

# SPARKS OF LIGHT

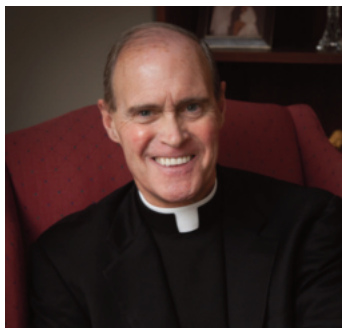
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## FROM THE RECTOR



My dear friends,

I have often been asked how I enjoy being the Rector of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary and my answer has never changed, "I am living the dream!" When I first assumed the office of Rector, I was strengthened by the realization that I would be supported in my role by numerous persons that God would provide to me to fulfill my ministry. I know that

God can do great things in and through us if we continually seek His counsel through prayer and open ourselves to receive His graces.

In this issue of *Sparks of Light*, you will read about the many areas of formation that take place here and how the Lord manifests His presence through the various aspects of daily life. Hospitality is an integral component of the Christian life and you can readily appreciate the fact that in welcoming others to the Seminary, we welcome Christ. In this spirit, we have been blessed by the visits of many bishops and, with their counsel about priestly life, we are better able to prepare our future priests for service to the Church.

Quite often we welcome our alumni priests to visit this holy house, and from them we hear of areas in formation that might need strengthening. The theme of Church administration has been consistently raised and we were blessed to have the Reverend Christopher Heanue, a priest from the Diocese of Brooklyn, conduct a course in Parish Governance and Administration for our Fourth year men as they prepare for their ministry.

Weekly pastoral visits to health care facilities and hosting our retired priests both help us to integrate our theological understanding with our compassionate care for God's people. A new initiative has us partnering with the Order of Malta in bringing food to those in need while also providing the Real sustenance through our evangelization. We are also blessed to have the help of so many pastoral supervisors collaborating with us in our formation program.

In all of these endeavors, God has blessed this community with outstanding priests, faculty, and staff who generously and capably serve the Church. Their dedicated service inspires me, and I appreciate their invaluable contributions to the success of our formation program.

The greatest source of joy for me personally are the seminarians themselves, especially those who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in the upcoming months. May God Who began this great work in them bring it to fulfillment and may these men conform their lives on the mystery of Christ's Cross and imitate the mystery of Love that they are now called to celebrate.

With my love and thanks for all that you do to support our unique mission of formation,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian R. Kiely".

Very Rev. Brian R. Kiely  
Rector

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# Introducing a New Course: Parish Governance

by Deacon James DiVasto '23, Diocese of Bridgeport



Here at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary, we're always working on a goal to provide seminarians with the best, well-rounded curriculum of studies and formation available so as to ensure their readiness to take on just about any challenge they may face in priestly ministry, starting on ordination day. This Spring 2023 semester our 4th Theologian deacons had a new required course aimed at achieving that goal called Parish Governance.

The role of the parish priest has changed dramatically in the last century. Changing demographics, the rise in secularism, and decline in priestly vocations presents many challenges to priests in active ministry. Keenly aware of this reality, our Dean of Intellectual Formation, Father Joseph Zwosta, in collaboration with a brother priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, Father Christopher Heanue, created our new Parish Governance course to give our graduating deacons an occasion to recognize the opportunities and difficulties they will soon face in their priestly ministry.

Through the generosity of Bishop Robert Brennan, Father Heanue, rector of the Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph – Saint Theresa of Avila in Brooklyn, was able to

come teach Parish Governance at PSJS over two weeks of intensive on-site classes along with four weeks of classes and presentations via Zoom meetings.

