journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Video Reflection	Ash Wednesday	5 AM*
Written Reflections	Daily during Lent	5 AM*
Video Reflections	Sundays during Lent Easter Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday	5 AM*
Written Reflections	Daily during Easter Octave	5 AM*

*Time posted to the HTS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/HTSeminary/>



SPRING SEMESTER OPEN MASSES

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024*

*final open Mass for the spring semester



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PALM SUNDAY | 7:30 PM | MARCH 24



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