

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

## SEMINARIAN



## **SOLEMN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**

During the weekend of March 7 - 9, the seminarians observed 40 Hours of Solemn Devotion. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed throughout the weekend, and the seminarians took turns keeping watch around the clock, spending time in prayer and adoration. This beautiful devotion began and ended with processions throughout the seminary, accompanied by bells and incense.

Click here to view more photos of this Solemn Devotion.









MARDI GRAS The seminarians had a Cajun good time celebrating an early Mardi Gras on the Monday before Ash Wednesday. In addition to the traditional pancake races, they enjoyed eating breakfast for dinner and some jambalaya.

**PILGRIMAGE** On March 12, the propaedeutic seminarians embarked on a day pilgrimage to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City to reflect on his life and mission. After visiting the shrine, they made a stop at the Gospel of Life Disciples + Dwellings, where they had the opportunity to meet with the Catholic community of consecrated and lay persons who work together to build and sustain personal care homes. The seminarians were able to experience firsthand how this community provides life-affirming care for those who are nearing the end of life.

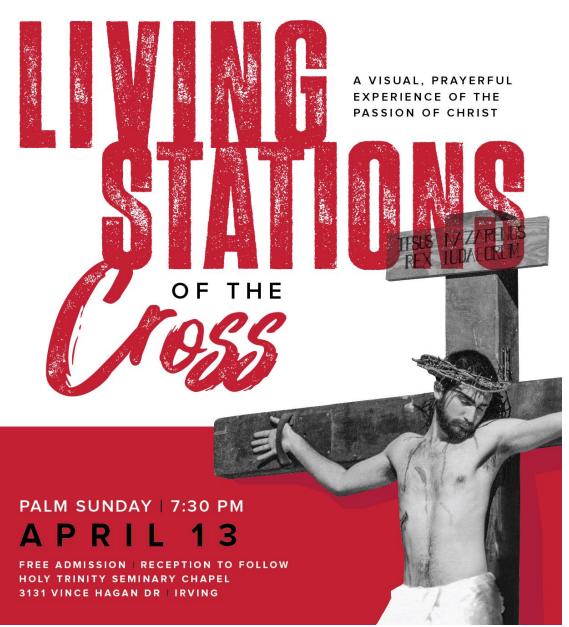
MISSION TRIP Having returned from their spring break early, the propaedeutic seminarians, accompanied by Fr. Paul Bechter and Fr. Don Zeiler, traveled to San Antonio for a brief pilgrimage focused on the significance of mission. They began their trip with Mass at the San Fernando Cathedral, then spent the next day walking the historic Franciscan missions, and concluded their trip by attending Mass at the Little Flower Basilica.

COMMUNITY NIGHT After spending some time away from each other for spring break, the propaedeutic and discipleship men gathered for a night of reconnecting and fraternal fellowship.

MASS AWAY As part of their formation, each semester the seminarians visit a parish that offers the liturgy in a different culture or language to familiarize themselves with and grow in appreciation of the universality of our Church. Last weekend, they visited Holy Family of Nazareth Parish in Irving and celebrated Mass in Swahili with the Kenyan Catholic Community of DFW. The seminarians were met with loving hospitality and described the Mass as full of joy and genuine devotion. After Mass, they enjoyed authentic Kenyan cuisine and visited with members of the community.

For more photos of seminary life in February 2025, please visit the seminarians' Flickr page.







## **SPRING SEMESTER OPEN MASSES**

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025\* Sunday, April 27, 2025 Sunday, May 4, 2025

\*No reception after Mass on Palm Sunday.



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