



Your Impact Through the Clergy Formation Appeal

"It is only through the support of the faithful of Dallas that I can study in the heart of the Church. The least I can do in exchange is try and match their generosity by giving my life to the Church of Dallas as a priest."

- Fr. Bryce Baumann, ordained in the Diocese of Dallas on May 24, 2025

Thank you!



SUNDAY

Pray for
Bishop
Burns

MONDAY

Pray for
seminarians

TUESDAY

Pray for
the retired
priests

WEDNESDAY

Pray for
educators,
directors, and
professors of
the clergy

THURSDAY

Pray for
all the
permanent
deacons

FRIDAY

Pray for
those
considering
the priesthood

SATURDAY

Pray for
the diocesan
priests

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, the inaugural Clergy Formation Appeal was an overwhelming success. Hundreds of donors from across the Diocese of Dallas came together to raise more than \$300,000, which far exceeded our expectations. As a donor, you affirmed your deep love for the Church and your commitment to the ongoing formation of those who serve it.

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. Because of your gifts, we are able to invest meaningfully in the formation of our seminarians, ensuring they are well-prepared—spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally—to serve one day as priests. You are also helping to provide formation for our permanent deacons, who serve in countless ways across our parishes and ministries. Additionally, your generosity enables us to provide for our current and retired priests now and into the future.

On behalf of all our clergy currently in formation and those serving our Diocese, I offer you my heartfelt gratitude. Please continue to pray for our seminarians, deacons, priests, and for me, as we will continue to pray for you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas

CLERGY FORMATION APPEAL



This year, you have supported...



1
ordained to the
transitional diaconate



71
in formation for the
permanent diaconate



49 SEMINARIANS



3 PRIESTS
retiring



4
ordained to
the priesthood

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS: *Fr. Bryce Baumann, Fr. Allen-Michael Muench, Fr. David Piquer, Fr. Peter Whitfield*

NEWLY RETIRED PRIESTS: *Fr. Stephen Bierschenk, Fr. Stephen J. Mocio, Fr. Russell Mower*

"I am personally so grateful for the support this appeal provides. The generosity of our faithful provides the necessary assistance and peace of mind for us retired priests.

Beyond supporting our retired clergy, the appeal is vital for the future of our Church. It significantly benefits our seminaries, both Holy Trinity and Redemptoris Mater, where the cost of forming each seminarian is substantial. I think we all know the importance of nurturing vocations and supporting these men who have answered God's call to the priesthood. The appeal helps make this all possible."

- Msgr. Henry Petter

