



2019

ANNUAL APPEAL

**Dear Friend in Christ,**

Over the past year, Catholics everywhere have watched a scandal unfold among the priesthood and Church hierarchy. I'm sure that, like me, you have been shocked and dismayed to learn the extent of this crisis.

At times like this, it is tempting to feel powerless against the forces of evil. But don't forget that as a supporter of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), you're already doing the most important thing you can to help restore the Church:

You're helping us to form good, holy priests who will work to save souls—which has always been, and will always be, the primary responsibility of any priest.

The priests of the FSSP have been doing this since our founding more than 30 years ago. And with your help, we'll continue to do so for decades to come.

With our seminary almost filled to capacity, we do not lack for vocations. We only lack the funds to give these men a thorough formation that lasts seven years and costs \$30,000 per man per year. **Will you send a gift to support Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary today?**

BETTER MEN MAKE BETTER PRIESTS

As a supporter of the FSSP, you have probably had the chance to meet at least one of our priests—and perhaps you know many of them quite well. Whatever good they have done for you is a direct result of two things: the caliber of men we seek to form, and the manner in which we form them.

We seek men who have a strong sense of piety and sacrificial willingness to give themselves totally to our Lord Jesus Christ. Each man must also have a good reputation, moral aptitude, and intellectual ability.

Once a man is accepted to our seminary, he will follow a well-tested, long-proven course of formation. Throughout their seven years of study, our men are immersed in the sound teachings, principles, and method of **St. Thomas Aquinas**, the Angelic Doctor of the Church.

Our men also live a life of constant prayer as St. Paul exhorted (1 Thess. 5:17). A normal day at our seminary begins with Lauds, meditation, and Mass. Prayers continue throughout the day and evening.

We believe this approach enables us to form the holiest and most capable men possible for Holy Mother Church. God willing, each of the men we are currently forming will someday serve at the altar and in the parish, so that the fullness of Christ might enter the emptiness of the world.

But as you can imagine, the cost of providing such a thorough formation is significant.

WHAT IT TAKES TO PREPARE MEN FOR THE ALTAR

Everything worthwhile in this life comes at a steep cost. Despite our painstaking efforts to control expenses, it costs us **\$30,000 per year** to form each seminarian.

Because seminarians devote their lives to the pursuit of the holy priesthood, they of course

cannot earn the income necessary to offset the cost of their formation. We do ask each man to contribute \$7,000 per year towards tuition and living expenses, if possible, but not all are able.

The rest of the cost must be supplied by our generous friends—faithful Catholics like you.

With about \$23,000 to raise annually for each of our seminarians, our financial needs are very great indeed. But with God, nothing is impossible.

For example, if everyone reading this letter were to pledge just \$5 per month to our **Annual Fund Drive for Seminarian Support**, we would soon meet our fundraising goal!

Of course, not everyone will be able to give at this time. So I hope you will **consider a pledge of \$25 or \$60 per month.**

Perhaps you have been blessed with greater financial means. If so, I hope you'll be able to make a pledge of \$125 or \$250 per month. Such a generous gift would enable us to spend less time on finances and more time finding the best young men across the nation.

Of course, if you'd prefer to send a one-time gift rather than a monthly pledge, we would gratefully accept your contribution. **Gifts of \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$100, or whatever you can afford** will immediately take us much closer to reaching our fundraising goal for 2019.



My friend, there are still many good young men who are willing to give their lives in faithful service to Holy Mother Church. All they lack is the financial means to pay for their formation. Every dollar you pledge to our Annual Fund Drive lowers the cost of running our seminary and **enables the FSSP to keep forming holy priests!**

Please send your gift today—and know that we pray for your intentions every day at the altar.

Sincerely in Our Lord, Our Lady, and St. Peter,



Fr. Michael Stinson, FSSP

North American Superior, North America

OUR SEMINARIANS NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE CONSIDER PLEDGING AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING GIFT LEVELS—AND ACCEPT THESE TOKENS OF GRATITUDE



- ▶ **Guardian** (\$7,500) FSSP Rosary and Pouch
- ▶ **Patron** (\$3,000) FSSP Rosary Pouch
- ▶ **Benefactor** (\$1,500) *Nothing Superfluous* signed by Fr. James Jackson, FSSP
- ▶ **Sponsor** (\$720) FSSP *Vade Mecum* prayer book
- ▶ **Friend** (\$300) FSSP Coat of Arms lapel pin

All donors will also receive a 2020 FSSP wall calendar (while supplies last) and will be enrolled in the Seminary 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!

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/annual-appeal

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

As a 501(c)(3), the FSSP (tax ID# 06-1271475) can work with donors to craft outcomes tailored to their specific situation.

Planned Gifts provide excellent tax benefits to the donor, substantial gifts to the Fraternity, and ensure your legacy in support of tradition.

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

OUR MISSION

*Using the ancient liturgy as our well-spring, we form our priests in the traditions of the Church to serve at the altar and in the parish so that the **fullness of Christ** might enter 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.**



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