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DEAR FRIENDS,



As I celebrate my first year as Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, I consider it a real privilege to accompany our students in their formation journey. Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is an incredible blessing for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond. The openness and dedication of our seminarians and students to discern God's call and serve His Church is truly an inspiration. I look forward to seeing all the incredible work our students will do for our parishes and communities. Their aspiration to become devoted stewards of our Faith gives our Catholic community so much to cherish.

As the seminary continues forward with its relocation to the new campus in Lower Gwynedd, it's important to remember that the seminary isn't just a physical location comprised of brick and stone. The people – priests, faculty, staff, seminarians, and students are united in a common mission and vision to prepare the next generation of holy, faithful, courageous, and compassionate leaders of our Church.

Through a well-integrated approach to formation – developing the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions of the person, the seminary continues to be an important and impactful presence, not only in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia but throughout our country. The countless clergy and laity graduates have continued our Lord's saving mission to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News!

The seminary community remains **For today. For tomorrow. For all of us.**

I ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. We need your help! Your constant passion for our seminarians and students and your selfless generosity are truly what sustains us. Together we go forward in investing in the future of our Church. Please take some time to read through the following pages of featured testimonies. Our future priests, deacons, and lay leaders share their inspirational stories to showcase the impact of your generosity. You, the Faithful, make our mission possible here at the seminary.

Thank you for your extraordinary support. Please know that your donation makes a profound impact. We will remember you and your loved ones in our daily Masses and prayers. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Keith A. Chylinski".

Reverend Keith Chylinski, Rector



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

Spiritual, Human, Intellectual and Pastoral.

For more information please visit
stcharlesseminaryappeal.org.



THE MISSING PIECE

Priestly Formation

“ While attending college, I felt an emptiness in my heart. I knew something was missing in my life, and I was not doing what I was called to do – study for the priesthood. I enrolled at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, and my heart has been fulfilled in more ways than I can count.

My most beneficial time at the seminary is taking part in my Apostolate every Thursday. This helped fill that hole in my heart. This program allowed me to serve God and be a tool in His plan. I had the opportunity to be a father figure for children who may not have a father, to be a friend, and to be a spiritual guide.

Words can’t express my gratitude for the benefactors of Saint Charles. Simply knowing that the faithful has your back is such a source of inspiration for myself and my brother seminarians. The future of our Church is something we take for granted, and having your support is extremely beneficial and crucial for all of us seminarians who walk through these gates. The seminary allows young men to come to a quiet place in a world of craziness and discern God’s plan in their lives.

Saint Charles sends faithful and knowledgeable priests into the world, which would not be possible without your support. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for supporting the Seminary Appeal. ”

– Rev. Mr. Shane Flanagan



CREATING A LEGACY

Priestly Formation

“ When Pope Francis visited Philadelphia in 2015, I was working as a pharmacist and had a spiritual awakening. I knew I wanted to enroll at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary and study for the priesthood. My favorite memory of St. Charles is bonding with my fellow seminarians. We all came here from different backgrounds, cultures, and parishes, and it has been a joy being on this incredible journey with them.

The forming of seminarians isn’t just based on the formation; the formation continues into our priesthood. That’s the legacy of St. Charles – the alumni continue to appreciate what they learned from the seminary. The formation is for a lifetime, and the legacy you find at the seminary will continue for future generations.

I think giving to the Seminary Appeal is important because formation is strongest when your mind and heart can focus. With that focus, you can serve others without concerns about financial hardships or constraints. You’re able to fully dedicate yourself to the Church. When you support the Seminary Appeal, you allow us seminarians to focus on our study and service.

I’m thankful for being an instrument of God, and I’m thankful for your prayers and support. We are grateful to be able to focus on our priestly formation for the glory of God and the Church. Thank you for your support of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. ”

– Rev. Mr. Phong Le



- Tuition, room, and board for a seminarian working towards his B.A. in Philosophy is \$39,554 per year; and tuition, room, and board for a seminarian working towards his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees is \$41,889 per year.
- Costs for health insurance, books, and additional expenses for seminarians can reach \$8,500 per year.

