



# HOPE RISING



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## FROM ENGINEERING TO SEMINARY: WILL FOGGO'S JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD

Will Foggo grew up in Flowood, attending St. Paul Catholic Church. His education began at St. Paul Early Learning Center, continued through St. Richard Elementary, and culminated at St. Joseph High School in Madison. Following high school, Will pursued a degree in Civil Engineering at Mississippi State University, where he was also deeply involved in the Catholic Campus Ministry.

Reflecting on his spiritual journey, Will shared, *"I first felt the desire for priesthood when I was a senior in high school. But it was during my college years that the call became so strong I could not ignore it."* Answering this call, Will entered the seminary in 2020, and is currently studying at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. *"Being in seminary has given me the opportunity to grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith and spiritual tradition. This has profoundly enriched my spiritual life and deepened my faith,"* he says.

Will is set to be ordained a transitional deacon in December 2024. Expressing his gratitude, he states, *"I am deeply grateful for the generosity of the CSA donors. Your support has allowed me and other seminarians to fully commit to our formation so we can better serve the Lord and the people of our diocese."*



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— WILL FOGGO

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YOUR GENEROSITY LIGHTS THE PATH:  
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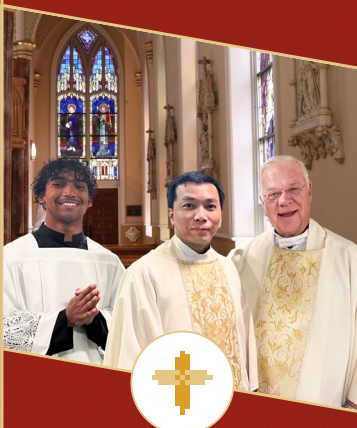
Your generosity brings light and hope to the lives of our clergy through the ministry of **Clergy Healthcare and Assistance**. Your gift helps provide health insurance, assistance with out-of-pocket medical expenses, and supplemental long-term care for our active priests, retired priests, and seminarians. In return, they care for our spiritual needs.

We appreciate your support!

Francisco - *"It is truly a blessing to know that the people of God provide financial aid for us. It not only provides a sense of security but also allows me to focus fully on my formation and studies without the added worry of medical expenses."*

Fr. Bihn - *"As many people know, the annual Catholic Service Appeal has been one of the most important sources of funding to fulfill the Catholic mission in this diocese of Jackson. As a Priest serving in the diocese of Jackson since 2014, I am thankful to you for supporting Clergy Healthcare. One of the daily things I have done as Priest is to pray for all generous donors to the Catholic Service Appeal of Our Diocese. Thanks to their annually tremendous generosity, I can wholeheartedly dedicate my priestly life to the service of God's people in this diocese each day. May God bless them and reward their generosity abundantly!"*

Fr. Bill - *"I sincerely thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Service Appeal which provides essential support for my health care insurance and long term care. Your kindness ensures I can meet my retirement needs with peace of mind."*



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GUIDED BY FAITH: CAROLINA AND FELIPE LEAD THE  
WAY FOR COUPLES ON THEIR JOURNEY TO MATRIMONY

Caroline and Felipe serve as lead couples for the Engaged Encounter weekends—a ministry where couples gather, united by faith and a shared commitment to nurturing their relationships under God's guidance.

*"Being part of this ministry,"* Carolina often says, *"is about living out our faith in a way that others can see and feel. It's about showing how we've entrusted our relationship to the Lord, even in the toughest times."*

Felipe echoes this sentiment, adding, *"We've had our ups and downs, but our faith in God has always been our strength."*

Looking to the future, Caroline and Felipe dream of expanding the Engaged Encounter weekends to include Hispanic couples, breaking down language barriers and making the church a welcoming home for all. They are committed to ensuring that every couple can experience the transformative power of faith and community.



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A BLESSING IN DISGUISE: HOW A COMMUNITY  
CAME TOGETHER FOR MS. LINDA

Recently Ms. Linda came to the Vardaman Office after losing her house and all her possessions in a house fire.

The staff there could see the distress etched on her face. *"She came to the office in total disarray, asking for any assistance that she could receive,"* one staff member recalled. The CCI-Vardaman team immediately sprang into action, offering Ms. Linda emergency assistance including food, clothing, and referrals to other agencies that could help her.

To my surprise and relief *"The overall assistance I received was a blessing from God."*

Ms. Linda's story is a testament to the power of community and the difference that a helping hand can make in someone's life. It serves as a reminder that, in times of crisis, compassion and support can be a lifeline, turning a moment of despair into a blessing in disguise. Your generous contributions to the Catholic Service Appeal enable the CCI-Vardaman Office to assist people like Ms. Linda, offering hope and a path to recovery when it is needed most.



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CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL PRAYER

We thank You for the blessings You have given us and the opportunity to celebrate the Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope. Inspired by Pope Francis's words, "Hope together with faith and charity ... gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers," we ask for Your guidance to be signs of hope in our diocese.

Inspire us to bring Your love and compassion to those in need through our works of charity.

Help us to remember the Eucharist is the real presence of your Son Jesus and it is the Eucharist that gives us strength to carry out the mission of the church and transform the world.

With Your guidance, we can achieve great things together. May our hearts be filled with Your hope, our actions reflect Your charity, and our lives be a testament to our faith in You.

We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.