



# SEMINARIAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

  
Serving the Catholic Community of Eastern North Carolina

My name is Fr. Noe Ramirez de Paz an ordained priest for the Diocese of Raleigh since June 2019, who began my formation in June of 2011. In those eight years I deepened my prayer life and through my studies learned more than I could ever imagine about God, Our Church, and the Love we are called to profess in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In 2015, I had to decide, more so than in other years, if I was going to continue to pursue the priesthood or go on to something else. One of the things that weighed heavily on me is that if I left, I would be letting you down. You who had supported my formation prayerfully and economically, would be disappointed by me leaving. I did not want to be ungrateful, but at the same time I knew I had to follow the Call without any pressure. My Spiritual director at the time helped me through this. He helped me realize that you did not see it that way, the way I was thinking. Rather, when you give to this cause it is not about us but instead the future of the Church. Your love and faith for his Bride. Realizing that it was not about me but instead Christ, allowed me to be free to choose.

I chose to follow Christ, freely and whole heartedly. After that decision I still had four years of formation and thanks to your generosity I now serve as a priest in the Diocese of Raleigh. I thank you for your faith in God to continue to call men to serve as his Priests and supporting them. I encourage you to continue to help the work of God in these men's hearts. I promise you that because of your kindness and prayers, Jesus will be made present in the Blessed Sacrament through the consecrated hands of a priest, to bring Salvation to all.

In Christ,  
Fr. Noe Ramirez de Paz



## DID YOU KNOW?

The annual average cost per seminarian per year in 2022 is:

# \$48,788

TUITION	\$23,400
ROOM & BOARD	\$15,585
MEDICAL	\$5,303
TRAVEL	\$3,500
ORDINATION PREP	\$1,000

The Seminarian Partnership Program (SPP) provides an opportunity for individuals, families or groups to support seminarians throughout their path to Priesthood. Your support of the SPP will assist young men answering God's call to serve.

From our earliest days of life to our final moments on earth, receiving the comforting grace of the Sacraments from a priest has been our experience and that of our loved ones. It is only the priest, who acts in persona Christi, who can confect the Most Holy Eucharist and thus bring us the source and summit of Christian life (CCC 1324). The future priests of our Diocese will welcome new children of God through the waters of Baptism, preside at weddings, teach us the truths of the Catholic faith, console us in our trials and give us hope in eternal life. How ineffable is the gift of the Priesthood!

Visit <https://www.foundationdor.org/seminarian-partnership-program> or simply scan the QR code to find out more about the SPP program.



The Seminarian Partnership Program is an annual donor-directed scholarship fund that directly benefits seminarians studying at 5 seminaries across the country. This fund allows individuals, parishes, and groups to contribute directly to the cost of formation for seminarians in the Diocese of Raleigh. Donor generosity has enabled these young men to grow in their intellectual and spiritual formation, ensuring a vibrant Diocese in the years to come.


## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

MAKE A  
ONE-TIME GIFT.

MAKE AN ANNUAL  
OR MULTI-YEAR  
PLEDGE OF CASH  
OR STOCK TO THE  
SEMINARIAN  
PARTNERSHIP  
PROGRAM.

SUPPORT AN  
EXISTING  
ENDOWMENT.

REMEMBER THE  
SEMINARIAN  
PARTNERSHIP  
PROGRAM  
IN YOUR WILL.



“It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and put in his own garden.  
It grew and became a large tree.”

LUKE 13:18-19

*Let's start a conversation about*  
**SHARING AND GROWING YOUR GIFTS**

*Additional resources available:* Estate Planning Workshops • Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Workbooks  
Parish Seminars • Catholic Medical Directives • Individual Gift and Estate Planning Conversations

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