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“Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has been a treasure for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for nearly 175 years. Its mission of forming priests for the future is vital.”



Our Seminary is also an active center of education and ongoing formation for consecrated religious as well as lay men and women living out their vocations.

These individuals are the heart and hands of Christ as they minister to pastoral and temporal needs of people throughout our region. Our seminarians and students work diligently each day to answer God's call to serve and become stewards of our Church. The stories of our featured students and alumni are inspiring for us all.

The work and success of the seminary would not be possible without your dedication and support. You, the faithful, serve our seminarians and students just as much as they will serve you. Your contribution helps provide these men and women with the tools they need to serve our faith community and the inspiration necessary to guide them on their journey. With your generosity, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary remains **For today. For tomorrow. For all of us.**

+ Nelson J. Pérez

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary offers programs that support the four dimensions of formation:

SPIRITUAL
HUMAN
INTELLECTUAL
PASTORAL

For more information please visit
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A LONGING IN MY HEART

Priestly Formation

“When I was in high school, I felt a longing in my heart for something deeper. It was an experience on a mission trip that opened my eyes to what God had planned for me. I met many poor and suffering people who were truly happy because they had God in their life. I realized that I needed to put God first. So, I started opening up more and more to God and He opened the door to what He had planned for me. He was calling me to become a priest.

Studying at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has been a true blessing. I have grown quite a lot since I first walked through the doors here. I have been formed into a better man. The purpose of the seminary is to mold men to discern the call, and a lot goes into this process.

We are so lucky to form our priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia so close to home. I feel privileged to go to seminary so close to where I will live my priesthood. I am able to start building relationships with parishes and parishioners. It is important for people to get to know the men who are being formed, as these men will ultimately serve the community.

Year by year, we depend on the funds that individuals are generous enough to give to the Seminary Appeal. The work of our priestly formation cannot continue without that support. We are so grateful that we can experience Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary thanks to our generous benefactors.” – Rev. Mr. Andrew Lane



Every Thursday, seminarians minister to the community by serving people in need in parishes, nursing homes, prisons, etc. This allows each seminarian to understand the ways in which their growth is connected to service while continuing their path of discernment to a priestly vocation.



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A MEDIATOR TO SERVE THE PEOPLE

Priestly Formation

"I knew something was missing from my life, my heart was restless, and I had a longing for something more. This yearning led me to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. At the seminary, I am being formed in the image of Jesus Christ the Servant. As a transitional deacon, however, my servanthood is now intimately connected to the sacramental character, configuring me to become God's living instrument. I hope to have one foot in the Church and one foot in the world – to be a mediator to serve the people.

St. Charles offers amazing theological studies, and there are great professors here who are dedicated to our formation. This is the place to be for young men to discern their call. St. Charles helps us to hear the voice of God and be formed and guided. We cannot know God's voice by ourselves.

It is vital to give to the Seminary Appeal because we have many programs here that are not just for the priesthood. Your donations are immensely appreciated and help form future priests, like us, who will bring the sacraments to you and your family. We are here to stay and serve you. I am very grateful for all the benefactors and donors who have contributed to my priestly formation."
– Rev. Mr. Ryan Nguyen

- Tuition, room, and board for a seminarian working towards his B.A. in Philosophy is \$38,031 per year; and tuition, room and board for a seminarian working towards his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees is \$40,277 per year.

- Costs for health insurance, books, and additional expenses for seminarians can reach \$8,500 per year.



MY LIFE OF SERVICE

School of Diaconal Formation

"I had a desire to do more for the Church. Whatever God asked me to do, I would do it for Him, but I was not sure where it would lead me. I had several moments where things came together, and I realized that God was calling me to a life of service. He was calling me to be a Deacon. After some discussions and discernment of her own, my wife, Jennifer, agreed. This is what lead us to our journey to the Diaconate Program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

I have been studying in the Diaconate Program at the seminary for six years and, God willing, I will be ordained in June. Some people think we can get it done faster, but it's not just an education; it is genuinely a formation. We are being conformed to Christ the servant –this does not happen overnight. To mold ourselves into a different shape takes time, and the seminary is an excellent place for this to happen.

A Deacon brings a different aspect to Church ministry. It is wonderful for the Church in that I can be a father, a husband, an employee, have a great relationship with God, and be His servant at the same time.

It is vital to support the Seminary Appeal, not just for the sake of forming Deacons; it is because having priests in our lives is necessary for our happiness. Priests are the only ones who can give us the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And it is through these sacraments that we come to understand God's love for us more fully. **The Seminary Appeal enables young men to discern their call to bring these sacraments to each of us."**
– Scott McDonald



Currently, there are **40 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and over 300 ordained Permanent Deacons in service to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.**

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FULFILLING MY CALL

School of Theological Studies

"Studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has helped me learn so much more about my faith and deepened my prayer and spiritual life. As an IHM Sister and a Theology teacher at Bishop Shanahan High School, I can see how the seminary benefits all people. Not only does it enrich my life, but it enriches the lives of those who I can teach and minister. To take what I am learning at the seminary and put it into words, and help my students apply it to their own lives is fantastic.

