



**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
VOCATIONS OFFICE**

2 Indian Head Road
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Dear Fellow Knights,

The coronavirus pandemic has shown us how truly reliant we are. Despite working from home, and being in different locations, we were still able to minister to the seminarians. To that, I thank my brother Knights for the commendable support you have shown our diocesan seminarians. I appreciate your patience during a difficult time of transition and as always, I am, as always, grateful for your continued generosity.

At present, there are 18 men in formation for priesthood in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The men in formation are found throughout our Seminary locations; **Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston, New York, Theological College - The National Seminary of the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, and at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy.** These men are lifted by the prayers of the Knights and the excellent example of Catholic manhood the councils stand for. Of course, many of the seminarians are themselves Knights.

The generous financial support allows seminarians to focus on their studies without worry or concern about costs such as medical and/or incidental expenses. To that end, we keep a small endowment and aid seminarians in special circumstances that are not covered by insurance or assistance to those who have no other means of support. By far, the most important financial assistance to our seminarians comes from the Knights in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. We are blessed in this Diocese by an extraordinary number of consistently generous Councils.

At the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we keep a record of all the assistance provided to the seminarians. It is our pleasure to make suggestions of names for the scholarships from your Council. This will allow even distribution among the men in their various formation programs equally. I would ask that you reach out to my office to ensure that the seminarian you have supported in the past is available, or if it may be time to support a new candidate. Please feel free to call or email Marie Mortimer, my ministry assistant. Her number is 516-678-5800 x214 or mmortimer@drvc.org.

Please mail all scholarships to our office in the name of the seminarian and we will send the scholarship to them directly once we make a record of it. The mailing address for all seminarian scholarships is as follows:

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions, or if we may be of any assistance to you in your beautiful work as Knights of Columbus.

In Christ,

Rev. Sean Magaldi
Director of Vocations