Father Heanue laid a firm foundation during the first two classes by exploring both 'What is your mission to be a priest?' along with 'What is the mission of your parish?' Our deacons discovered that the answers to these questions must be known first, as a priest's understanding of his own mission, and then the mission of his parish will govern how he will shepherd the spiritual and physical needs of his parish flock, staff, and facilities. Father Heanue had several lay faithful who serve the greater diocesan-wide needs of the Diocese of Brooklyn meet via Zoom with our deacons on topics of key importance in priestly ministry: Stewardship & Fundraising, Executive Coaching, Human Resource administration, Evangelization & Social Media, Buildings & Maintenance, and Parish Finances.

To help our deacons put together all of what they learned Father Heanue dedicated the final class to working with them through a couple of parish management challenges taken from Father Heanue's own experiences of priestly ministry in several churches where he has served.

To say our deacons really appreciated Father Heanue, all the presenters, and all of the pastoral and practical knowledge they gained through our Parish Governance course would be an understatement. Every deacon gained not only knowledge and wisdom about the joys and challenges of parish governance, but also gained confidence in their individual abilities and gifts to serve their future parish flocks.

*Deacon Jim will be ordained to the priesthood May 20, 2023*



FRIENDS IN FORMATION

In addition to the world-class faculty teaching the men in formation, PSJS invites many speakers to visit and address seminarians on a variety of topics. These conferences and lectures invite the men to deepen their prayer life and to consider various perspectives and points of views when applying their studies to “real-world” experiences.



Dr. Mary Healy

Dr. Mary Healy offered the second semester opening Day of Recollection on January 8th. Dr. Healy is a Sacred Scripture professor at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. Dr. Healy expounded upon the beautiful themes of Priestly identity, the life and love of the Holy Trinity and living a Spirit-filled life.

Mr. Joseph Patrnochak and Fr. William Brown, OMV

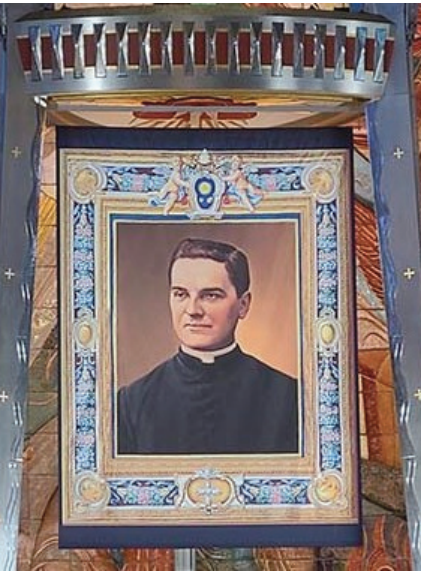
Strengthening Emotional Intelligence in Priestly Leadership is a key factor in effective leadership. It focuses on emotional self-knowledge, managing our emotions, knowing what triggers certain emotions, and being sensitive to the emotions of others. Two experts in this area were the presenters in a seminar on January 27th for the entire community - Mr. Joseph Patrnochak and Fr. William Brown, OMV. Fr. Paul Miceli, Vice Rector and the Director of Human Development, introduced the presenters to the community.



Rev. John J. Grimes

Adjunct Professor Fr. John Grimes presented to the seminarians on the topic of “Boundaries in Ministry” during a Human Formation Conference on Feb. 15th.