Throughout the past several years, I had the opportunity to study with religious sisters from all over the country, lay men and women, and men preparing for the Diaconate. We are all so fortunate to have this experience and to have the seminary. We have learned so much from the wonderful priests and faculty. They are so excited about their faith and theology, and they pass that on to us through their teaching.

As an IHM Sister, our focus is on education. I feel like God has called me to be a High School Theology teacher. **When you donate to the Seminary Appeal, you are helping me fulfill that call and the gift God has given to me.**"
- Sister Christina Marie Roberts, IHM

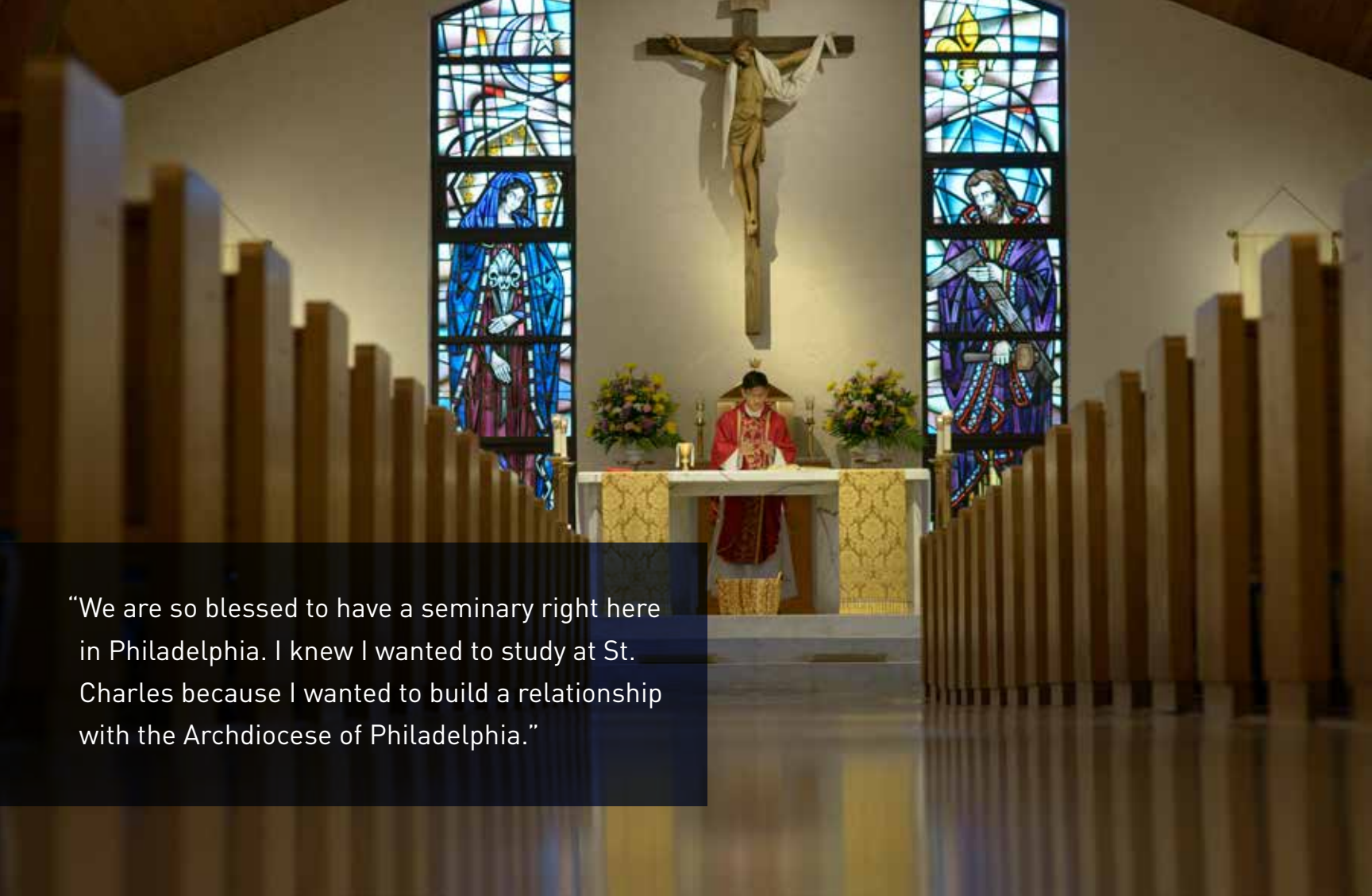


- The School of Theological Studies is a major center of theological education in Philadelphia for laity, priests, and religious. It is one of the largest programs of its kind in the United States with more than 300 students enrolled in its various programs.
- The Seminary's Ryan Memorial Library boasts over 80,000 circulating and reference items, with special collections of older liturgical, catechetical and devotional books; a large collection of Catholic pamphlets and holy cards; access to several hundred periodicals and e-books through its database subscriptions; and over one hundred rare books dating back to the fifteenth century.