ANSWERING THE CALL

Newly Ordained Priest

“ My experience at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, looking back, is filled with profound gratitude. When entering the seminary, you quickly learn what you don’t know. I could only understand at that time who I was, but not yet who I was meant to be. Going to Saint Charles, you encounter what the faith is, who God is, the Church, and its mission. Then you understand who you are and your role in that mission.

I started out my priesthood at Saint Eleanor Parish in Collegeville. At the parish, I got to apply what I learned from the seminary – whether it’s the sacrament of confession, celebrating Mass and Baptism, or sending lives into eternity at funerals. I didn’t realize until I was in a parish how well the seminary prepared me to be a priest. They enabled me to answer God’s call and to see myself in God’s eyes. I would not be here, realizing that call, or become the man I am today without the help of benefactors who give to St. Charles. The people’s financial contribution enables the mission of the Church to continue.

God is a source of all good things, and the priests help deliver those things into the world. To those who are considering giving to the Seminary Appeal, thank you. Because of you, I am here today as a Catholic priest. Thank you for helping fulfill my calling. ”

- Father Alessandro Giardini



PROVIDING SPIRITUAL COMFORT

School of Diaconal Formation

“ I always tell people that we are so blessed to have Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our Church would not be what it is today if it weren’t for their formation process. The formation truly transforms us and helps us to go forth to do the work of Christ. Saint Charles is a marvelous place that forms priests not just for local churches, but for places around the world.

A deacon serves to spread love throughout the Church and bring the Eucharist to the people. We do this through our pastors, who give us directions on how to best minister to the people. The Holy Spirit works through us, and we are just the instruments. I’m not doing anything; I’m just standing and letting the Lord do His work through me.

The work of the clergy brings people together and provides spiritual comfort during difficult times. The Church isn’t just about making a better world for just Catholics, but all people.

Without your support, we would have no priests to bring love and support to our communities. As an ordained deacon, I thank you for supporting the Seminary Appeal. We could not do this without you. ”

- Deacon Jack Hasson

- Currently, there are 36 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and over 300 ordained Permanent Deacons in service to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

School of Theological Studies

“ My husband and I are studying together at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary; he is currently in the Diaconate Formation program, and I am studying for my master’s degree in Theology. This is a unique opportunity for us to learn and grow on our faith journey together. The faculty and staff at St. Charles have been wonderful. They are supportive and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. The academics have been rigorous, but we have learned a tremendous amount during our time at St. Charles. I’ve found this journey to be a time of personal reflection and growth. The information I am learning in class has helped me become a better wife and mother and will benefit my service in the parish. Through my faith, I’m able to rely more deeply on Jesus. As He remains at the center of my life, everything else falls into its proper place.

I’m deeply grateful for your contributions, not only financially, but also your prayerful support given so generously to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

The formation of our future priests, deacons, religious, and lay people is a vital part of our community. God is loving and merciful. He desires a loving relationship with us. Through the sacraments, our priests help make that possible. Thank you for your support of the Seminary Appeal. ”

– Laura Connor



- The Seminary’s Ryan Memorial Library boasts over 50,000 circulating and reference items, with special collections of liturgical books, catechisms, devotionals, Catholic pamphlets, and holy cards; it also provides its students access to several hundred periodicals and e-books through its database subscriptions.



- 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 Archdiocese of Philadelphia is flourishing thanks to the countless priests, deacons, and laypeople who were at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for service to God's people. Our aspiring servant leaders would not be able to fulfill God's call to serve if it weren't for faithful supporters like you. Your kindness energizes our seminarians and students in their ongoing studies and discernment. Your contribution to the Saint Charles Seminary Appeal is a faithful investment in the future of our Church. After all, they hope to serve you as stewards of God.

Your commitment to our mission allows Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary to be For today. For tomorrow. For all of us.

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

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Archbishop of Philadelphia

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior

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Chancellor, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary



SEMINARY ACCREDITATIONS

Saint 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 2022-2023 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.

PLEDGE GIFTS

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 and 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.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

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.



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