



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

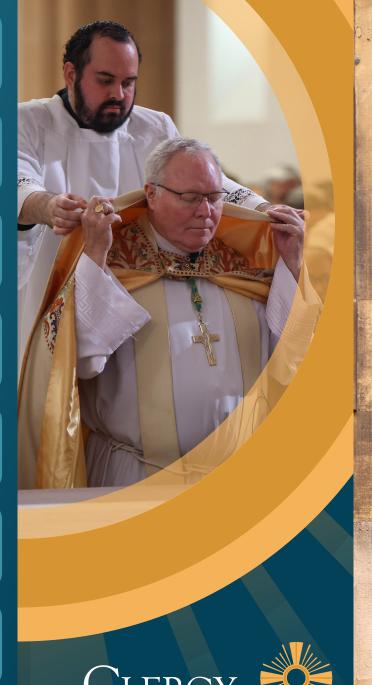


SATURDAY

Pray for **Bishop Kelly**



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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

15 HOURS

Each year for **7-9 years**, including tuition

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**SPANISH **7**Total: **43**

ENGLISH 20 SPANISH 11 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.