

## Vocations Committee honors senior priests, seminarians, altar servers

On Sept. 5, the Vocations Committee hosted its annual Senior Priests & Seminarians Appreciation Mass & Dinner.



The evening began with the 5 p.m. Mass, which was presided over by Archbishop Sample. Fr. Eirvin, Archdiocese Vocations Director, retired Auxiliary Bishop Steiner, Msgr. Betschart, Mt. Angel Seminary President-Rector, Msgr. Donald Buxman, Fr. McNamee, Fr. Molinari, Fr. Henderson, former Archdiocese Vocations Director and pastor of St. Anthony in Tigard, along with Fr. Reniva and Fr. Bentz, served as concelebrants.



The Seminarians met and greeted the very parishioners for whom they could someday be associate priest or pastor.



The dinner was attended by more than 110 people and presented an opportunity for us to recognize the senior Archdiocesan priests for their service as well as provide a pastoral opportunity for the diocesan seminarians to become acquainted with these senior priests in whose footsteps they hope to follow as well as with altar servers (and possible future priests) of St. Cecilia. Nuns from Sisters of St. Mary and Our Lady of Peace also attended this year.



This annual event brings together parishioners, current diocesan seminarians, senior Archdiocesan Priests and families of Altar Servers at Mass to celebrate, support and honor God's Call to Service, those who have served and those who most recently have answered the Call to minister to God's people.



“Our parish has this long, beautiful tradition of honoring our seminarians and retired priests at the beginning of the school year,” said Fr. Cary. “We are profoundly grateful to Archbishop Alexander Sample for gracing this occasion.”

Join the Vocations Committee as a member or support us with your daily prayers for vocations (in the weekly bulletin and on the Vocations Committee page of St. Cecilia's website, [www.stceciliachurch.org](http://www.stceciliachurch.org)). Contact Tom Eyer, (503) 804-0398 or [tomepa@aol.com](mailto:tomepa@aol.com).