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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 realized that I needed to put God first. So, I started opening up more to God and He opened the door to what He had planned for me. He was calling me to become a priest.

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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. 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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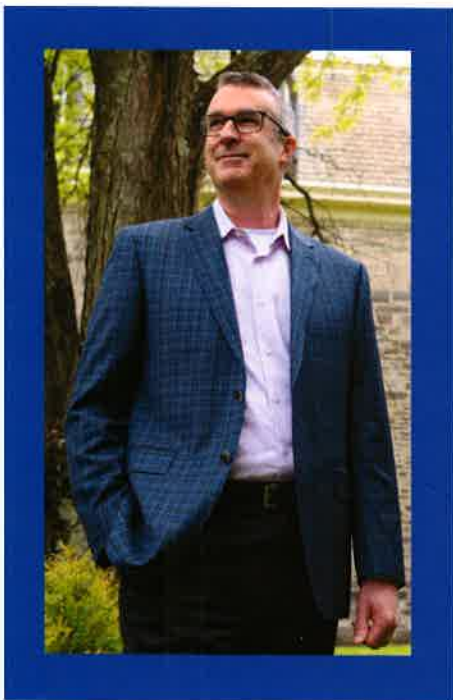
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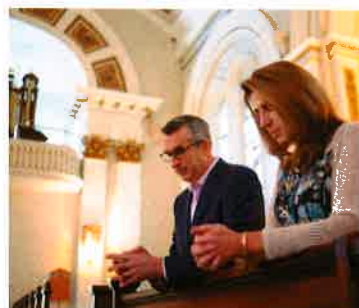
MY LIFE OF SERVICE
School of Diaconal Formation

“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 led us to our journey to the seminary.

I have been studying in the Diaconate Program 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.

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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. 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



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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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