

Vocations



Diocese of **Monterey**

**Two Seminarians were ordained as priest
August 22. Congratulations Father Tyler
Harris (left) and Father Louie Bellen!**



Vocations: a calling and a promise

The Diocese of Monterey has extraordinary servant leaders who heard the call deep in their hearts and chose the path to priesthood.

Since 1970, the number of diocesan and religious order priests across the U.S. declined **38%.***

1970

60,000

2016

37,192

In the US, where approximately 25% of the population is Catholic, there is one priest per 2,000 Catholics.**

Our Seminarians

11 seminarians under our care...

2 two at their Seminary Institution

9 nine are completing Pastoral Internship (serving at parishes within our diocese)

5 five of those in Internship are transitional Deacons (waiting to be ordained as priest)

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Six young men currently discerning their vocation through free Online Priesthood Discernment Discussions, developed as a response to the pandemic.

Why sponsor a Seminarian?

1. You can show support to a future priest of the Diocese from the first day of their spiritual and educational journey until they join us as a priest!
2. The Diocese commits to funding the education of each seminarian, to remove any financial barrier to discernment. Your gift delivers this promise and provides opportunities for all to discover their purpose.
3. Seminarians are the future of our parishes! Supporting seminarian education begins this relationship with a future spiritual leader — maybe even your future priest!

MONTHLY COST TO ATTEND SEMINARY

 Tuition	\$1,685
 Room & Board	\$1,450
 Health Insurance	\$860
 Books	\$600
 Retreats & Summer Parish Residency	\$200
 Monthly Stipend	\$175

\$53,300 per year, per seminarian

\$586,300 investment

in the future of spiritual leadership at the Diocese of Monterey

*Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 2016.