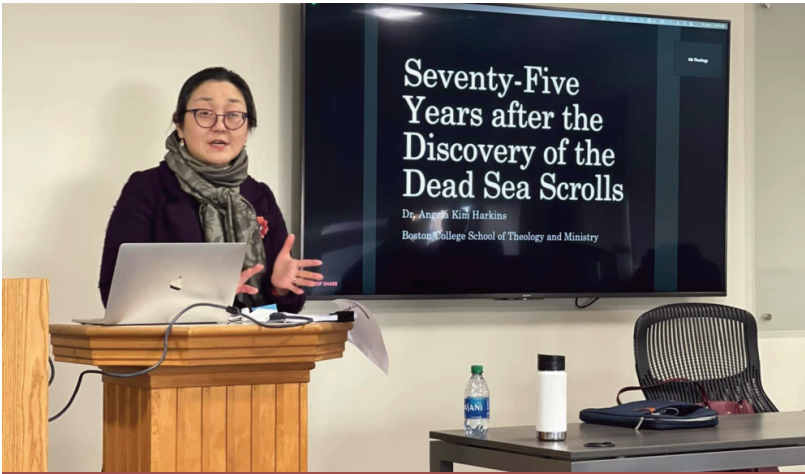




**Brian Caulfield**  
Brian Caulfield, Vice Postulator for Sainthood Cause of Blessed Michael McGivney, presented a talk on February 6th about Blessed Father Michael McGivney, who was the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Father McGivney is viewed as an American phenomenon, and his vision has spread across the world, touching millions of lives. Learn more about Fr. McGivney here: [www.FatherMcGivney.org](http://www.FatherMcGivney.org)



**Brenda Noriega**  
To begin the Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, a Day of Recollection was led by Lay Evangelist, Brenda Noriega. Brenda led the seminarians through her own experience of suffering, hope and the redemptive love of Christ. We were all moved by her genuine faith and witness to the life of Charity.



**Dr. Angela Kim Harkins**  
Guest lecturer, Dr. Angela Kim Harkins, Associate Professor of New Testament at Boston College, gave a presentation on December 2nd on the Dead Sea Scrolls to the PSJS Class of 2023. She was a guest in the core class Johannine Writings being taught by adjunct professor Sister Chimbuoyim G. Uzodimma H.F.S.N.

**Mother Olga of The Sacred Heart**  
The Seminary was very blessed to have welcomed Mother Olga, Foundress of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, to offer a Reflection at our December Advent Penance service. In her moving testimony, Mother Olga shared a beautiful message of the Mercy of God, finding Christ in service to suffering people and bringing the presence of Christ to all of life's circumstances.





# A Night of Spreading God's Love in Lawrence, Massachusetts

by John A. Ippolito '25, Archdiocese of New York

*In partnership with the Order of Malta, Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary participated in a three-night volunteering event to help the homeless of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Every Wednesday, The Movement Family (TMF) reserves space for this vulnerable population to come and gather for food and companionship. One Wednesday a month, Pope St. John XXIII participates. To assist in the overall effort, Seminary community members and volunteers from the Order of Malta make 100 bags of lunches that includes a sandwich, chips, an apple and cookies – along with a notecard with words of encouragement so the recipients know they are loved. We asked John Ippolito, one of the participants in this year's mission work, to reflect on what he witnessed and felt one Wednesday night in Lawrence. The Seminary plans to continue this volunteer effort throughout the next academic year.*

On Wednesday the 15th of February 2023, several members of the faculty, staff, and seminarian community of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary gathered together and embarked upon a mission journeying to Buckley Transportation Center in Lawrence, Massachusetts to assist The Movement Family (TMF), a Christian action group, with their efforts serving the vulnerable of Lawrence. TMF members are highly connected to this community and are the voice for those who suffer from poverty, drug and alcohol addiction, and cognitive disorders. Those who were served had the opportunity to receive the things they so desperately needed such as food, drink, clothing, and medical treatment. Music, games, and

haircuts were also provided. The environment radiated a tangible sense of joy and peace. This was a chance for all volunteers to serve others in a real and practical way, providing a sense of humility and the opportunity to recognize that not everyone has all that they need.

Being part of the community that TMF has established was an extraordinary experience. The guests seemed to feel loved and cared for by the volunteers. They had smiles on their faces

as they were greeted and served. This type of work is essential to understanding how one's helping presence can demonstrate the light of Christ in the lives of others. An evening like this can give people the courage and strength that they need in hope for a more promising future. All who were there that

night supported life. It is the intention of the volunteers that the Lord utilize each and every one of them as an instrument of His peace. This event helped the volunteers tremendously in recognizing what it is like to be a true servant of Christ, doing something for the benefit of another human being. The Lord desires us to share the graces and talents He has gifted to us in order to help our neighbor and imitate Christ. This is where we should all joyfully strive to be as we continue to work in the Lord's vineyard.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,  
naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me ..."*

