

The IPF Mission

The Institute for Priestly Formation was founded to assist bishops in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests in the Roman Catholic Church. The Institute responds to the need to foster spiritual formation as the integrating and governing principle of all aspects of priestly formation. Inspired by the biblical evangelical spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, this spiritual formation has as its goal the cultivation of a deep interior communion with Christ; from such communion the priest shares in Christ's own pastoral charity. In carrying out its mission, the Institute directly serves diocesan seminarians and priests as well as those who are responsible for diocesan priestly formation.

Ways to share the IPF Mission

- Remember the Institute in your prayers
- Support the mission financially
- Assist with construction of the Center for Priestly Spirituality
- Explore deepening your own spiritual involvement with the Institute by becoming an IPF "Friend" or "Associate"

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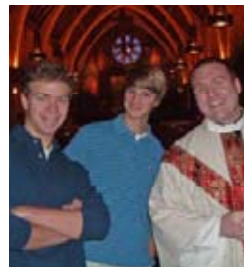
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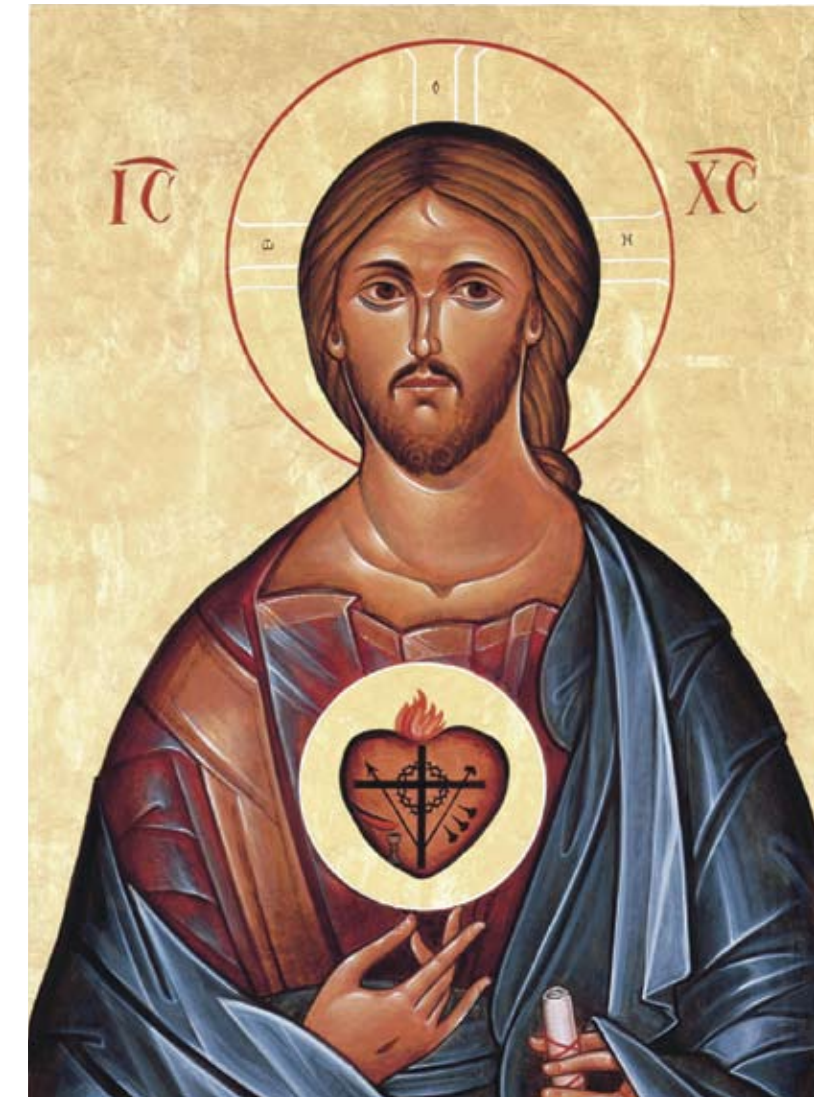
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GOD PRESENT.
"IPF is a true
experience of God
present in the world
that every seminarian
needs to experience."
Julio E. Barrera,
Owensboro, KY
*Summer Program of
Spiritual Formation for
Diocesan Seminarians*

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VISION & STEWARDSHIP

"I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS AFTER MY OWN HEART."
JEREMIAH 3:15

A Message from the Executive Director

Since 1994, the Institute for Priestly Formation has served diocesan seminarians and priests in their desire to “fall more deeply in love” with God and to ground their lives in their relationship with Jesus, the great High Priest. Keeping spiritual formation as the heart of all priestly formation continues to be the guiding principle in all of our programs and activities. Through diocesan priests who are on fire with the love of God, the Church desires to draw lay men and women to know God more intimately in the midst of the joys and sorrows of daily life.

