

Annual Appeal

2018



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

Dear Friend in Christ,

Legalized abortion. Unnatural “marriage.”
Euthanasia of the elderly.

Would we be seeing these outrages if our society
were Catholic? I think not.

When we are surrounded by moral outrages we
have two choices:

Stand Out, or Blend In

To blend in would be to give our tacit approval to
the grave sins of others. Standing out can be scary,
but it gets easier when we follow the leadership of a
faithful, loving pastor.

This is exactly what Catholics are doing at the
54 apostolates of the Priestly Fraternity of St.
Peter (FSSP) across North America. Led by well-

formed priests who are not afraid to condemn the
errors of our day, they are living lives that serve as a
contradiction to the disorder all around us.

At our **international, English-speaking seminary**
outside Lincoln, Nebraska, we’re forming even more
of the young men who will selflessly enter this battle
in the years to come. And thanks to your generosity,
we’ve recently been able to open new apostolates
in New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and
California!

Only one thing can hinder our growth: the lack of
funds to provide more seminarians with a seven-year
formation that costs \$30,000 per man per year. Please
renew your support for the FSSP today!

These Men Will Help Restore Our Catholic Identity

The threats we all face in our secular society are
strong, but I can assure you that the men at Our Lady
of Guadalupe Seminary are stronger.

These men have grown up surrounded by
relativistic morals and novel doctrines, and yet they
have chosen the **sure path of traditional Catholic
teaching**. They’ve been raised in an age of liturgical
experimentation, and yet they have discerned that
worship should have an undivided focus on Christ.

Our seminarians are immersed in spiritual
formation that will help them put the salvation of



souls above all else. They're receiving the intellectual formation that will enable them to give wise counsel that leads their flocks to Heaven. They're being trained to celebrate beautiful Masses that glorify God – and make us all long for our Heavenly home.

We believe that our current bounty of vocations is a sign of God's grace to those who preserve His teachings – and we continue to trust in His Divine Providence. But **we stand in need of significant financial assistance to achieve our mission.**

Here's why we can't form enough priests without you.

I mentioned earlier that it costs \$30,000 per year to form each seminarian. Multiply this by seven years for each of the 82 seminarians in formation, and you can appreciate the urgency of our need to raise funds.

Keep in mind that each seminarian and his family – many of which are large families with a single income – can typically only afford to contribute a fraction of their tuition and living expenses.

Indeed, we face a major financial challenge – but I'm optimistic because I know that if all of our faithful supporters get involved, we can raise the funds to form our men into faithful, well-formed priests.

If everyone reading this letter pledges just \$8 per month to our **Annual Appeal**, we'll meet our fundraising goal.

I would greatly appreciate this level of commitment

from you – and I would be overjoyed if you could pledge **\$15 or \$20** per month to make up for those of our friends who are unable to help.

If you're blessed with greater financial means, a pledge of **\$75 or \$100** per month would help relieve us of our financial worries and enable us to spend even more time planning the FSSP's expansion across the District.

Of course, if you'd prefer to send a one-time gift rather than a monthly pledge, we would be most grateful. Gifts of \$2500, \$1000, \$500, \$100, or whatever you can afford will go a long way towards providing the uncompromising seminary formation our men earnestly seek.

As I mentioned above, we have recently opened apostolates in Nashua, Allentown, Baltimore, and Fresno, and will be opening in Philadelphia and Providence! Every dollar you pledge to our Annual Appeal lowers the cost of running our seminary and **enables the FSSP to keep growing!** Please send your gift today so that we can continue to help the faithful live their Catholic identity throughout North America. May God reward you for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Gerard Saguto, FSSP
District Superior, North America



Please consider pledging at one of the following gift levels — and accept these tokens of gratitude:



- ✓ **Guardian (\$7,500 per year):** You will receive all of the below benefits as well as an FSSP Rosary. Crafted from heavy, polished stone and all sterling construction, this beautiful Rosary was designed by the FSSP and assembled by traditional Carmelite nuns.
- ✓ **Patron (\$250 per month/\$3,000 per year):** You will receive all of the below benefits as well as the Vade Mecum — a Latin/English prayer book similar to the ones used by our seminarians.
- ✓ **Benefactor (\$100 per month/\$1,200 per year):** You will receive all of the below benefits as well as a framed Certificate of Giving.
- ✓ **Sponsor (\$50 per month/\$600 per year):** You will receive Friend-level benefits as well as a copy of the FSSP liturgical calendar.
- ✓ **Friend (\$20 per month/\$240 per year):** You will be enrolled in our Seminarian Membership Book.

Thank you for remembering the FSSP in your monthly giving and daily prayers! Know that we remember our benefactors in every Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.



PLEASE HELP US FORM FAITHFUL PRIESTS!

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency may be of the power of God, and not of us. (Matt 6:21)

Your tax-deductible donation goes entirely towards formation of the priests of the future in the ways of the past at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

It's easy to make an automatic monthly pledge of any size! See the insert for details.
For Online Donations visit: **FSSP.com/support**.

Don't forget the tax benefits afforded to Planned Gifts under the IRS Code.

Planned gifts are useful in helping make a more substantial gift, while addressing your own particular financial needs. At the same time, they provide especially meaningful gifts to our Fraternity and ensure your legacy in support of tradition.

For more information on Charitable Remainder Trusts, Gift Annuities and Charitable IRAs, please contact Joe Gardner at (570) 319-5271 or JGardner@fssp.com.

OUR MISSION

*Using the ancient liturgy as our wellspring, we form our priests in the traditions of the Church so that they may bring the **fullness of Christ** into the emptiness of the world.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary provides a formation founded upon the sound teachings, principles, and method of **St. Thomas Aquinas**, the Angelic Doctor of the Church.

All across America, there's a growing demand for the beauty, splendor, and dignity of the Traditional Latin Mass. The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter is helping to meet this demand by producing faithful, well-formed priests at our international, English-language seminary near Lincoln, Nebraska. **But we can't continue this work without your assistance.**