*-Matthew 25: 35-36*



AROUND THE SEMINARY



Three seminarians assigned to the Pro-Life Ministries office in the Archdiocese of Boston tapped their creative talents and produced a video to coincide with the March for Life 2023. Greg Dougherty '24, Diocese of Venice, Greg Zingler '24, Archdiocese of Washington D.C., and Giris Azize '26, Archdiocese of Boston, wanted to raise awareness of the Holy Hours that took place in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston in conjunction with the March for Life. You can view the video on the Seminary You Tube channel.

The dedication Mass for the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine was held on Feb. 17th in Oklahoma City. Catholic leaders and laity from across the country, some from as far away as Guatemala, the Vatican and other places around the world, were in attendance. Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Rector, Very Rev. Brian Kiely, was among them for the dedication. He is seen here with a priest formed at PSJS and now serving in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Rev. Robert Miller '22.



On March 25th, members of the PSJS community worked an informational booth and fielded questions on seminary life at the Worcester Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption University in Worcester, Massachusetts.



In celebration of spring, 18 teams played in the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Annual Bocce Tournament!



Several members of the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Class of 2025 toured the Melkite Catholic Cathedral of the Eparchy of Newton, located in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. They were hosted by the Rector, Rt. Rev. Philip Raczka, Ph.D.



# Honored Visitors...

To support the men they send to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary to be formed as Catholic priests, Bishops will visit the Seminary and continue to encourage a man's "yes" to God's call, helping him develop his "late-in-life" vocation. We had the privilege of the following Bishops visit PSJS this winter, to spend time with the community and bless the work performed by Seminary formators.



**January 27**  
Most Reverend Robert Brennan, Diocese of Brooklyn, celebrated Mass for the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary community. Bishop Brennan and Fr. Joseph Holcomb, Director of Seminarians for the Diocese of Brooklyn, visited with their three seminarians and met with formators at the Seminary.



**February 1**  
Eleven seminarians attending Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary were instituted into the Ministry of Lector by the Most Reverend William D. Byrne, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.

**February 7**  
Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, celebrated Mass while on campus to visit with his seminarian, Robert Rooney '26, and to meet with Bob's formators at the Seminary.







**February 8**

Most Reverend John Noonan, Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando, presided over the institution of three pre-theology seminarians and seven first-year seminarians to the Ministry of Acolyte.

**March 2**

Most Reverend Earl Fernandes, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, and Rev. William Hahn, Vocation Director, visited with two seminarians studying for Columbus, along with meeting their formators at the Seminary. Bishop Fernandes celebrated Mass and Deacon PeterClaver Kiviiri '23, in formation for the Diocese of Columbus, was the homilist and preached on vocations.



**April 21**

We were blessed with a visit from retired priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These senior priests reside at Regina Cleri, a residence in downtown Boston, and were accompanied by Regina Cleri personnel. All attended Mass and enjoyed lunch with seminarians in the house. What a blessing it is to receive wise advice and wisdom from these men who set an example as good and holy priests.



**April 26**

An Appreciation Dinner was held for the Pastoral Supervisors at Pope Saint John XXIII to thank the priests, and others who served as supervisors, mentors, and professors to our seminarians. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to priestly formation of our seminarians.





# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023

As we conclude another academic year, we congratulate the men of the Class of 2023 on completion of their formation studies. They are keenly prepared for priestly ordination in their respective dioceses. Enjoy their reflections and join us in prayer and celebration as they go forth to serve God and His Church.







