



Office of the Vicar General

DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I entered Holy Trinity Seminary in August of 1976 as a junior in college and was prepared for the priesthood there for the next six years. The seminary building, the formation programs, the seminary faculty were all provided through the generosity of so many parishioners in the Diocese of Dallas and this generosity enabled me to devote full attention to the at-times challenging program of seminary formation.

We are blessed now with 49 seminarians studying for future priestly ministry in the Diocese of Dallas. They study at Holy Trinity Seminary, Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, and the North American College in Rome. Being in residence at Holy Trinity for many years now, I encounter firsthand the goodness and devotion of these men, the seriousness with which they take their formation in all its dimensions: human, spiritual, intellectual, pastoral; not to mention the seriousness with which they take a good game of flag football or soccer. The journey to priesthood is a sacred calling that requires persevering dedication, rigorous study, and unwavering faith.

I am writing to ask you to join me in helping to provide the financial means to continue this work now and into the future, especially as we embark on a new program to devote more prayer and effort to the means of calling forth many more young, and not-so-young, men to consider a call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Dallas. I kindly ask you to prayerfully consider supporting these men with a gift to our new Clergy Formation Appeal.

I invite you to visit <https://dallascatholic.org/CFA> to learn more about our seminarians and how you can support their education and uphold the continued vitality and spiritual growth of our faith community.

I am very grateful for your consideration of this request. Your prayers and financial support are a testament to your faith and dedication to God's kingdom on earth. It is a great honor to serve here in the Diocese of Dallas as the Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar for Clergy, and to work with our chief shepherd, Bishop Edward Burns.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory Kelly, V.G.
Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas