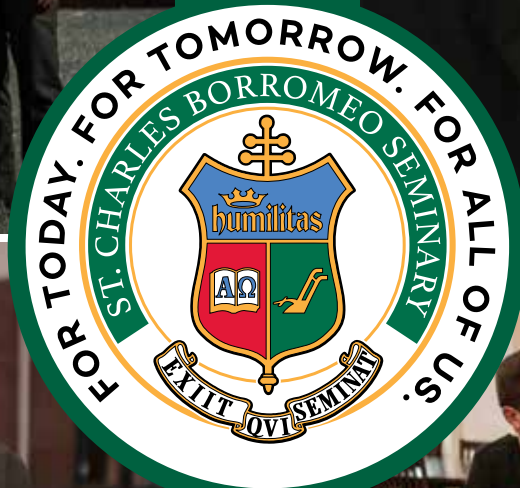




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Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary forms priests, deacons, and laypeople for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and 14 other diocese and religious orders around the world.



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#### **SEMINARY ACCREDITATIONS**

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**Saint Charles Borromeo enhances priestly formation and theological education at our seminary and enriches our entire Church by equipping our future leaders to carry forth the good news of the Gospel. Together, we can continue spreading the message of Christ and make a lasting impact on countless lives.**



Dear Friends,

It is a profound privilege to serve as Rector during this monumental chapter in the history of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. This year not only marks the 193rd year of priestly formation at our cherished institution, but it also heralds our inaugural year at the new campus in Lower Gwynedd, Montgomery County.

Our seminary stands as a beacon of faith and hope, continuing its vital mission to form servant leaders after the Heart of Jesus Christ. The transition to our new campus marks a historic milestone, yet the true essence of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary transcends any physical space. It is embodied in the people—our seminarians, deacons, students, faculty, and supporters—who bring its mission to life each day.

Formation at Saint Charles goes beyond academic study; it is a deliberate and loving process that nurtures the whole person, encompassing spiritual, human, pastoral, and intellectual growth. Our programs are designed to form future priests, deacons, and lay leaders who will be missionary disciples, carrying forward the light of Christ to a world in need.

As we settle into our new home, I invite you to consider making a gift to this year's Seminary Appeal. Your generosity directly impacts the lives of our seminarians and students, providing them with the resources they need for their journey—spiritual guidance, theological education, pastoral experience, and the support of a vibrant community.

Your contributions are not only a gift to the Seminary but to the entire Church. Together, we can continue to spread the message of Christ and make a lasting impact on countless lives. For today. For Tomorrow. For all of us.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your exceptional support. Your generosity has a profound and lasting impact. Please know that you and your loved ones will be remembered in our daily Masses and supplications. May the Almighty bless you abundantly!

*+ Keith J. Chylinski*

Most Reverend Keith J. Chylinski  
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia  
Rector, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

# MEET OUR SEMINARIANS



"In high school, I started seriously considering the priesthood—ironically, while I was dating someone. The thoughts of becoming a husband or a priest kept resurfacing. Attending Steubenville conferences and youth group mission trips fueled the idea that God might be calling me. I realized this call was something I couldn't ignore; if it was truly from God, it would persist.

I knew that if I didn't give the priesthood a chance by attending St. Charles Seminary, I'd regret it. So, I took the leap, and here I am. The journey has had its ups and downs, but God has always provided for me." – Rev. Mr. Rob Bollinger

"I grew up in a good Catholic home, and in elementary school, I asked my parish priest what he wanted to be when he grew up. He simply said, 'I want to be holy.' That answer fascinated me and became my driving force. The pursuit of holiness, guided by humility and a longing for heaven, has kept me focused throughout my journey. You don't have to be perfect to be a seminarian. Jesus loves us in our vulnerability, brokenness, and weakness, using these qualities to show His ultimate providence."

– Rev. Mr. Chike Egbufoama

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary offers programs that support the four dimensions of formation: Human, Spiritual, Intellectual, and Pastoral.

"God has a plan, a purpose, a promise, and a presence for each of us. My love of God and my love for the people of Philadelphia led me to the seminary and has sustained me. At Saint Charles, I am preparing to serve our community and proclaim the Good News. I have been deeply inspired by the faithful priests of Philadelphia who have dedicated their lives to helping men and women through life's challenges. The formation I am receiving in seminary is preparing me to continue that legacy of service."

– Rev. Mr. Edward Town

"I was born into a Catholic family with six siblings. Faith was central to our family life, thanks to my parents. My mother taught me a simple prayer: 'Lord, make me your priest.' I prayed it every day until I entered the seminary. The desire to become a priest was always there, quietly guiding me."

– Rev. Mr. Peter Nguyen

"I'm a hermit of the Diocese of Philadelphia. I've felt a call to the priesthood, combining the contemplative life of a hermit with priestly ministry. As a convert from Judaism, baptized in 1975, my vocation slowly developed through a life of prayer.

If the Lord wills, I look forward to saying Mass and hearing confessions—a sacrament that brings deep healing."

– Rev. Mr. Richard Withers





# 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.



"My background is in science, so coming into these classes has been a different experience. I don't think I had an expectation, but it's been better than I would have pictured it. The program is helping me fortify my relationship with God. I look forward to each class because I always discover something that will help enlighten God for me.

Our Church is so rich. God is the truth. Unless you know more about God, you won't know the totality of truth, and especially today, with everything that's going on in the world, things can become very obscure and foggy.

Our souls long for God. I think everybody has a gift from God in how they seek Him out. My gift is academics. I truly just enjoy learning. We will never know everything about God because God is infinite, but I love learning more about my Lord. That has been the path that God has shown me: to learn more about Him and then not keep it to myself but to disseminate it here in our community."

– Raquel Castellanos, PhD



# SCHOOL OF DIACONAL FORMATION



“As we would attend mass and hear the prayers of the faithful, I would listen to the prayers for the Church and vocations, including the diaconate. It made me think that this was a need for the Church, that I might be called to that, and I decided to investigate that.

Candidates start out as aspirants and work through years of formation under the guidance of the formation team. We have wonderful formation team supervisors, and there is such a good blend of classes studying the heart and mind of the Church and homiletics to practice sharing and preaching on what we read in the scriptures.

Early on, people would talk about how your class becomes your great source of strength and friendship for each other, and it's true. It's truer than I even imagined, and I know my wife, Felicia, has enjoyed being together with everyone as well. It's beautiful that the community always comes together in prayer, first and foremost. Before class, we have evening prayer, and it is a real source of strength. It is challenging, but it would be even more challenging without strengthening prayer life. It's wonderful to come together to pray the heart of the Church with the Liturgy of the Hours. Prayer is really the heart of the program.

I have been very blessed with the whole experience, and I'm excited to be going into this year.”

– James Coffey



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has 40 men in formation in its six-year program for the permanent diaconate. The program has two parts: Aspirancy (one-year) and Candidacy (five-years).





“The formation of a priest involves a path of deep sacrifice, personal commitment, faith, and an unwavering desire to be an instrument of Christ’s love. It’s a journey that no man walks alone. It requires the support of our entire local Church.

The future of our Church depends on the next generation of priests who will serve with the zealous hearts of Missionary Disciples. They depend on you. By supporting Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary today, you are ensuring that our future as a family in faith will be bright and vibrant.

Together, let us be the hands and hearts that form our Church. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.”

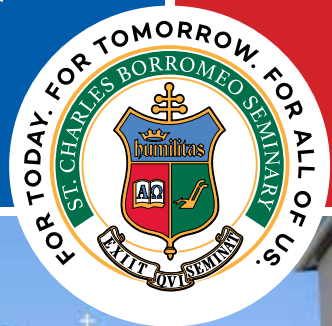
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Checks can be made payable to "St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal." Please do not send cash in the mail.

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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.

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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@TheCFGP.org](mailto:scsappeal@TheCFGP.org) or 215-587-5650.

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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:

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