### Deacon Ernesto Alonso

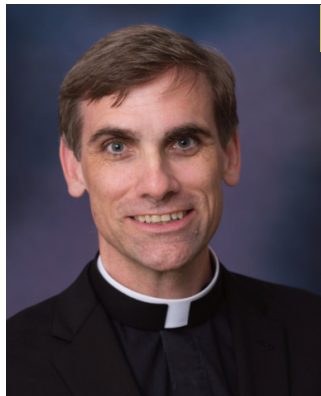
Diocese of Brooklyn | Ordination: June 3, 2023



I am looking forward to my ordination with joy and gratitude. I am so grateful for the solid formation I received here at Pope St. John XXIII and the pastoral assignments outside the house. In particular, the visits every Tuesday to the sick at Milton Hospital. I had the opportunity to learn how to be present and accompany our brothers and sisters at the moment of pain and sorrow. I discovered the suffering Christ in them.

My deacon assignment was at Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston. This is a vibrant and multicultural parish that portrays very well what I am going to find in my diocese in the future. Being able to minister as a deacon to the people of God in the different groups and communities has been a joy. This is a Eucharistic centered community. I have learned a lot from the pastor and from the faithful.

The interaction with the students at the parochial school teaching them Spanish and Religion was one of my favorite duties of my pastoral year. I hope in my assignment as a newly ordained priest to have the opportunity to serve in a parish with a school.



### Deacon Zachary Alspaugh

Archdiocese of New York | Ordination: May 27, 2023



I admire the courage of the men who come here to Pope St. John XXIII in the second half of their lives. They leave their careers and sell their homes to follow the Lord. They could have enjoyed retirement, but are motivated by faith and a desire to do good work. They want to make a positive impact. It's what, I feel, makes this Seminary so authentic.

On my weekend assignment, I loved meeting young couples and baptizing their babies. What joy it is to initiate their newborns into the Church. Each baptism is a gift of Hope for our Church as the children start their journeys with God.

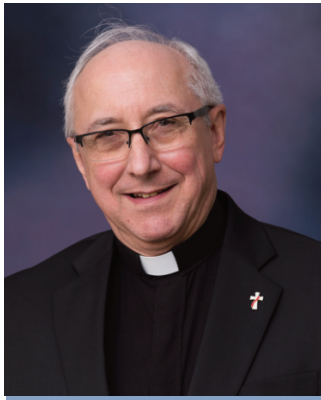
The Archdiocese of New York sends men over 30 to Pope St. John XXIII Seminary for formation. It makes sense because this Seminary specializes in preparing men who are similar in age and life experience for the Priesthood. We have lived something of the Paschal Mystery, letting go, dying, and resurrection as we become deacons and priests.

*Do you know someone waiting to be asked?*

*Formation at PSJS coupled with life experience enriches the Church.*

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### Deacon Allen Boedeker

Archdiocese of St. Louis | Ordination: May 27, 2023

I feel very prepared to assume my duties as a priest. My 26+ years of permanent diaconate and my 3 years here at Pope St. John XXIII have prepared me very well.

I have always wanted to be a diocesan parish priest because of the great variety of ministerial situations that present themselves. No two days are the same. I am especially interested in providing very good liturgy/prayer experiences and being present with my people who are experiencing difficult situations in their life -- illness, death, marriage preparation, and especially parish reorganization/consolidation/closing. We are consolidating 188 parishes to about 85.

The takeaway that I will most appreciate is having been exposed to exceptional priests on the faculty and in my parish assignments, and to very holy men among my fellow Seminary students. I also appreciate the very practical academics that are useful in ministry in general and, in particular, in preparing homilies. Having been one of the guest masters for the Seminary, I will take away the importance of hospitality provided to all comers.



### Deacon Gustavo Correa

Diocese of Worcester | Ordination: June 3, 2023

I feel prepared to assume my duties as a priest because I was privileged to be prepared by Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. The guidance that I received has been exceptional due to the fact that I am an international seminarian. I've had an excellent human, academic, spiritual and pastoral preparation here. I am fortunate because through the love of

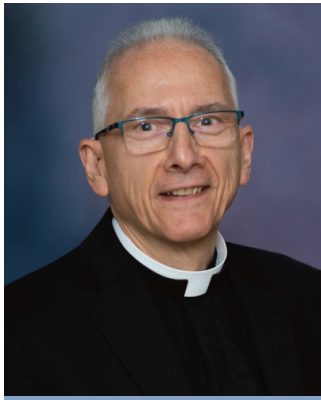
God I am dedicated and devoted to this journey. With the love of God, I am able to dedicate my life not for myself, but to serve others.

