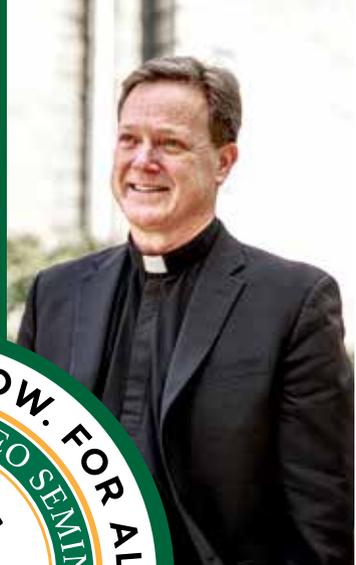




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Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary forms priests, deacons, and laypeople for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and many other dioceses and religious orders around the world.



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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





As the Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, it is my privilege and joy to accompany our seminarians and students as they follow the call to holiness and service. Daily I, along with my brother priests, faculty and staff, witness the joy of the Gospel unfolding as they strive to embody the meaning of servant leadership and missionary discipleship. Formation at Saint Charles goes beyond academic study; it is a deliberate and loving process nurturing the whole person, encompassing spiritual, human, pastoral, and intellectual dimensions of growth. Your support of the Seminary Appeal enables us to provide our seminarians and students with the necessary resources for the journey ~ theological education; spiritual guidance; pastoral experience; a supportive community.

Through your support of the annual Appeal, you participate in the seminary's mission to prepare future generations of priestly, pastoral leaders of our Catholic faith. Your contributions are not only a gift to the seminary but also a gift to the entire Church. Together, we can continue to spread the message of Christ and make a lasting impact on countless lives.

As Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary relocates to a new campus in Lower Gwynedd next fall, we are deeply aware that the seminary is more than a beautiful property and iconic buildings. Our commitment to core mission and values, our strong academic curriculum and pastoral internship programs, and our hope-filled enthusiasm for the work of formation endure. Your generosity has been instrumental in sustaining our operations and ensuring that our mission thrives. We are deeply grateful for your past contributions and ask you to consider supporting our annual Seminary Appeal once again. We invite you to partner with us in keeping the mission alive, providing the resources necessary for the formation and education of future priests, deacons and pastoral leaders.

On behalf of the entire seminary community, I extend prayerful gratitude for your generosity and support.

Rev. Keith J. Chyliński
Reverend Keith J. Chyliński
Rector

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SEMINARIAN

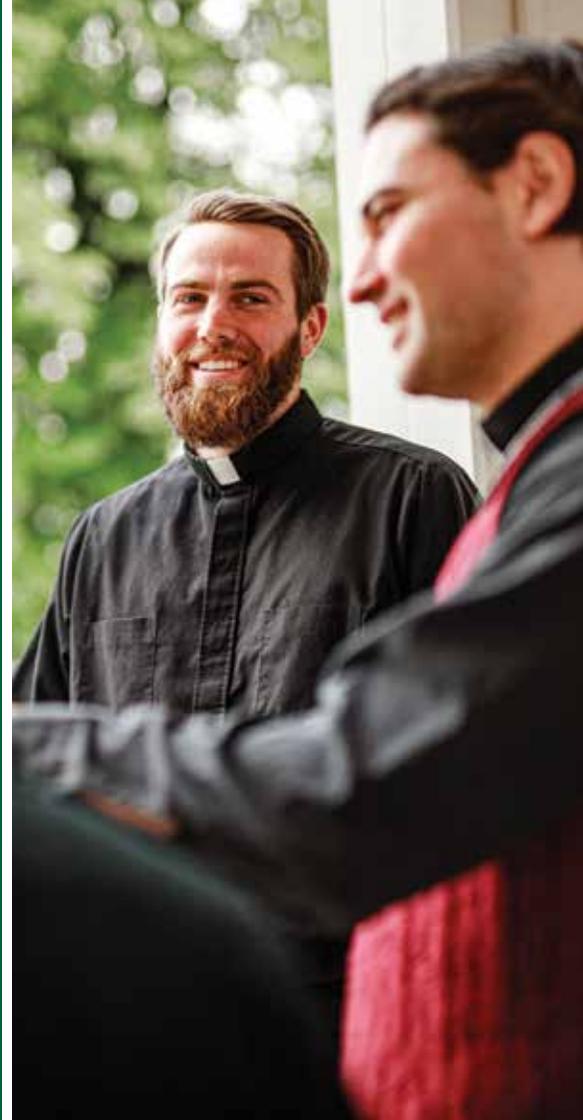
Seminarians begin their day with Morning Prayer followed by the celebration of Mass. They then head to the Refectory on campus for breakfast to fuel their busy day. Classes are held each Monday through Wednesday and Friday. All seminarians at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary spend Thursdays in Apostolic Formation. College seminarians are sent where they are in direct service for those in need with the goal of developing a heart of service, largely working with the poor and marginalized. Pre-theology and theology seminarians are given pastoral assignments to guide their development in how to be a shepherd of souls. They are assigned to parishes where they learn firsthand the work of a pastor.

