

Religious Vocations



“Diocesan donors to the BLA aren’t merely contributing to future priests for the Diocese of Arlington – they are contributing to something much deeper. They are contributing to the active, intimate formation of the hearts of men in pursuit of the Heart of Jesus – men deeply in love with Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church.”

- Deacon Zinjiri Iglesia,
Theology IV



- 48 seminarians are currently preparing to serve as priests in our parishes.
- 276 total priests are currently serving in our diocese, this includes 53 religious order priests and 5 Eastern Rite priests.
- 77 permanent deacons are currently serving in the Diocese of Arlington, and an additional 15 men are currently participating in the Diaconate Formation Program.
- 56 men and women from the diocese are in formation with religious orders and 3 are in seminary for other dioceses.
- 4 men were ordained religious order priests and 5 women professed solemn vows in religious orders.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Eight men were ordained priests and nine were ordained transitional deacons for the Diocese.
- Twelve men entered seminary for the Diocese and seven men and women enter religious orders.
- Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps were back, giving a combined 176 young men and women the opportunity to spend five days at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, growing in their prayer life and friendship with Christ and others.
- The Diocese continues to sponsor two seminarians from the Diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon who are studying at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary; they were unable to continue their seminary formation due to civil war in their country.
- The St. Therese Vocations Society calendar to pray for vocations moved online, allowing anyone to see whose day of prayer it is at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/StTherese
- The 8th Grade “Called and Chosen” vocations event had an upgrade virtual component where schools competed in a vocations-themed escape room, as well as the in-person Mass and lunch with Bishop Burbidge.

“In contributing to the BLA it is not about donating, but about supporting, supporting seminarians in the Diocese of Arlington to be formed into holy and courageous shepherds in imitation of The Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep for the salvation of souls.”

- Andrew D’Andrea,
College IV

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