# "YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP US TO CONTINUE TO BUILD THESE SERVICES. PROGRAMS, COURSE OFFERINGS, AND PASTORAL OPPORTUNITIES."

#### Dear Friends in Christ:

Year after year I am reminded of the many ways in which you, the faithful, are among the strongest assets of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Your consistently generous support provides motivation and encouragement for our seminarians, students, and faculty. By your prayers, your affirmations and your challenges, and your financial gifts, you participate in preparing our priests and pastoral leaders for the coming generations, and in shaping the future of the Church.

Your gifts to the 2017-2018 Appeal totaled more than \$3.2 million, combining the generosity of nearly 25,000 contributors. For your support I am deeply grateful. The seminary's mission, to form servant leaders after the heart of Jesus Christ, is at the core of our programs and services, which seek to develop the four dimensions of each student's formation ~ the human, the intellectual, the pastoral, and the spiritual dimension. Your contributions help us to continue to build these services, programs, course offerings, and pastoral opportunities. Even more so, your support assures our seminarians and students that their local Catholic community is



behind them in their discernment and formation. This motivation is a powerful source of encouragement as they continue here at the seminary.

The seminary community would be delighted to welcome you to the campus for an open house, concert, theological lecture or prayer service. Upcoming events are listed at www.scs.edu and are open to all.

I am humbled and ever grateful for your support. Please know that the entire community of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary remembers you and your loved ones daily at the altar.

God bless you always.

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Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior Rector



FOR TODAY. FOR TOMORROW. For all of us.

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# Priestly Formation MARCO CASANOVA

"This year, I have requested to be placed on a Pastoral Year, a year of formation in a parish setting. In this year, I have been able to step back from academics, immerse myself in the parish family, and see how tremendous God is working in my life. The Lord has given me a freedom on this Pastoral Year I didn't think possible. It's a



freedom of letting go of whatever was taking my focus away from Jesus, so that I can be a better disciple. That's why God wanted to give me another year."

#### **REV. MR. ALESSANDRO GIARDINI**

"On May 12th, 2018, I was ordained a deacon, along with six of my classmates, by Archbishop Charles Chaput. What an overwhelming experience!

Following my ordination, I was assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Doylestown, PA, to learn more about how to minister in a parish on a daily basis. I preached, baptized infants, witnessed marriages, buried the dead, and had my life changed by the good priests and people who make up the beautiful Bucks County parish.

Fall has come around again, and I find myself back at "Mother Overbrook", finishing up my last year at seminary. God-willing, I will be ordained a

> priest in May. Please pray for me, my classmates, and all the seminarians at Saint Charles, as we strive to be humble servants, heroic leaders, holy priests."



# School of Diaconal Formation & Theological Studies

### DR. TOM VERNA AND NICKY VERNA

"This past year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has been a fulfilling journey for my wife, Nicky, and I. Last spring, I received the Rite of Acolyte, which brings me closer to ordination to the Deaconate and also allows me to assist more fully during the liturgy of our Church.



With the knowledge from the classes at the seminary, Nicky passes on God's love through facilitating workshops of her own at our home parish of St. Mary Magdalen in Media. Nicky was so intrigued with the summer classes offered at St. Charles that she enrolled in a course on the Book of Psalms, which she found remarkably enlightening.

At home, our 4 teenage children keep us very busy and active - but you can always find a smile on our faces when we talk about St. Charles. Our time spent at the Seminary has been such a blessing. Searching for the truth can only be found through our Catholic Church, St. Charles is a great place that teaches and spreads that truth.

We look forward to our journey together and are excited to serve our Church here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This would not be possible without St. Charles Seminary and your support of our incredible Seminary."

"Thank you for supporting the 2017-2018 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. The seminary is a vibrant, thriving community. We are blessed this year to have more than 170 seminarians in formation; this is the largest class since 2000!



When you support the Seminary Appeal you are directly helping these men in their journey to the priesthood. I invite you to please visit the seminary to meet our seminarians, you are always welcome.

# AS BISHOP SENIOR SAYS, THE MISSION OF ST. CHARLES IS TO FORM: "HUMBLE SERVANTS, HEROIC LEADERS AND HOLY PRIESTS." THANK YOU AND GOD BIFSS.

- Jerry Davis, Chair St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Development Committee

# **2017-18 SEMINARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal	\$3,224,599
Seminary Golf Classic	\$345,290
Seminary Award Dinner	\$216,550
Priest Alumni Appeal	\$59,165
Bequests	\$2,265,302

#### 2017-2018 TOTAL RAISED \$6,110,906 COMPARATIVE 5 YEAR TREND RESULTS

Total amount raised annually for St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. 2017 - 2018 \$6,110,906 \$4,279,600 2016 - 2017 \$4,512,845 2015 - 2016 \$4,892,746 2014 - 2015 \$4,042,992 2013 - 2014 2018



# AVERAGE GIFT **\$28**

# PARISHES WITH THE HIGHEST CONTRIBUTIONS

- Saint Andrew Newtown
- Saint John Baptist Vianney -Gladwyne
- Saint Philip Neri Lafayette Hill
- Saint Vincent de Paul Richboro
- Saints Peter and Paul West Chester
- Saint Mary Magdalen Media • Saint Anastasia - Newtown Square
- Saint Maximilian Kolbe West Chester
- Saint Eleanor Collegeville
- Corpus Christi Lansdale
- 52 parishes raised \$20,000 or more to support the Seminary Appeal
- 111 parishes raised \$10,000 or more for the Seminary Appeal

For more information, please visit www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org or call Sarah O. Hanley, Executive Director of The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, at 215.587.5650.