Evening Prayer begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner. On Wednesdays, a community Mass with seminarians from College, Pre-Theology, and

Theology is celebrated at 4:30 p.m., followed by Rector's Dinner. Seminarians in Theology and Pre-Theology are free on Saturday following Mass at 8:00 a.m.

On Sunday, Morning Prayer begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer and Benediction are celebrated beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Seminarians organize and share in many community events, both on and off campus, to promote a sense of fraternity and strengthen their leadership abilities. Seminarians enjoy movie nights, barbecues, parties, and other social events on campus. Seminarians are encouraged to utilize the gymnasium, outdoor tennis and basketball courts, and a state-of-the-art fitness/weight training center.



MEET OUR SEMINARIANS



“Before entering the seminary, I contemplated where I would find the most happiness in my life. This is what led me to the priesthood. I consulted with my pastor, who offered immense support and guidance. He took me to visit the seminary, which was intriguing but also left me feeling apprehensive. What if I made a mistake? What if it wasn't the right path for me? I prayed fervently, seeking clarity. During my prayer, I felt a strong urging to trust in Christ and follow His lead. I placed my trust in Him and enrolled in the seminary after high school. I am incredibly content with the journey God has guided me on, and I look forward to my ordination.

I am deeply grateful to the seminary for everything it has given me and for how it has helped me grow as an individual, as a person, and as a child of God. **By supporting the Seminary Appeal, you are supporting God's mission in the world, which is to continue proclaiming Christ the Lord and bringing others to Him.**” – Rev. Mr. Gregory Miller

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

“Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is a vital place for Catholics, not only here in Philadelphia but from around the world. I came to the United States in 2018 from Nigeria. As someone who has experienced another seminary before, I can confidently say that the support we receive here at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is tremendous. Back home – in Nigeria, I didn’t have such opportunities. It is only possible due to the support of the generous individuals who continue to support St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Through your support, the seminary can remain vibrant.”

Without priests, we cannot have the Eucharist, as it is the priest who consecrates the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. The priesthood is a command given by Christ Himself, and it is through priests that the Catholic Church has remained strong.” – Rev. Mr. Bernard Ekeagwu



“I think I know why you’re here, Brendan. You’re here to ask about the priesthood.” When my pastor said those words to me during confession, it sparked something in me, and I began praying and asking God if this was something He had in mind for me. Every time the thought came to me, I felt a peaceful joy, and I knew I had to explore that further. This is what led me to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Going into the seminary is not something one casually decides. It requires genuine commitment. That is what makes the seminary special – the daily dedication of individuals striving to grow as better Christians and pursue their calling.

I believe one of the most valuable aspects of the seminary is that we have our personal prayer time with God, but it’s also done alongside and with others who are on a similar path. **When thinking about the Church’s future, I can’t think of a better place to invest resources and treasure than St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.**” – Rev. Mr. Brendan Zehner

SCHOOL OF DIACONAL FORMATION



"I have always felt a calling to serve the Church. Now, as I find myself studying for the School of Diaconal Formation at the seminary, I ask myself why I am choosing this path. The answer lies in finding Christ as a steadfast anchor. I want others to encounter Him in their lives, to see the transformative effect He can have.

My wife accompanied me on this journey, attending classes and discerning alongside me. None of this would be possible without the amazing professors at the seminary. They are a tremendous gift; they help me comprehend the teachings of Scripture and tradition and show how they apply to today's world, enabling me to incorporate them into my ministry.

Our faith is more than just attending Church on Sundays. As Deacons, we are actively involved in the world outside of Sunday, working with our families and engaging with others. **If you are searching for a place where your faith can be nourished and where you can contribute to the faith of others, supporting the Seminary Appeal will assist men in discerning their calling.**" – Jaime Gandara



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has 43 men in formation in its six-year program for the permanent diaconate. The program has two parts: Aspirancy (one-year) and Candidacy (five-years). *Pictured here is the Permanent Diaconate Ordination Class of 2023.

THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES



The School of Theological Studies (STS) is open to all adult Catholics who would like to deepen their knowledge of Catholic Teaching and Sacred Scripture. STS offers a variety of opportunities in both degree and non-degree programs for laity and religious from the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond.



“St. Charles Borromeo Seminary chose me. I had the opportunity to intern here, which included taking classes for the School of Theological Studies. What really drew me to the program was a desire in my heart to know more about my faith. What kept me coming back after the internship was this desire to continue to know the truth. I think what St. Charles has provided is an environment where I know that I’m receiving unfiltered truth from people who are dedicated to the Church and to staying faithful to her teachings.

The small class sizes allow for personalized attention from professors, fostering an environment where you can freely ask questions, receive feedback, and develop relationships. The School of Theological Studies is particularly fascinating because it includes both laypeople and candidates for the permanent diaconate and their wives. This diversity reflects a vibrant image of the Church. The professors are exceptionally committed to faithfully teaching the magisterium of the Church, doing so with love, reverence, and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

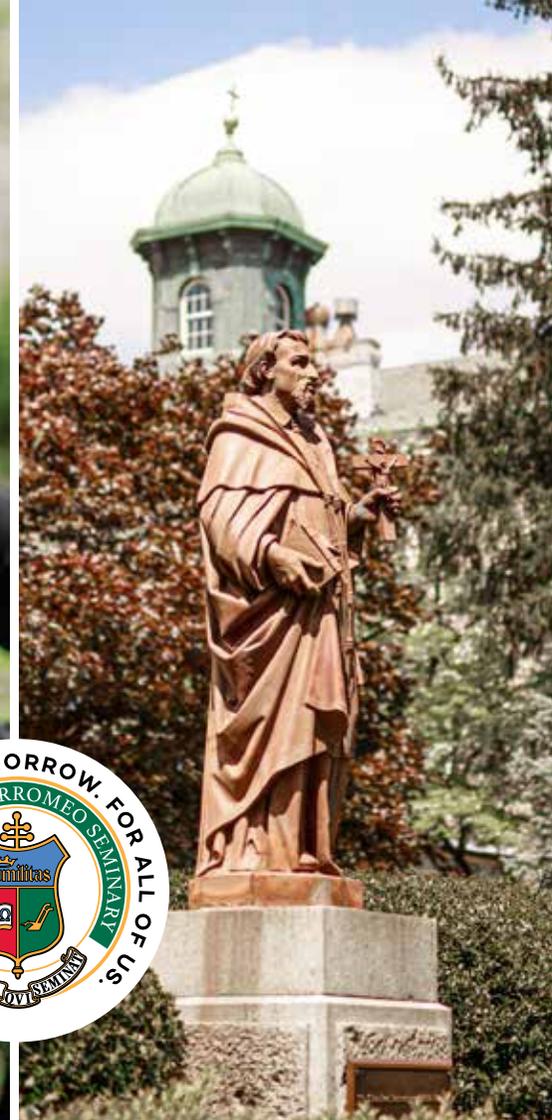
Each person has a beautiful role in the life of the Church. When you support the Seminary Appeal, you make all this possible.” – Maria Pisano

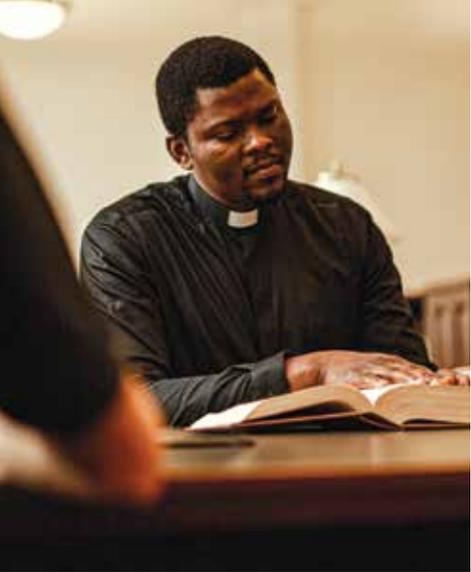
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"During my eight years at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, I was shaped into a man who strives for holiness every day. The seminary fostered my desire to deepen my commitment to the people I serve. Their well-integrated approach, encompassing pastoral, academic, and spiritual formation, has had a profound impact on my life. It is important to recognize that behind the scenes, hearts are being changed and transformed, allowing us to become better symbols of light for the Church and vessels of God's grace.

