



HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

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Seminary Education
ENDOWMENT FUND

*Funding Priestly Education
for the **Future Of Our Diocese***



Support our Seminarians

In 2011, the Seminary Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) was established as a permanently restricted perpetual endowment fund held at the Foundation for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. The purpose of this fund is to receive and safeguard charitable gifts in support of priestly education for the seminarians of our Diocese.

The SEEF provides a charitable vehicle whose assets are professionally invested with a Catholic conscience. SEEF's income provides for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books; which total over \$40,000 per seminarian, per year. That equates to an average education cost per newly ordained priest of \$250,000. Through the generosity of many, this fund has grown to over \$1,400,000. It is a growing source of annual income in addition to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal support of Vocations.

Giving to the Fund

For each million dollars invested, SEEF provides enough income to pay for the education of one seminarian per year in perpetuity. Two million dollars invested pays for two, three million for three and so on to help pay for the annual education and costs of every seminarian. Giving to SEEF allows the fund to grow ensuring support for the future generations within our Diocese.



Mount St. Mary's Seminary

Please give prayerful consideration to making a gift today or including a gift to SEEF in your estate plans. You may take advantage of a \$100,000 matching gift program currently underway. We ask for your daily prayers for our seminarians, our priests and for an increase in vocations.

"We contribute to SEEF for a very simple reason. Priests are literally essential for the celebration of the Mass, and our entire Christian life flows from the Mass. As Jesus said, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." We believe Him, and we have no access to His flesh and His blood apart from the Mass. We want to help others know the joy of life in Christ."

*Mr. W. Bean
Cathedral of St. Thomas More parishioner
SEEF monthly donor*

John, a Friend, a Catholic, a Benefactor

The late John J. Connell Jr. was a longtime, faithful member of St. Charles Borromeo parish. John was a believer in the good work done by Catholic Charities and he knew that their programs served the whole person: body, mind and soul. John made the ultimate gift when he named Catholic Charities as a beneficiary of his trust which helped people like the family below.

Catholic Charities (CCDA) Services Helps a Client Avoid Eviction

Trisha is a single mother with two children who created a stable life for her family. She enjoyed steady employment for over 10 years and lived in her apartment for three years. Then Tricia had an accident.

Her doctor recommended a three month recovery at home. As the only source of income for her family, Tricia returned to work after only five weeks. However, that was long enough to fall behind on her rent.

Once she returned to work, Tricia was able to pay two months of overdue rent. With a balance of \$1,500 she received an eviction notice. At her hearing, the judge postponed the eviction. Even with her forthcoming paycheck, Tricia would still come up short. **That's when Tricia reached out to CCDA for help.**



She was able to use \$800 from her pay check, found another agency to give her \$200 and CCDA provided the final \$500 to pay the outstanding rent. Her landlord waived the fines and late fees and this allowed Tricia and her children to maintain stable, productive lives.

The Path to the Priesthood

Edouard Guilloux

*Theology III, North American College,
St. William of York Parish*



What did you do prior to entering seminary?

I entered seminary right after high school. As a teenager, I was very active in my parish youth group and busy with altar serving, Boys Scouts and volunteer Fire and Rescue. I also worked part-time in a couple of different jobs over the years.

Why do you want to be a priest?

I truly believe that God is calling me to be a priest. Only in following His will can I be happy and I have no greater desire than to do so.

What are your favorite pastimes?

I like cooking, cycling, and really most anything outdoors: camping, hiking and skiing.

What is your favorite quote?

If the Lord does not build the house, in vain does the builder labor. (Psalm 127)

Who is your favorite saint and why?

St. John Mary Vianney, the Cure of Ars. He is my confirmation patron and the ultimate example on how to live the priesthood.

What influenced your decision to become a priest?

The most important factors in my decision were my family who were always very supportive. And the influence of the many priests I had met over the years as well as the friendship of existing seminarians who were a great example to me.

What advice would you give to a young man thinking about the seminary?

Don't be afraid to take the first step. What helped me a lot was the understanding that I just had to take it one step at a time, and that God would guide me along the path he has planned me, whether or not it leads to the priesthood.

Edouard has answered the Lord's call. He is preparing to lead, inspire and teach the next generations of Catholics within our Diocese.

Make a gift from your IRA

- Ease your tax burden this year by a gift of your required minimum distribution (RMD) or a portion of it directly to the Diocese, your parish or Catholic Charities.
- If you are 70 ½ and older, you can make a gift transfer of your RMD directly to the Diocese. This transfer would fulfill some or all of your RMD without increasing your taxable income.
- Even if you choose the standard deduction for 2018, you can still reduce your taxes by gifting a portion of, or all of your RMD. Because this gift does not provide a charitable deduction, it is an ideal way for non-itemizers to reduce taxable income while still providing support to the Church.



Bishop Burbidge at St. James parish Lenten fish fry

A Diocesan Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

Does the new tax law have you rethinking your tax picture? Some people are planning to take the standard deduction one year and itemize the next year. In years you itemize, you can combine a few years of your traditional giving in one year by “bunching” a larger gift to a Diocesan DAF and taking a deduction.

In exchange for a gift of cash or appreciated stock, a Diocesan DAF provides:

- A tax deduction for the value of your gift
- Capital gains tax relief for appreciated stock
- The ability to direct DAF grants in future years
- Investment screening in light of Catholic teaching
- A simpler alternative to a family foundation



Our Lady of Good Counsel volunteers prepare power packs for Food for Others.

Give Ten

If thinking about an estate gift, consider:

- A gift of \$10,000 of stock
- 10% of your estate
- \$10,000 in cash

*“Let us love,
not with words
but with deeds.”*

Pope Francis

*Each of us can Leave a Legacy
that Impacts Others*



*Nearly 400 parishioners in our
Diocese are members of the
Catholic Heritage Circle.*

These Catholics are CHC members because they have included gifts to benefit their parish, Catholic Charities or the Diocese in their estate plans.

There is an annual dinner for CHC members.

Putting God's Will in Your Will

A gift to the Church in your Will can be:

Changed if necessary

A percentage

A specific dollar amount

Real estate

The remainder of your estate once your obligations are met

Designated for your parish or a specific ministry or program

A teaching moment in Christian stewardship

The ultimate gift of thanksgiving for a lifetime of blessings

A bequest has ZERO cost to a donor during their life.



Questions regarding Planned Giving, contact Gretchen Koch.

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Save the Date

2018 Annual CHC Dinner

Friday, October 26, 2018

De Sales Hall

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna, VA



The Seminarian Education Endowment Fund

To support the future of the priesthood, please make check payable to:

Foundation for the CDA

(include SEEF on memo line)

and mail to:

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington
200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203

or use the enclosed envelope. Thank you.