

Priestly Vocations: Becoming a Priest

Greetings and may God's peace be with you.

When the Son of God entered into his public ministry, he called to himself the Twelve Apostles, upon whom he entrusted his own power and authority to cast out demons, cure diseases, and to preach the kingdom of God. To this day, our Lord continues to call certain men to himself for the sake of the priestly ministry, and the need for basic provisions crucially remains, especially during the time of a man's formal academic formation within the seminary system.

Not including the overhead and operational expenses typically associated with managing a seminary, the education costs alone (tuition, room and board) is much more than what a typical family can afford. And over the course of his four years of undergraduate studies, four years of graduate studies, and one year of pastoral formation within a parish community the cost increases even more. Because of these costs, and despite the generosity of so many of the faithful, the Office of Vocations operates annually, on average, at a deficit.

One of these men, Julian Placentia, whom we know personally, is struggling to pay off a present debt of \$50,000.00 to the Diocese of San Bernardino. Because of this great need, I humbly ask you to **please, prayerfully consider making a financial donation towards his priestly vocation.** Your gift would directly contribute to the formation of our seminarian Julian, is much needed, and is greatly appreciated.

Your gift to Julian, will go towards his current expenses and large debt. All gifts like this are **tax-deductible** and will be used towards paying these costs and expenses.

While the Diocese of San Bernardino pays a portion of the cost, seminarians who are enrolled in the priestly formation program are required to pay for the full cost of their education. And recognizing the financial burden personally placed upon each seminarian, often there are some seminarians who have to drop out of priestly formation due to the overwhelming burden these costs generate.

Please take a few moments to pray and discern – can you help Julian? Will you help Julian? Your financial help could mean the difference between having one more priest saying holy Mass, or an altar going empty. We need your help and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Our Lord Jesus Christ lives and reigns forever and ever.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Dao
Pastor