



Diocese of Nashville
Twelfth Annual

*Seminarian Education
Virtual Event
& Auction*

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Virtual Event & Auction 6:00 p.m.

*Online auction begins May 21 at 6:00 p.m.
and closes Tuesday, May 25 at 10:00 p.m.*

Hosted by
The Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding
Bishop of Nashville

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Serra Clubs of
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**“There was a clear sense
that what I heard
in my heart
was no human voice,
nor was it just an idea
of my own.
Christ was calling me
to serve Him as a priest”**

— Saint John Paul II



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A message from Bishop J. Mark Spalding

Dear Members of Serra International, the Knights of Columbus, and all the faithful in Christ,

Over this past year, we have faced many challenges. We have had to adjust to a new way of doing things. Virtual Masses, online Bible studies, and email communications were valuable tools to keep us moving forward, but we have certainly missed being together. Even through this challenging year, I do believe we are a people blessed and have many reasons to be thankful. Often, over this past year, I have had the privilege to see the “new” ways our priests served our faithful throughout the diocese. Their hard work and dedication have helped get us through the hard times we have faced. They continue to be there to love and shepherd the wonderful people throughout Middle Tennessee. I pray for them every day as well as the men that will follow them, that is why I am writing you today.



Your previous support of our seminarians is greatly appreciated. Due to your generosity, we have developed a robust seminarian program to ensure we have great priests in our parishes into the future.

Tonight, May 25, 2021 at 6pm the Serra Clubs and Knights of Columbus will host our annual Seminarian Education Event & Auction in support of Seminarian Education. The event will be virtual again this year. I think you will find it unique and exciting. The evening will include a tour of the seminaries where our seminarians attend, as well as having the seminarians give you a sneak peek into the places where they live and study as they prepare for the priesthood.

The need to form our future priests is as great as ever and I am asking you to support this event as you have in the past. Donations given to support the Virtual Event will be fully tax deductible. Our online auction will close tonight, May 25 at 10pm and is open to everyone. Your generosity helps cover the cost of \$75,000 to educate each of our seminarians. I sincerely thank you, because without your support this could not have happened.

Join Vocations Director Father Austin Gilstrap, Assistant Vocations Director Father Luke Wilgenbusch, our seminarians, as well as a message from me for this wonderful event. On the webpage at www.dioceseofnashville.com/seda, you will also be able to make a gift to support our seminarians and participate in the online auction.

As we come together online to support the formation of our seminarians, I am grateful for your dedication in assisting and forming strong leaders for the future of our diocese. On behalf of our seminarians, thank you for all your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding
Bishop of Nashville



Diocese of Nashville Seminarians 2020-2021



Rev. Mr. Nonso Ohanaka
Theology 3
Class of 2022
St. Meinrad



Anthony Romeo
Theology 3
Class of 2022
Notre Dame



Rev. Mr. Brent Thayer
Theology 3
Class of 2022
St. Meinrad



Augustine Mang
Theology 2
Class of 2023
Pontifical North American College



Oscar Romero
Theology 2
Class of 2023
St. Meinrad



Seth Reed
Theology 1
Class of 2024
St. Meinrad



Justin Farr
Theology 1
Class of 2024
St. Meinrad



David Lee
Theology 1
Class of 2024
Pontifical North American College



Tylor Starkey
Pastoral Year
Class of 2025



Joe Hinderer
Pastoral Year
Class of 2025



Christian Hamrick
College 4
Class of 2025
Holy Trinity



Reed Robinson
College 3
Class of 2026
Holy Trinity



James Grossheim
College 3
Class of 2026
St. Ben's



Will Braeuner
Pre-Theology 1
Class of 2026
Notre Dame



John Butkevicius
Pre-Theology 1
Class of 2026
St. Meinrad



David Herrera
Pre-Theology 1
Class of 2026
Notre Dame



Joseph Ngo
Pre-Theology 1
Class of 2026
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