



1ST ANNUAL SEMINARIAN DINNER
JUNE 6, 2025
Holy Spirit Church Huntsville

***A Night to Celebrate our Seminarians,
Promote Vocations, and Raise Funds for the
Diocesan Seminarian Fund***

Dear Community Partner,

As an answer to the many prayers throughout the Diocese of Birmingham, the number of men in formation for priesthood in the diocese has grown to 16 men. To prepare to serve the faithful of the diocese, a diocesan seminarian will spend 7-8 years in formation. During that time, he will attend class and study, but he will also be formed as a man of Christ. He will follow a daily prayer schedule and participate in apostolic programs in nearby parishes and communities. He will also return to the diocese in the summer months to serve in parishes or to participate in special programs such as Spanish immersion.

Since the inception of the diocese, people have been most generous in the support of diocesan seminarians through prayers and financial contributions to the Seminarian Education Fund, formerly known as the Burse Club. The current annual cost of tuition per seminarian has risen to approximately \$50,000. With the rising costs, length of formation, and the significant increase in the number of seminarians, contributions to the Seminarian Education Fund are a considerable blessing - an intentional means of investing in the future priests of our diocese.

There is much hope as the Church continues the work of preparing good and holy priests to serve the people of God. Your prayers and financial support will help future generations of priests answer the call to be faithful shepherds after the heart of Christ. We ask that you keep our seminarians in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Birmingham. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

On **Friday, June 6, 2025** we will celebrate together with the local community our first annual Diocese of Birmingham Seminarian Dinner at Holy Spirit Church Huntsville. This distinguished occasion, attended by the current seminarian class, is an opportunity to not only celebrate our seminarians and promote vocations but also raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Seminarian Fund. We are currently looking for event sponsors and raffle item donations. All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund, and your support is deeply appreciated. Thank you for considering being a part of this meaningful celebration and for your continued support of our seminarians. For more information, please contact Kevin Gordon at kgordon1775@gmail.com, 816-606-6811.

Sincerely,

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Seminarian Dinner Chair