



SUNDAY

Pray for
Bishop Burns



MONDAY

Pray for
seminarians



TUESDAY

Pray for
*active and
retired priests*



WEDNESDAY

Pray for *professors,
formators, and directors
of our future clergy*



THURSDAY

Pray for
*permanent
deacons*



FRIDAY

Pray for
*those considering
the priesthood*



SATURDAY

Pray for
Bishop Kelly



CLERGY
FORMATION
APPEAL



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"As I ponder my own sacred path to priesthood, I am filled with gratitude for the support I received during my vocation discernment and years of priestly formation. As I look back, I now recognize that those years helped form me to serve as your shepherd. It is a profound honor to serve as the Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.

I am deeply inspired by the dedication of our seminary formators and seminarians as they embark on this sacred path. Through Bishop Kelly's inspiring testimony, we see the abundant harvest yielded from our shared work in the Diocese of Dallas.

The Clergy Formation Appeal is more than a financial endeavor; it is a sacred covenant uniting us as one body of Christ in nurturing future shepherds. May the Holy Spirit continue to ignite our souls, empowering us to radiate God's love, and proclaim His saving grace to all we encounter. Through our united support of the Clergy Formation Appeal, may we continue to realize the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament now and into the future."

- Bishop Edward J. Burns



SEMINARIAN FORMATION
in the Diocese of Dallas

Seminarian formation in the Diocese of Dallas is a comprehensive program cultivating future priests. It combines rigorous academic study in theology and philosophy with deep spiritual growth and practical pastoral experience. Seminarians develop intellectual, spiritual, and personal maturity to serve the diverse needs of the Diocese effectively.

The cost of forming a Seminarian

In the Diocese of Dallas, the cost to educate, support, and form a seminarian for the full duration of seminary formation can range from \$420,000 to \$540,000. This figure encompasses a range of essential expenses, including tuition, living costs, housing, health insurance, and various aspects of formation such as spiritual direction, retreats, ministerial experiences, pastoral training, and more.

\$60,000 Each year for 7-9 years, including tuition

15 HOURS Of classes each seminarian takes per semester

FORMATION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE
in the Diocese of Dallas



Diaconal formation in the Diocese of Dallas is a structured program designed to prepare men for the permanent diaconate. The program blends academic study, spiritual development, and practical ministry experience. Candidates receive education in theology and scripture, engage in spiritual practices like prayer and retreats, and gain hands-on pastoral experience in parishes and community outreach. The focus is on cultivating deacons who are spiritually mature, knowledgeable, and dedicated to serving the Church with integrity.

The cost of forming a Deacon

\$7,600 Training cost per man per year

\$45,600 The total cost of formation for a permanent deacon

"I am blessed to be called to serve in the permanent diaconate. It brings me great joy to serve at the altar with our pastor, to help prepare for and administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, to serve as Director for our Becoming Catholic program, and to serve our Lord by serving others."

- Deacon Coy Pierce, Our Lady of Angels



What is the difference between a permanent deacon and a transitional deacon?

Both transitional deacons and permanent deacons are men who are ordained through the Sacrament of Holy Orders to the single Order of Deacons. Deacons are called transitional deacons when they are preparing for ordination to the priesthood, while deacons who are called permanent deacons are men who will continue their ministry as deacons without an intention to pursue the priesthood. Because they are not on the path to priestly ordination, the Church permits married men to be ordained as permanent deacons.

Permanent deacons receive the laying on of hands for service. This service is carried out through three key ministries: the Ministry of the Word, the Ministry of the Liturgy, and the Ministry of Charity.

PERMANENT FORMATION

2027 Class	2029 Class
ENGLISH 36	ENGLISH 20
SPANISH 7	SPANISH 11
Total: 43	Total: 31

TOTAL 74

CLERGY ASSISTANCE
in the Diocese of Dallas

The Clergy Assistance Fund provides vital financial support for our active and retired clergy, especially in times of illness, or as they face unexpected emergencies. The Fund also assists parishes and other diocesan entities served by our priests as they seek to offer proper care and support during these times.

