

PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF SAINT PETER



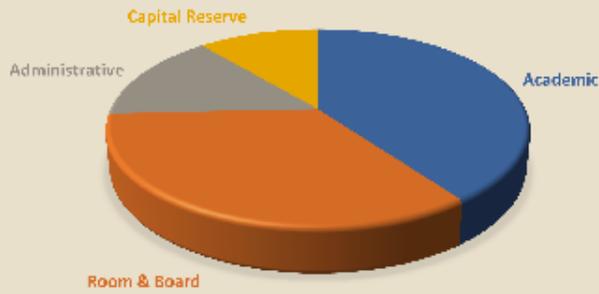
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SEMINARY APPEAL



Support Traditional Priestly Formation
in the Heart of the Church

TOTAL SEMINARY EXPENSES



\$1,400,000 ACADEMIC TOTAL COST

*faculty, textbooks, sacristy supply
spiritual formation, retreats*

\$1,200,000 ROOM & BOARD

food, utilities, maintenance, staff

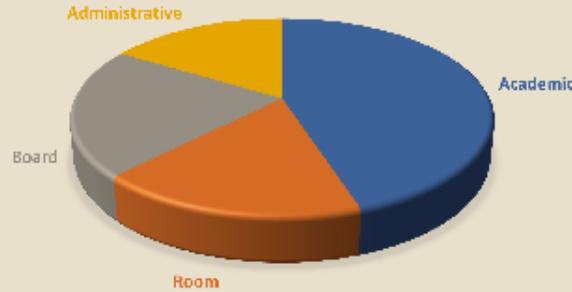
\$510,000 ADMINISTRATIVE

office expenses, fees, taxes, staff

\$390,000 CAPITAL RESERVE

TOTAL YEARLY COST TO EDUCATE A SEMINARIAN:

\$36,700



\$16,500 ACADEMIC

\$6,400 ROOM

\$7,800 BOARD

\$6,000 ADMINISTRATIVE



Thanks be to God, since our Seminary's founding in 1993

Total Priests Ordained 135

Apostolates Opened 47

Average Entry Class Size 20

Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary is funded 100% with your donations. We do not receive financial support from any of the Dioceses in which we serve or from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Fiscal numbers presented here are projections for 2023-24 based on last year's budget. Number of priests ordained is the total ordained from OLGs for the North American Province.



Dear Friend of the Fraternity,

So often we hear in many places in the Church talk of a vocations crisis. This year Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary had a large increase in visits and inquiries in the vocations office of young men from around the province who feel called by God to discern the holy priesthood. The fruit of these inquiries is that we had over 70 men begin their applications to the seminary with well over 40 completing the process to be considered for admission. We are expecting **92 seminarians** to be studying at OLGs for the 2023-2024 school year. Eleven of those are deacons, to be ordained to the priesthood at the end of the academic year. With these numbers, we realize we are so blessed that God is calling, young men are discerning, and now **our crisis** is caring for, providing for, and forming these vocations. God has tremendously blessed us with a beautiful “problem”.

More and more young men are answering God’s call to offer their lives for the preservation and handing on of our traditional Catholic faith. This is in spite of all of the troubles we seem to face because of our belief in the traditional Catholic faith and our attachments to the traditional roman liturgy that so beautifully expresses and teaches that faith. And not only are more young men answering this call, they are seeking to do so with the Fraternity of St. Peter at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary.

All of this attention may be due to the fact that we are committed to forming priests for today by firmly rooting them in the strong foundation of Tradition. By seven years academic formation (consisting of one year of discernment, two years of philosophy, and four years of theology), our seminarians learn not only administration or catechesis, but how to embody the faith of the Church as an Alter Christus, an “other Christ”. During those same seven years, through ora et labora, our seminarians learn to live in this world while not being of this world.

Reflecting on my own time in seminary, I can say that I really learned how to face the problems of today with the timeless faith of Christ entrusted to the Church. I learned not only *what* a priest is, but *who* he is. The seminary formation offered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary is much more monastic than collegiate. My brother seminarians and I learned

much in our classes, sometimes taking upwards of 20 credit hours a semester, but we really got so many opportunities to turn those classes into points of contemplation in our prayer time, and also to put our faith into practice during our common life. We had the opportunity to actually live tradition. Feast days are feast days, fast days are fast days. The holy liturgy is lived with great attention and devotion as the *raison d’etre* of the priest. I really feel that in my time in formation, I spent seven years not just learning about Christ, but living with him and being formed into an apostle to go out into the world and spread His kingdom.

This work is not done only with priestly directors and professors, but it is accomplished by your prayers and financial support. While we ask for seminarians to participate and try to raise a portion of the yearly cost of their formation, they never receive a bill for this cost. We do this so that the men studying and discerning the priesthood can do so free of the constraint of debt. This freedom is so important in our formation and it is only possible thanks to the commitment of so many wonderful benefactors!

Will you consider making a sacrificial gift to support the young men in formation seeking to sacrifice their lives at the service of the Church for the salvation of souls?

Your gift preserves traditional priestly formation in the heart of the Church. Your gift will allow 11 young men to be ordained to the priesthood this year. Your gift saves souls!

Yours in Christ, Our Lady, and St. Peter,



Fr. Anthony Dorsa FSSP

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Provincial Fundraising Director



*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 the emptiness of the world.*



Our eleven new deacons ordained in 2023 by His Excellency Thomas Gullickson.

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