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Diocese of Orlando: Leadership & Parish Life



Your gift to **Our Catholic Appeal** strengthens our Catholic faith by supporting seminarians who are preparing to dedicate their lives to serving our community as a new generation of priests.

The road to becoming a priest is full of spiritual discernment, a journey that takes from seven to nine years of education. It is a journey that seminarians take in partnership with generous Catholic donors like you. It costs from \$45,000 to \$48,000 annually to prepare seminarians for the priesthood, including tuition, room and board, and insurance. There are currently 22 seminarians in the Diocese of Orlando. Gifts to **Our Catholic Appeal** have raised nearly \$3.5 million annually for Leadership and Parish Life needs in our diocese, which aids with priestly & diaconal formation programs, ministry to senior and international priests, office of liturgy & music, tribunal services, and Bishop support services.

Forming seminarians is of primary importance, and the Ordination to the transitional diaconate is one of the steps to becoming a priest. It is a step that Diocese of Orlando seminarians Adam Marchese and Thomas Pringle took together in early April. They were among the 15 men who laid prostrate, laying down their lives before the altar of Jesus Christ, as song and prayer filled the church of St. Joan of Arc in Boca Raton.

"As soon as I walked through the doors at St. Joan of Arc, I saw an old professor from the college seminary and I broke down sobbing uncontrollably," Marchese said. "Seeing him made me reflect back on the journey. God has really been good to me and blessed me every step of the way."

Thank you for supporting **Our Catholic Appeal**, our seminarians and the future of our Church! God bless you!

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