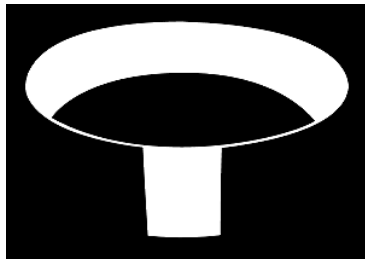


The Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary gathered in the Main Hall after Rosary with the Knights on July 10th, 2017. Our Speaker for the evening was **Angel Bradford**. Once again Angel was kind enough to share her recent travels with us, this time to Mexico, recounting the many historic sites visited, as well as the Holy places where Miracles of Our Lady occurred. **Angel** truly is an amazing speaker, during her presentation, you feel as though you're there with her. Thank you again, Angel, for your kindness in sharing your travels with us!

We are currently collecting items for the Baskets to be raffled during the Seminarian Dinner scheduled for July 30th 2017 (Sunday). This is an exciting time of year for us, a time to be able to participate in a fundraising event for our Seminarians!

I recently read a reply from a Seminarian being interviewed re his transformation into the priesthood: His reply – “The work is demanding and sometimes difficult; you're occasionally put in situations outside your comfort zone. But you go through it all with your classmates. Through it bonds are formed and faith is deepened. We are shaped into servants for Jesus' sake. The formation isn't always pretty, but as years pass, the rough edges are removed and the polished product begins to take shape.”



Three Levels of Seminary

College Seminary: Men who obtain a normal college degree, while at the same time undergoing the formation required to enter major seminary.

Pre-Theology: Men who already have a college degree, but who need to satisfy the requirements of two years of formation and study of philosophy before entering major seminary.

Major seminary (Theology): Men who have attended either college seminary or pre-theology, who now begin the final four years of priestly formation.

Installation of Ministries

Seminarians progress through several formal steps on their way to priesthood, typically in the timeframe presented below (with some variations, depending on the seminary). Note that the first two ministries are also held by lay people throughout the Church.

Ministry of Lector (First Theology): Proclaim the word of God in a liturgical assembly.

Ministry of Acolyte (Second Theology): Assist the deacon and priest during Mass.

Admission to Candidacy (Third Theology): The bishop formally calls a man to be ordained.

Ordination to Diaconate (Summer after Third Theology): A man is ordained to proclaim the gospel at mass, preach, baptize, witness marriages, and assist the priest in bringing Jesus to people in need.

Ordination to Priesthood (Summer after Fourth Theology): A man is ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

As you can see, our Seminarians' schedules are full, please keep them in your prayers:

God our Father,

Thank You for calling our Seminarians to prepare for priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as a credible witness to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

Please plan to stop in and enjoy good fellowship [7:00 Rosary; 7:30 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting]. Until then: **May God surround all of you and yours with His Blessings and Grace until we meet again!**

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