

LIFE OF A ———+ SEMINARIAN



EREMOS EXCURSION

Accompanied by Father **Paul Bechter** (HTS '11), Director of the Propaedeutic Stage, the propaedeutic men rounded out their spring semester with *Eremos*, a 10-day wilderness

excursion to southern Utah. While it presented physical and mental challenges for the men, it was an immersive experience filled with wonder and awe at the beauty of creation and was profoundly formative for the men. Most importantly, it strengthened the bonds among the men, fostering a deep sense of brotherhood and community. [Click here for more photos.](#)



SUMMER FORMATION

The seminarians are away for the summer, but the important work of their pastoral formation continues through various ministries and programs, as assigned by their home dioceses. Below is a glimpse of what some of them are doing this summer.

This past week, the propaedeutic men from the Diocese of Austin (**Spencer Diem, Diego Estrada, Kyle Lennox, David Nelle, Matthew Perez, Jack Pitre, Ryan Principato, and Cole Schultze**) were assigned to St. Paul Chong Hasang Parish in Harker Heights, TX, where they helped with numerous service projects. In addition to lectoring and serving at Masses, the men kept busy doing general maintenance work, building shelves, and doing yardwork in the parish's prayer garden for stillborn infants. Cole writes: "It's been extremely beautiful to see the community here and apply what we've learned at seminary."

William Dobrient, Diocese of Dallas writes: "This summer, I am studying at the University of Dallas in Rome! I am immersed in the history, faith, and culture richly concentrated in this city through lectures and on-site tours. Trips to Greece, North Italy, Poland, and Western Europe are deepening my understanding of history and cultures that shape our faith and world today."

Nahum Rodriguez-Saldierna, Diocese of Austin writes: "This summer I have been assigned to St. Jerome Catholic Church where I have been serving liturgies, joining families for dinner, and helping out in youth ministry."
Please keep all our seminarians in prayer this summer.

PRESBYTERAL ORDINATIONS

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With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, we rejoice in sharing with you the good news of the recent priestly ordinations of eight 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.

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**Father
Bo Beaty**

HTS Class of 2020 • Diocese of Knoxville

Ordination Date: June 8, 2024

Assignment: Associate Pastor, St. John
Neumann Parish, Farragut, TN



**Father
Joseph A. Blackburn**

HTS Class of 2018

Diocese of Victoria in Texas

Ordination Date: May 18, 2024

Assignment: Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish, Victoria, TX



**Father
Daniel J. Herman**

HTS Class of 2020 • Diocese of Knoxville

Ordination Date: June 8, 2024

Assignment: Associate Pastor, Cathedral of
the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Knoxville, TN



**Father
Juan Mendez**

HTS Class of 2019 • Diocese of Dallas

Ordination Date: May 18, 2024

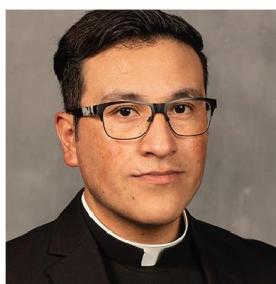
Assignment: Parochial Vicar, St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, McKinney, TX



**Father
William H. Mobley**

HTS Class of 2019 • Diocese of Dallas

Assignment: Completing further studies



**Father
J. Rolando Perez**

HTS Class of 2020
Diocese of Memphis

Ordination Date: June 8, 2024

Assignment: Parochial Vicar, St. Michael Parish, Memphis, TN



**Father
Erik B. Roman**

HTS Class of 2020
Diocese of Charleston

Ordination Date: June 7, 2024

Assignment: Parochial Vicar, The Basilica of St. Peter, Columbia, SC



**Father
Miles A. Swigart**

HTS Class of 2020
Diocese of Wichita

Ordination Date: May 25, 2024

Assignment: Parochial Vicar, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Wichita, KS

ORDINATIONS TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

Eight alumni were also ordained to the
transitional diaconate this spring:

Diocese of Dallas

Bryce Baumann '20
Allen-Michael Muench '20
Peter Whitfield '20

Diocese of Austin

Scott Fyall '20
Michael Noriega '20
Michael Rhodes '21

**Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston**
John Clark '20

**Diocese of Victoria
in Texas**
Caleb Krischke '20

Please pray for these men as they continue their faith journey
to ordination into the priesthood.

WELCOME BASKETS

The Trinitarian Auxiliary organizes the annual *Welcome Baskets* fundraiser to provide "baskets" filled with items for the seminarians each fall as they move into the seminary, as well as to provide them with gifts at Christmas, Easter, and graduation. Please consider supporting this effort with an online gift by [clicking 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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