I want to share the love of God with others so that they know that they're not alone and they are aware that I am available at all times to listen. In addition to that, I want to work with families to improve their relationship with God.

As an international seminarian, I have a special commitment to learning English and American culture. I'm very fortunate that my family in Columbia supported me in my decision to take this journey in the United States. My weekend pastoral assignment was at Saint Mary's in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts and it has become essential in my journey to priesthood. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the home bound and bring Holy Communion to them. Those visits were special as I was able to take the time to listen to them as they shared their lives and their love of God. For example, one woman explained how special the visits were to her because she knew God was coming to her home through Holy Communion. It makes me realize how many people appreciate my vocation and I, in turn, am blessed to serve them.







### Deacon James Divasto

Diocese of Bridgeport | Ordination: May 20, 2023

With my ordination to the priesthood just around the corner in May, I find myself grateful and well prepared to begin priestly ministry in the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT. I owe this to all the generous faculty, formators, staff, and brother seminarians with whom I've lived, worked and prayed over the years here at Pope St. John XXIII.



Priestly formation at PSJS is truly integral. The human, spiritual, and intellectual pillars of our formation are brought together through pastoral assignments during seminary formation years and in summers back home in our dioceses. I can't express enough how crucial my pastoral assignments have been in molding me into the man, deacon, and soon to be priest, I am today. I am especially grateful to have served here in the Boston Archdiocese at Saint Veronica Parish in Burlington, MA, and back home in my diocese at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine, Saint Jude Parish, and Saint James Parish. May the Lord continue to bless PSJS with many more men for formation to the priesthood.



### Deacon PeterClaver Kiviiri

Diocese of Columbus | Ordination: May 27, 2023

Throughout my summer assignments as a seminarian and as a Deacon, Pastors asked me what my pastoral preference in parish life would be? My response was to reach out to the "Forgotten" of the Parish. The "Forgotten" are those men and women who, because of old age or sickness, are unable to come to Church. These "Forgotten" are very instrumental in

the life of the Church. They are great Parish donors, Parish secretaries, music directors, sacristans, regular Church goers, etc. But because of their physical inability to serve the Church as they used to, they are unfortunately forgotten. With the permission of my Pastor, I plan to form an outreach faith sharing ministry with some of these brothers and sisters. I would love to reach out to these holy men and women to extend a sense of feeling that they are loved and not forgotten.



I also intend to develop the Spirit of "Prayer Group" in parishes where I will be assigned. Acts 2:42 says, "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." Prayer Groups are extremely essential in parish life because people not only learn from one another, but they have a chance to meet, hence a communion aspect of the Parish grows even stronger. These Faith Sharing Groups could be also called "Small Faith Sharing Groups" that can move from house to house. In doing so, even the once "Forgotten" will have a chance to be discovered and have a sense of belonging. Let's remember that what we believe (Faith) is what we celebrate (Eucharist), and then we Proclaim (Missionaries).

*"Every believer...must be a Spark of Light"*

*-Pope St. John XXIII*



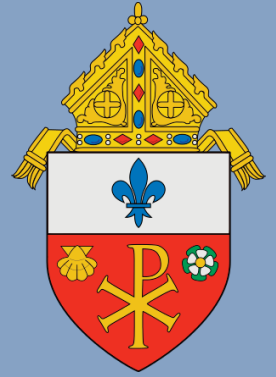
## Deacon Edgar Serrano

Diocese of Orlando | Ordination: May 27, 2023

The proximity of my ordination day has not only brought me a series of beautiful emotions, but at the same time brought me the culmination of a very special stage in my life. For me, Pope St. John XXIII has been a great source of learning, not only academically, but above all spiritually and pastorally. Passing through this well-structured institution taught me the

value contained in the priestly ministry. Being a priest is not just being an administrator of Sacraments. To be a priest is to be the caretaker of a group of souls that God, “out of love”, decides to place in our hands; with the only and great purpose that these souls return back to Him.

