











SUMMER FORMATION CONTINUES

Formation is year-round. Even though the seminarians are away for the summer, they are assigned to various ministries and programs by their home dioceses. Read below to learn more about some of their assignments.

Diego Estrada, Diocese of Austin writes: "I recently spent a week setting up new internet cable at St. Mary's School in Temple, near the Parish. It was such a blessing and random thing to do. As a seminarian, you always end up doing stuff you never imagined haha!"

John Paul McGuire, Diocese of Jefferson City writes: "I have been studying abroad in Rome this summer, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. I have had many travel opportunities and sightseeing adventures along the way, including stops in Krakow, Assisi, Florence, and Ireland. In Krakow many of us made a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine and the Pope John Paul II Shrine. We also prayed in the chapel where John Paul II was ordained in secret and at Auschwitz with Saints Maximilian Kolbe and Edith Stein. I have spent most of my travels in Ireland, where I stayed at Glenstal Abbey and Silverstream Priory, as well as visited the Cliffs of

Moher."

Jacob Smith, Diocese of Dallas writes: "I'm at St. Monica Catholic Church here in Dallas. I'm loving getting to be part of the community and being here for the transition between priests.
Please pray for Father Elijiah Thomson (HTS '17), who was just transferred from St. Monica, and for Fathers Parker Thompson and Nam Nguyen, who are both starting here this month!"
Henry Stadler, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston writes: "This summer I am in Rome walking in the footsteps of the saints and experiencing life in the heart of the Church. I have also been able to take pilgrimages to France, Portugal, and Poland to experience the rich history of the Church in Europe."

Please keep all our seminarians in prayer this summer.



AN JOINS FORMATION TEAM

We are excited to announce that effective July 1, 2024, Reverend **Garrett Bockman** joined the seminary faculty as a Formation Advisor. Father Garrett, an HTS alumnus of the Class of 2015, was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Dallas in 2020, after completing his seminary formation at Theological College in Washington, DC. Please join us as we welcome him home to his *alma mater*. To learn more about Father Garrett, click here.



A FOND FAREWELL

After having served the Diocese of Dallas for several years, Father **Eugene Azorji**, a priest of the Diocese of Ahiahra in Nigeria, has retired. For the past four years, he served the seminary as Resident Spiritual Director.

Father **Luke Turner**, O.S.B., a native of Kansas and a monk of St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS, served the seminary as Director of Spiritual Formation for the Propaedeutic Stage this past year. Fr. Turner is returning to his monastic community in Atchison.

Both Father Eugene and Father Luke have added so much to our community and to the life of this seminary, and we will miss each of them dearly. We thank them for their roles in helping to form our future priests, and we wish them well.



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 <u>clicking here</u>. 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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