

How Do Councils Help All Seminarians



Need For Vocations

- Over the past twenty five years the number of Catholics in the diocese has doubled, we are one of the few dioceses in the US where Catholics are growing in numbers.
- When parents move into the state, many times their older children are entering the priesthood in their old diocese.
- The number of priest we have today is the same number as we had 50 years ago. Luckily deacons are supporting their priests in their parishes



Current Coverage

- Approximately 1/3 of our priests are from our diocese
- Approximately 1/3 are on loan from other diocese around the world
- Approximately 1/3 are from religious orders or the Oratory
- Each year, we need approximately 5-6 priests just to replace those retiring or dying each year
- The average age of the priests in our diocese is approximately 60 years old



Long Journey to the Priesthood

- If you enter a diocesan seminary right out of high school the journey is 8 years.
- If you enter a diocesan seminary with a bachelors degree the journey is 6 years.
- If you are entering a religious order the journey is 11-12 years of formation including a pastoral year.
- Normally 55-60% of those that start the process become priests. This is why every seminarian needs our prayers and support



Growth in our Seminaries

- Three years ago, we had just 9 in the seminary and ordained none that year.
- Two years ago, we added 9 and we ordained Father Fryml
- Last year, we added 5, with one that dropped from the program and we ordained Father Williams
- This year, we have just one going into the seminary, Peter O'Steen from St. Mary's in Greenville and will ordain three.
- Sadly, we have had three drop from the program and are not returning in the fall; Matthew Curley, Patrick Judd and Charles Foley



Selection of Seminarians in the Past

- Councils have been asked by their priest to support a given seminarian, council members have made suggestions of who to support, some have gone on the website and chosen a seminarian, others have gone to the vocations office for a name (who do not keep track of who they recommend) while others have gone to the state vocation chair for recommendations.
- This has caused a situation where 7 councils are sponsoring Justin Damask and Jimmy Touzeau while other seminarians just have one or two.
- We need a system in place to adequately provide coverage to all seminarians.



Selection of Seminarians this Year

- For those seminarians in Pre-Theology or Theology we would like 4 councils supporting them.
- For those seminarians that are in College, we would like 3 councils to support them
- For those seminarians that are in a religious order or Oratory, we would like two councils to support them.
- ALL councils **MUST** go through the state vocation chair so that we can track and make sure that we are balanced in our support of all seminarians.



Priority of Support

The priority would be:

- Home council of the seminarian
- If the parish is served by an order or the Oratory, then they support seminarians of the order or the Oratory.
- Councils that only support one seminarian (this would reduce the impact on those councils having to change seminarians)
- Those councils that commit to the state vocation chair until the slots are filled.



Council/Assembly	Seminarian
Council 704 - Rev P.N. Lynch - Charleston	Michael Ghattas Mario Aguilar Rob Lester
Council 724 - Bishop John England - Columbia (191)	Matthew Aun
Council 1668 - Msgr Andrew K. Gwynn - Greenville (160)	Alex Foley
Council 2207 - Bishop Henry P. Northrop - Sumter (150)	Jimmy Touzeau Rhett Williams Archdiocese of the military
Council 3067 - Joseph Miguel Ros, Sr - Georgetown (78)	Br. Hardey Aguilar Jimmy Touzeau
Council 3684 -Msgr George Lewis Smith - Aiken (264)	Will Frei Rafael Ghattas
Council 5026 - Michael O'Connor - Beaufort (184)	Pedro Silva Tom Drury Mario Aguilar
Council 5086 - Fr. Anthony Montisinos - Myrtle Beach(167)	Will Frei Rafael Ghattas Michael Ghattas
Council 5194 - Msgr Charles D. Wood - Florence (180)	C. Daniels JohnBert Lolo Michael Mercado
Council 6076 - Fr. Maurice R. Daly - Spartanburg (188)	Reyes Palomeres
Council 6250 - Pope John XXIII - James Island (124)	Mike Cellars
Council 6629 - Msgr Richard C. Madden - Summerville (249)	Will Frei Bruce Barnett
Council/Assembly	Seminarian
Council 6726 - Donald J. Godfrey - Hanahan /Goose Creek (143)	Francisco Ornate-Vargas Michael Ghattas
Council 6756 - - Rock Hill (143)	
Council 6847 - Msgr Martin C. Murphy - East Columbia (203)	Peter O'Steen Br. Cris Cubinar Justin Damask Reyes Palomares
Council 6884 - Fr Thomas Tierney - Seneca(239)	Pedro Silva Emialano Guterrez Jr