This brochure outlines ways in which individuals can share in this mission. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you may be called to help us through prayer, and through the sacrifice of time, talent and treasure.

- Each year we rely on the generosity of friends to bridge the difference between the revenues generated through tuition and fees, and the actual program costs and the operation of the Institute. At present, the Institute conducts ever expanding national and international programs for diocesan seminarians and parish priests. In addition to programs, the Institute hosts an annual symposium and publishes a variety of materials (books, CDs, etc.) to advance its mission.
- Plans for an Omaha facility, the Center for Priestly Spirituality, create the blueprint for helping us to expand further our programs, especially programs for those responsible for priestly formation. This “training the trainers” initiative will welcome seminary faculty, formation directors, vocation directors, bishops and others responsible for priestly formation to help make spiritual formation the heart of all priestly formation. A Case Statement, available upon request, offers complete details of this unique project.
- Finally, we invite you to consider becoming a member of IPF as a Friend or Associate. Members are those who sense a call to support, nurture and promote our mission while joining in the spiritual “family” of IPF. For more details about membership, please contact us.

We welcome individuals nationally and internationally into our mission. Your participation will help you taste the spirituality that lies at the heart of our mission while offering the support of your prayers and your financial sacrifices. Together we can be the Holy Spirit’s instruments, promoting a holy, healthy priesthood for the Church.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Rev. Richard J. Gabuzda
Executive Director
The Institute for Priestly Formation



SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT.

“Having ministered in every continent over the last 50 years and taught and directed seminarians for 35 years, I have not known or heard of any spiritual formation program for diocesan priests and seminarians comparable to the Institute for Priestly Formation. Consider the hundreds of thousands of people who will be spiritually nourished by all of the diocesan priests enriched at IPF.”

Fr. Armand M. Nigro, S.J.,
Prof. Emeritus, Gonzaga University

Annual Program Needs

More than 80 percent of the U.S. dioceses and 31 foreign dioceses have entrusted priests and seminarians to the IPF programs listed below. Tuition, fees, room and board cover the majority of the program costs. However, there is a gap between what can be charged to participants and the actual costs of the programs.

Gifts and grants help us bridge this gap and provide the funds to accommodate the expansion of and the increasing demands on the Institute.

- **Summer Program of Spiritual Formation for Diocesan Seminarians**
- **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola 30 Day Retreat**
- **Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors**
- **Seminar for Seminary Theologians**
- **Retreat for Seminary Theologians**
- **Training Program in Spiritual Direction**
- **IPF Symposium on Priestly Identity**

The Institute also conducts retreats, days of reflection and seminars as well as provides spiritual direction for a variety of bishops, priests, deacons and laity.



“IPF IS A
SPIRITUAL
GREENHOUSE.
All the conditions are set so that the seed God has planted in the heart can break open, sprout and blossom to bear good fruit for the seminarian and for those he is called to serve.”

Marc Paveglio,
Harrisburg, PA
Summer Program of
Spiritual Formation for
Diocesan Seminarians

Building for Mission

The Center for Priestly Spirituality will create a one-of-a-kind, international facility providing a sacred venue to assist those responsible for priestly formation to realize the vision of making spiritual formation the heart of all priestly formation



IPF Publications

This new initiative provides books, CDs, DVDs, seminar workbooks and related materials to enrich the spiritual lives of priests, seminarians, seminary personnel and parishioners.

“The faithful expect only one thing from priests: that they be specialists in promoting the encounter between man and God. The priest is not asked to be an expert in economics, construction or politics. He is expected to be an expert in the spiritual life.”

Pope Benedict XVI, May 2006

