

# LIFE OF A ———+ SEMINARIAN



## GODSPEED, BISHOP KELLY!

A bittersweet celebration for Bishop **Greg Kelly** was held on February 6th at Holy Trinity Seminary. After a special Mass, the seminarians, faculty, and staff gathered for dinner to thank Bishop Kelly for being a true model of humility.

The Student Body President, **Basil Housewright**, delivered a heartfelt message on behalf of the seminarians, who lovingly deemed Bishop Kelly a *propaedeutica extraordinaria* and gifted him with a certificate for his *Completion of Ongoing Formation*, jokingly referring to Bishop Kelly's 17 years of residency at the seminary.

Following a toast given by Father **Don Zeiler**, Father **Vincent Anyama** spoke on behalf of the entire HTS community and assured Bishop Kelly that he would always have a home at the

seminary. In recognition of Bishop Kelly's fondness for cycling, the seminary gifted him with an HTS-branded cycling jersey.

[Click here to view a video tribute to Bishop Kelly.](#)



**MASS AWAY** The propaedeutic men visited the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chinese Parish on February 9. They attended a Mass celebrated in Mandarin Chinese and were warmly welcomed to a luncheon with the parish community. Additionally, seminarians **Qui Ton**, **Paul Simko**, and **Emiliano Diaz-Gonzalez** shared their vocation stories with the CCD classes.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** The seminarians enjoyed an epic Super Bowl weekend, which included Wicho's famous wings, a football showdown between the propaedeutic men and the discipleship men, a ping pong tournament, and fraternal fellowship.

**FAMILY DAY** Family Day was held on Sunday, February 16. Parents, siblings, and extended family members joined the seminarians for Mass and a barbecue lunch. A huge shout-out to all the family members and loved ones who support our seminarians year-round!

**RECTOR'S CUP** The seminarians traveled to Houston last weekend to compete in the Rector's Cup, a weekend of healthy competition and fraternal fellowship with their brother seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary. Congratulations to the HTS men for defeating St. Mary's in both the basketball and soccer games and for bringing home the Rector's Cup! A huge shout out to St. Mary's for winning the volleyball game and hosting the tournament! [Click here for more Rector's Cup photos.](#)

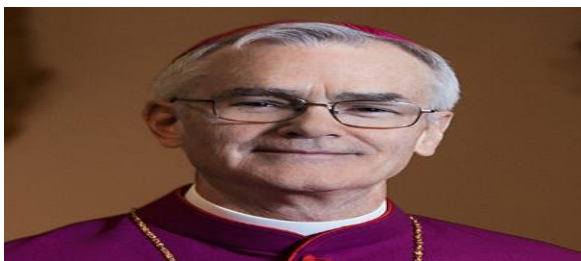
For more photos of seminary life in February 2025, please visit [the seminarians' Flickr page.](#)

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# ALUMNI CORNER

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Our prayerful best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to the Most Reverend Gregory Kelly, Class of 1982, for his appointment by Pope Francis as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Tyler.

Bishop Kelly's installation was held in Tyler on Monday, February 24, 2025. Celebrating this joyful occasion with him were his brother

resident priests from Holy Trinity Seminary, along with the seminarians from the dioceses of Dallas and Tyler.

Please join us in praying for Bishop Kelly as he begins his new apostolic ministry in Tyler.

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## LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Get a glimpse of how our seminarians view and observe Lent by joining them this season as they accompany Jesus on his journey to the Cross. Each day, a seminarian will offer his personal reflection on one of the readings for the day. These written and video reflections will be posted to our Facebook page daily. Additionally, the reflections may be found by following the link on the homepage of our website.

The reflections will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and will continue through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27.

[Click here](#) to listen to seminarians **Jacob Smith** and **Eli Weil** discuss the seminary's Lenten observances on a recent *The Good News Show* radio interview with **Dave Palmer** of KATH 910 AM.

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# THANK YOU

We were blessed in so many ways during the month of February!

On February 2, dozens of members of the Grupos Guadalupanos Dallas from parishes throughout the Diocese of Dallas graced us with their presence at our Sunday Mass. After Mass, they presented the seminary with a check for \$14,000, money raised through a raffle held at their annual conference.

On February 4, Deacon **John Waedekin**, a parishioner at St. Joseph in Waxahachie, dropped off boxes of supplies and snacks for our seminarians on behalf of his parish's vocation committee.

Last Sunday, **Jacob Smith** and **William Dobrient**, both Discipleship IV seminarians, attended Mass at St. Patrick in Dallas to receive a check for gifts collected from the children of the parish. The children collected \$900 for Holy Trinity Seminary. Thank you to everyone who supported Holy Trinity Seminary during the month of February!

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**SPRING SEMESTER OPEN MASSES**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025\***

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

\*No coffee and donuts on Palm Sunday.

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