Council 6891 - Edisto - Orangeburg (85)	Pedro Silva
Council 6892 - Fr. Frederick Suggs - Irmo (140)	Francisco Ornate-Varga
Council 7062 - Fr. Joseph J. Murphy - North Augusta (85)	Br. Michael Mercado
Council 7122 - Our Lady Star of the Sea N. Myrtle Beach (197)	Francisco Ornate Vargas Hardey Aguilar
Council 7129 - Fr. John B. Adair - Greenwood (115)	Alex Foley Sebastian Barbosa-Garcia Mario Aguilar Jimmy Touzeau Harvey Bermudez
Council 7289 - Raymond G. Bennett - Hilton Head (80)	Arjay Cecilio
Council/Assembly	Seminarian
Council 7531 - Charles Andrew Smith - Conway (178)	Michael Cellars Rafael Ghetas Robb Lester Nick Shiver
Council 8123 - Fr. Louis R. Williamson - Hartsville (42)	Jimmy Touzeau
Council 8182 - George L. Gagnon - Mauldin (114)	Justin Damask
Council 8295 - Fr. Francis A. Friend - Anderson (97)	Jimmy Touzeau
Council 8502 - Fr. Brian Martin - Walterboro (71)	Matthew Curley
Council 8790 - Rev A. A. Plikunas - Marion/Dillon (53)	Matthew Curley
Council 8900 Fr. Ronald P. Anderson Council - No. Charleston (113)	Mark Madden
Council 8980 - St Michaels - Garden City (301)	Peter O'Steen Mario Aguilar Br. Ronie Lorcha Michael Ghattas Ghattas Br. Samuel Maestro +Indian Seminarian
Council 9161 - Rev Norman F. Rockwood - Barnwell (45)	Peter O'Steen
Council 9184 - Prince of Peace Foothills - Taylors (189)	Matthew Bauer
Council 9475 - Rev John L. McLaughlin - Mt Pleasant (279)	Nick Shiver Michael Cellars Thomas Drury Erik Roman
Council/Assembly	Seminarian

Council 9575 - Mary Queen of Peace - Spartanburg (225)	Br. Wilson Olea
	Br. Marlon Landicho
	Br. Emiliano Gutierrez Jr
	Br. Ben Weiskircher
Council 9576 - Peter T. Villano Sr.- Pickens (123)	Jimmy Touzeau Hardey Aguilar
Council 9672 - Fr. Bonaventure Brown - Camden (64)	Everhistro Cavite
Council 10066 - Christ Our King -Lancaster (52)	
Council 10334 -Rev John J. Eagan - Charleston (96)	Jimmy Touzeau
Council 10668 - Thomas P. Reilley - Hilton Head (337)	Will Frei
Council 10819 - Rev Paul Donald O'Toole - Simpsonville (263)	Matthew Bauer Mario Aguilar Sebastian Barbosa Garcia
Council 10867 - Tri-Cities - Cheraw (38)	
Council 11028 - Precious Blood of Christ - Pawleys Island (224)	Raphael Padron Thomas Drury
Council 11325 - Corpus Christi - Lexington (108)	Sebastian Barboa-Garcia
Council 11471 - Our Lady of the Lake - Moncks Corner (75)	None
Council/Assembly	Seminarian
Council 11910 - Rev David Schiller - Summerville (167)	Bruce Barnett
Council 11991 - Immaculate Conception - Goose Creek (171)	Rafael Padron Osnar Villanueva Clemente Torres
Council 12263 - Cardinal Bernadin - Bluffton (321)	Erik Roman Ronie Lorcha Pedro Silva
Council 12268 - Divine Savior - York (67)	
Council 12274 -Blessed Trinity - Greer (59)	
Council 12366 - Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell - Fort Mill (124)	Bruce Barnett
Council 12472 - Fr. John J. McCarthy - Charleston (106)	
Council 12554 - Saint Joseph - Columbia (101)	Justin Damask

Council 12995 - Vincent Caggiano - Gaffney (37)	Nick Shiver
Council 13112 - Msgr Baum - Greenville (88)	Reyes Palomares Alex Foley Peter O'Steen
Council 13713 -Transfiguration -Blythewood (78)	Nick Shiver
Council 14475 - All Saints - Lake Wylie (73)	Erik Roman
Council/Assembly	Seminarian
Council 14765 Our Lady of Grace, Indian Land (34)	
Council 14892 Fr. William F.Kinney, Jr, Loris (40)	
Council 15223 Santee	Madison Hayes
Council 15519 St. Rafka's	
Council 15611 St. Martin de Porres	
Council15960 NJL Newbery	
Assembly 1071 - Rev P.N. Lynch - Charleston	
Assembly 1072 - Bishop John England - Columbia	
Assembly 1073 - Msgr Charles J. Baum - Greenville	
Assembly 1074 - Msgr G. L. Smith - Aiken	Eddie Hoffman Abbie Truesdell
Assembly 1447 - Albert A. Faase - Beaufort	
Assembly 1574 - Msgr Charles D. Wood - Florence	James Dvorek
Assembly 1655 - Jesus Our Risen Savior - Spartanburg	
Assembly 1714 - Bishop Henry P. Northrop - Sumter	
Assembly 1799 - San Miguel - Myrtle Beach	
Assembly 1900 - Msgr Richard C. Madden - Summerville	Francisco Ornate Vergos
Council/Assembly	Seminarian
Assembly 1933 - Fr. Isaac Hecker - Seneca	
Assembly 2107 - Grand Strand - Garden City	
Assembly 2108 - Fr. Henry Tevlin - Rock Hill	

Assembly 2280 - Hilton Head Island - Hilton Head	Harvey Bermudez
Assembly 2431 - Fr. George F. Moynihan - N. Myrtle Beach	
Assembly 2502 - Holy Family - Taylors	
Assembly 2655 - Mother Teresa - Lexington	Francis Ornate-Vargas
Assembly 2890 - Hojy Spirit - Simpsonville	
Assembly 2902 - Joseph Cardinal Bernadin - E. Columbia	
Assembly 3009 - St. Theresa the Little Flower - Summerville	
Assembly 3065 - The Bernard Lohman, CSP - Pickens	
Council/Assemlby	Seminarian
Assembly 3149 - Father Michael J. McFiveny - Fort Mill	
Assembly 3166 - St. James the Younger - Conway	
Assembly 3198 Fr. Mychal F Judge - Bluffton	
Assembly 3100 - John Paul II - Greenwood	

Thank you for your support and
prayers for our seminarians

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