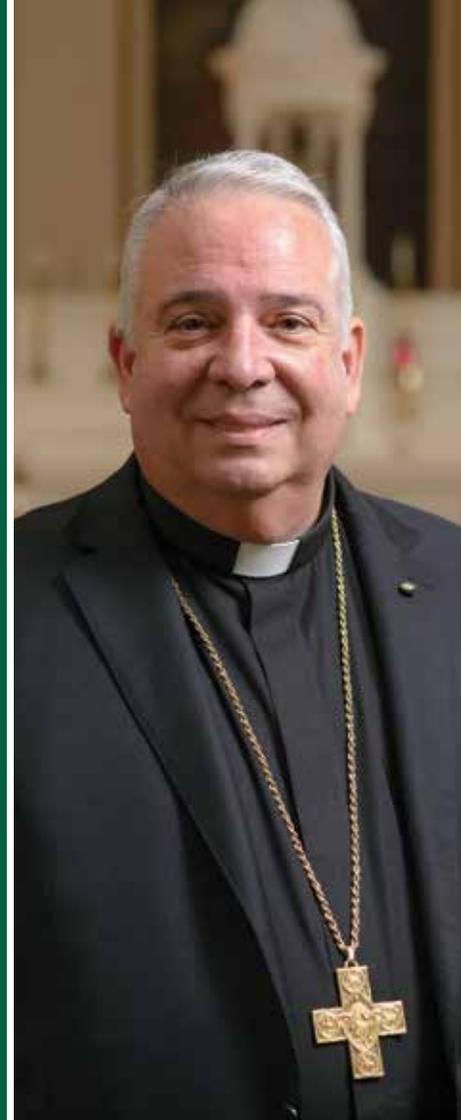
The priesthood has been an immense blessing, as I have had the opportunity to meet people, learn their stories, and be present in their moments of great joy. Seminary formation is vital to the life of the Church as it requires priests for the sacraments, such as the Eucharist and Confession. The significance of the Seminary Appeal and the importance of contributing financially to the seminary's endeavors cannot be underestimated. **The work of the Church and the seminary is a collective effort of the entire Archdiocese. I credit my formation and my current position to the many people who believed in the seminary and supported the Appeal through their prayers and financial contributions.**" – Father Andrew Auletta





"Working with such wonderful, competent, and faith-filled priests at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has been an experience that has greatly contributed to my spiritual growth. They have challenged me to become a better Christian, a better Catholic, and a better professor and teacher. Witnessing their interaction with the students and seeing the students develop into strong leaders, good Catholic men who are faithful and willing to make deep and sacrificial commitments to God and the Church is truly amazing. I believe that what happens at the seminary uplifts and benefits the entire Archdiocese. The seminary could be seen as the mother of the Archdiocese; it is here where the young men come to be nurtured and grow into strong individuals.

To support the seminarians by donating to the Seminary Appeal is an act of love, not only for us but also for our children and future generations. Investing in the seminary ensures that we have competent and virtuous priests, which is essential for a healthy Church and society." – Kelly Anderson, S.S.L., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biblical Studies for the Major Seminary

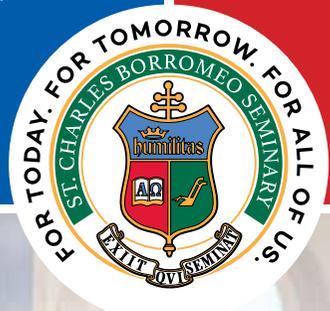


"I am profoundly grateful to the many benefactors who generously support the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. For more than 190 years, our seminary has equipped Catholic men for pastoral service in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ and formed deacons and lay ministers to fulfill God's call to serve others. Your kindness is a tangible demonstration of your love for those answering a vocational call and your gratitude for the priests, deacons, and lay ministers who serve our local Church in vital roles. Saint Charles is a seminary, *For today, For tomorrow, For all of us.* Thank you for recognizing its importance to the life of our Church now and far into the future and for helping to sustain the work of its mission."

+ Nelson J. Pérez
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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If you are 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.

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

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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.

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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 ones 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@TheCFGP.org or 215-587-5650.

PLANNED GIFTS

Giving to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary benefits all those who have answered the call to serve. Remember the seminary in your will and continue to show your impact for today, for tomorrow, for all of us. Making a gift is easy, if you would like to include St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in your will or trust, consider using 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."

There are other ways to include St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in your financial and estate plans. The Seminary Appeal provides complimentary resources for charitable planning. To learn more visit stcharlesseminaryappeal.org/plannedgiving, contact 215-587-5650 or scs@TheCFGP.org.

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