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FINDING HAPPINESS

Newly Ordained Priest

“Parishioners tell me all the time how much they love having a new, young priest at their parish, and they would like even more to join the Church. When you support the Seminary Appeal, you support the mission to form servant leaders after the Heart of Jesus Christ. Donations given to the seminary are an investment in the Church of Philadelphia. Priests come from St. Charles, and we need more to continue our work.

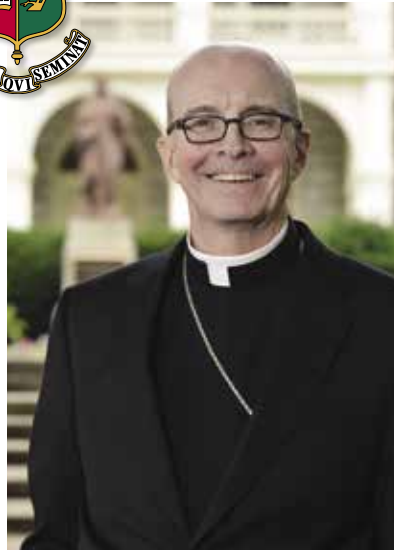
After seven years of formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, I am a happy Catholic priest at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. St. Charles was one place where I felt completely confident to give my heart to the Church. They prepared me for my priesthood. I had amazing professors who would convey the Catholic faith in a joyful way to me, which I am now able to teach to my parishioners in the pews. We are so blessed to have a seminary right here in Philadelphia. I knew I wanted to study at St. Charles because I wanted to build a relationship with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Growing up, my dad always said to me, “Anthony, if you want to be happy, find out what God wants you to do, and that is the way to happiness.” **I have found my happiness in being a priest, and it is all thanks to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.**” - Father Anthony Raymundo, Parochial Vicar, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish



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Dear Friends,

The spirit of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is vibrant and alive. Our seminarians' constant devotion in answering God's call to serve is impactful for our faithful Catholic community. Despite a global pandemic and its lingering effects, our seminarians and students continue to find ways to flourish in their discernment journey. The seminary maintains its mission deeply rooted in forming servant leaders after the Heart of Jesus Christ.

As we move forward with plans to relocate to Lower Gwynedd, on property purchased from Gwynedd Mercy University, the seminary continues to concentrate on its core mission. With a focus on all four dimensions of formation – human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral – our programs form priests, deacons and lay leaders who will be missionary disciples after the Heart of Jesus Christ. Our seminarians, deacon candidates and students, together with our generous supporters, truly define the seminary. Saint Charles continues to be **For today. For tomorrow. For all of us.**

Please prayerfully consider making a gift today to this year's Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your generosity will assist us in upholding the seminary's strong tradition of excellence. Our seminarians and students share their stories with you to show the impact of your contribution. Without you, none of this would be possible.

On behalf of our incredible community of seminarians and students, thank you for your support of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Please know that you and your loved ones are remembered in our daily Masses and prayers. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Rector



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Founded in 1832, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is the oldest Catholic institution of higher learning in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



SEMINARY ACCREDITATIONS

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is accredited by:

- The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the US and Canada
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education



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WAYS TO GIVE

All gifts to the 2021-2022 Annual Seminary Appeal are tax deductible. Consult with your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts, as they may vary from individual to individual.



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Pledges can be established by completing a response card or by visiting stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/donate. You can make pledge installments using check, credit card or direct debit.

If establishing a pledge using your credit card or direct debit, your account will be charged automatically. If you would like to make installments by check, it is helpful to include your first installment along with your response card. After that, you will receive a monthly statement.

ONE-TIME GIFTS

Checks can be made payable to “St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal.” Please do not send cash in the mail.

CREDIT CARD GIFTS

You can use MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express cards to make an Appeal gift. A credit card gift can be made by mail with your response card or online at stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/donate.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS (EFTs)

EFT donations can be arranged through your bank. You will need to include routing number, account name, and number for crediting. You can also set up a direct debit online at stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/donate.

MATCHING GIFTS

Would you like to double your gift? Many companies match St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal gifts. Please contact us at 215.587.5650 or email matching@TheCFGF.org to receive more information.

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A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

The St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal is grateful to accept distributions from donor-advised funds. The legal name and address for the institution is St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096. Our EIN is 23-1370450. Distributions can be made for the purpose of the Annual Seminary Appeal. Distributed funds should be sent to: CL# 5315 | P.O. BOX 95000 | Philadelphia, PA 19195-0001.

TRIBUTE GIFTS

A tribute gift to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary allows you to further your loved one’s legacy for years to come. If you would like more information on having family and friends make donations to honor your loved one’s legacy, please contact us at scsappeal@TheCFGF.org or 215.587.5650.

PLANNED GIFTS

A planned gift to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary can be an impactful opportunity to combine your financial goals with your philanthropic goals. These gifts include bequests, trusts, and retirement or life insurance assets.

To name St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in your will or trust, please use the following bequest language:

“I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 100 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096 TAX ID 23-1370450 [written amount, percentage of estate, or description of property] for its general charitable purposes.”

We hope you will consider a planned gift to benefit all those who have answered the call to serve. For more information, please contact us at scsappeal@TheCFGF.org or 215.587.5650.





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