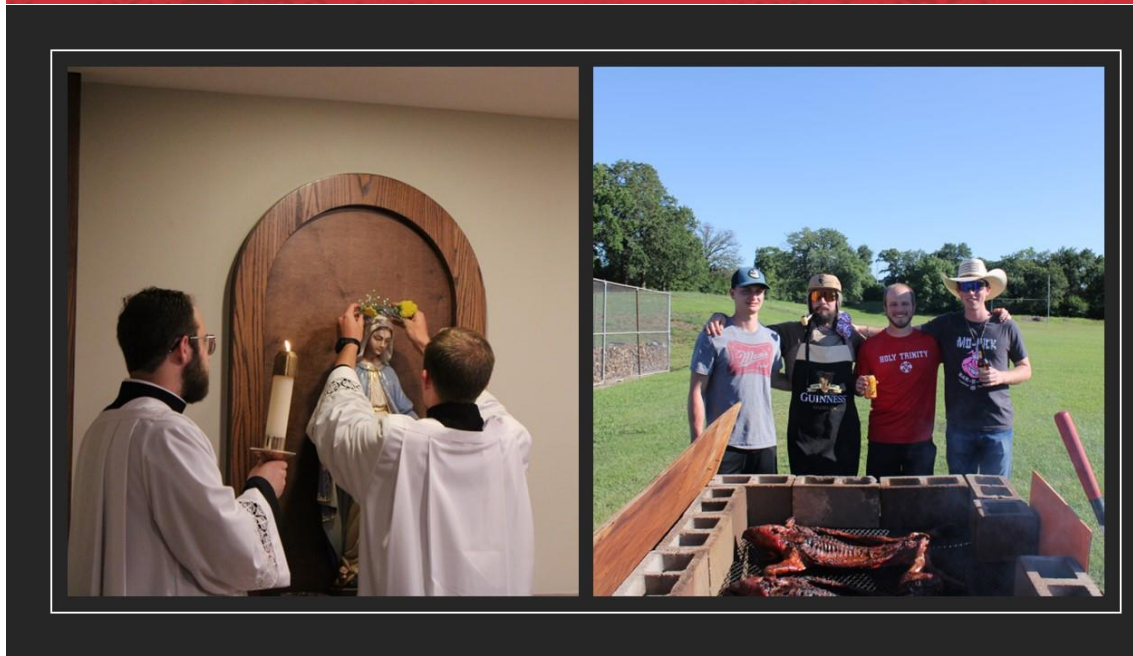


LIFE OF A SEMINARIAN



PIG ROAST On the first Saturday in May, the seminarians enjoyed their annual pig roast. They roasted the pigs all day in a handmade pit. They also played a game of capture the flag and were entertained by the Chapel Crows, the seminarian band. Overall, the day was filled with a lot of fun and fraternity and concluded with a delicious dinner.

MAY CROWNING To honor our Blessed Mother, the seminarians gathered in the chapel after classes on the last day of the semester. There, they crowned a statue of the Queen of Heaven with a wreath of flowers and processed with her

to the St. Joseph Oratory, while singing hymns in her honor. It was a beautiful, prayerful way for the men to enter into their final exams.

END OF YEAR BANQUET The propaedeutic and discipleship seminarians, along with the formation faculty, gathered on Sunday evening, May 11, for an End of the Year Banquet. The seminarians reflected on the past formation year and bade farewell to Formation Advisor, Father **Russ Mower**, who is retiring, and Ms. **Olga Wong**, Director of Sacred Music, who is returning to Hong Kong.

EREMOS On Monday, May 19, our propaedeutic seminarians, accompanied by Fr. **Paul Bechter**, Fr. **Garrett Bockman**, and Fr. **Jakob Hurlimann**, a priest from the Diocese of Austin, departed for *Eremos*, a 10-day excursion in the Utah desert. This journey marks the culmination of their propaedeutic year. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek to encounter Christ in the stillness of the wilderness.

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





MOVING ON TO THE CONFIGURATION STAGE OF FORMATION

On Sunday, May 18, our nine seniors graduated from the University of Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy & Letters. Following the commencement ceremony, the formation faculty, along with family and friends of the graduates, gathered in the Cardinal Farrell Student Center to celebrate. After lunch, Father **Vincent Anyama** offered a champagne toast in the graduates' honor.

Special kudos to senior **Michael Snyder** for being honored with The Very Reverend Thomas M. Cumiskey, O.P. Memorial Award for Excellence in Philosophy & Letters. The evaluation faculty of Holy Trinity Seminary bestowed this award on him for having merited the highest level of performance in the classroom.

Also moving on to the configuration stage of formation is **Griffin Alexander**. Having already earned his undergraduate degree prior to entering Holy Trinity Seminary, Griffin has now also successfully completed his pre-requisite hours in philosophy, undergraduate theology, and language through the UD Pre-Theology Program.

Congratulations, Class of 2025! We will miss you! Know of our continued prayers for you as you continue your discernment journeys!

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Donations received in support of these *Welcome Baskets* also provide funding for gifts made to the seminarians at Christmas, Easter, and the end of the spring semester.

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