I consider that I am prepared for the ministry of priesthood, of course not because of my own capacity, but rather for the certainty of God’s Divine Will and Providence. One of the most significant experiences of this time of formation has been in my pastoral assignments and extracurricular activities. Working with the growing immigrant communities has given me a great sense of hope for our Church; Christian fervor, respect for their pastors, and inexhaustible family love have taught me that although there is much work to be done in different aspects, the United States has a living and growing Church.



## Deacon James Thomson

Archdiocese of Adelaide | Ordination: May 27, 2023

The more I come to reflect on the Church I’ve chosen to serve and the nature of my vocation, I’ve come to the conclusion that I’ll never be fully prepared to be a Roman Catholic priest. As for my duties that I’m required to fulfil, this is not something that worries me. The formation program here at Pope St. John XXIII has been comprehensive, and although I

may not know off hand the answer to a particular problem or question, I do now have the resources to know where and how to find the answer. For me, this is invaluable.

What still excites me the most about my future is the unknown; all the remaining jigsaw pieces of my life slowly being revealed one by one. It’s been an incredible journey up till now. An English man studying in America for an Archdiocese in Australia. Only my Bishop knows where Our Lord will send me next. But wherever or whatever it is, I hope to embrace with my whole heart.

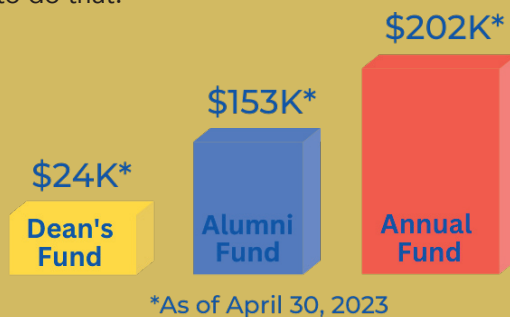
Although I’ve lived in different parts of the world throughout my life, I’ve never really experienced different Catholic cultures other than the Anglo/Australian environment I was raised in. However, the Seminary has opened my eyes not only to new such cultures spread throughout the Americas, but also multiple religious orders. Being able to study and live with such men who have their own unique story to tell has been awe-inspiring. This is something that reminds me how beautiful this place is. Men are sent here from all over the world, with many different backgrounds, and for many different reasons, but ultimately, we’re all here for one purpose, that is for the Glory of God, the service of His Church, and our own eternal salvation.





# Annual Fund Forward Momentum —————> Goal: \$500K

The past few years, our financial situation has been drastically impacted due to a significant decline in enrollment coupled with a modest increase in expenses. The stock market collapse is negatively impacting our investment income. Many capital improvements have had to be deferred. Items such as the refrigeration systems, the furnaces for heating the building, roof repairs, and the parking lot and driveway are clamoring for immediate attention. Our need is to raise \$500,000 by July 1, 2023 to have a balanced budget and we need your help to do that.



We are incredibly grateful by the overwhelming generosity and support you have shown to the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Annual Fund to date this fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 ending on June 30, 2023). We asked for your help and you are responding. Notably, the alumni have doubled their contributions from last year! Your record level support to the Alumni Fund demonstrates your commitment to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary and its mission. For that, we thank you.

And there's time left! Consider helping us reach even higher peaks as we close the fiscal year in June. Your continued support and generosity are essential to Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary's future success. If you'd like to help us jump forward, please visit <https://www.psj.s.edu/support-us>, or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 781-810-1923.

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### 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lawn Party

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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