

LIFE OF A ———+ SEMINARIAN



EREMOS EXCURSION

Fr. **Paul Bechter** (HTS '11), Director of the Propaedeutic Stage, along with Fr. **Garrett Bockman** (HTS '15), accompanied the propaedeutic men to southern Utah for *Eremos*, a 10-day wilderness excursion that serves as the culmination of their

propaedeutic year. This immersive experience was a profound encounter with silence, nature, and fraternity, drawing the men more deeply into the presence of God. Removed from the distractions of daily life, *Eremos* offered the seminarians a space to internalize the spiritual, human, and communal formation they have received throughout the year. [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.

Sam Cavanna, Diocese of Dallas writes: "This summer I am at St. Monica Catholic Church and learning a lot about what living and working at a parish is actually like. I'm also supporting vocations through events like the [Calling of Andrew Retreat](#) and the [Vocation Awareness Program](#)."

John Paul Jacob, Diocese of Dallas writes: "I am at St. Mark the Evangelist in Plano for my summer assignment and helping out with various events, such as Steubenville Lone Star, the Vocation Awareness Program, and street ministry for the homeless."

Joe Menditto, Diocese of Dallas writes: "My summer assignment is at St. Ann in Coppell, where I get to witness the incredible work of so many people at this massive parish! I follow the priests in their roles as ministers to staff meetings, wedding preparations, funerals, and baptisms. I even get to participate in many other ministries that the parish provides. I'm very involved in the youth and young adult programs that involve a lot of relational ministry. Pretty soon I will help lead

Bible studies and teach OCIA. Of course, I also get to see my brother seminarians once a week when we get together for homeless ministry in Dallas."

Miguel Pagán, Diocese of Lafayette writes: "I am studying in the U.D. Rome program with seminarians **David Cahill**, **Eli Weil**, and **John Frugé** this Jubilee Year summer. Recently, I got to encounter and share a few words with the father of our Church, Pope Leo XIV, at a Wednesday audience. He signed my brother's copy of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical titled *Rerum Novarum*. I hope these pictures will increase our love for the Pontifex Maximus."

Matthew Perez, Diocese of Austin writes: "Me and the other returning discipleship Austin men are serving in parishes across the Diocese of Austin. We are serving at Masses, working in parish offices, assisting with Vacation Bible School, attending house blessings and anointings, and a few of us are also preparing for T-Cor. The incoming discipleship men are completing their propaedeutic year. They are all together, living at Cedarbrake Retreat Center, and working primarily at St. Mary's in Temple but also assisting at various parishes in the Belton/Killeen area. They are assisting with VBS, altar server training camp, and parish maintenance projects. All Austin seminarians were reunited briefly for the priestly ordination on June 14th at St. Vincent de Paul parish in Austin. It was great to see all of our brothers and come together to support those being ordained."

Please keep all our seminarians in prayer this summer as they continue their formation.

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
Bryce Baumann '20**

Diocese of Dallas

Ordination Date: May 24, 2025



**Father
John Clark '20**

**Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston**



**Father
Scott Fyall '20**

Diocese of Austin

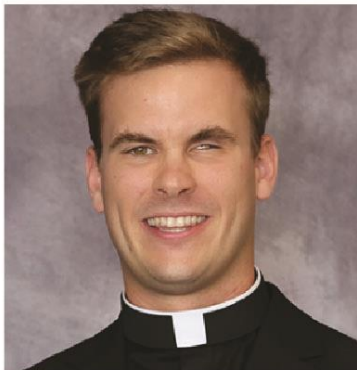
Ordination Date: June 14, 2025



**Father
Michael Ghattas '20**

Diocese of Charleston

Ordination Date: June 6, 2025



**Father
Caleb Krischke '20**

Diocese of Victoria in Texas

Ordination Date: May 31, 2025



**Father
Luis Lozano '20**

Diocese of Corpus Christi

Ordination Date: June 14, 2025



**Father
Allen-Michael
Muench '20**



**Father
Michael Noriega '20**

Diocese of Austin

Ordination Date: June 14, 2025



**Father
Michael Rhodes '21**

Diocese of Austin

Ordination Date: June 14, 2025



**Father
Peter Whitfield '20**

Diocese of Dallas

Ordination Date: May 24, 2025

ORDINATIONS TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

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

Diocese of Austin

Chris Haberberger '22
Cameron Kologinczak '22
Isaiah Minke '21
Brian McNaughton '22

Diocese of Charleston

Philippe Dubourdieu '20
Reyes Palomares '22

Diocese of Jefferson City

Jacob Hartman '22

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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