

Fostering a Deep Interior Communion

Falling deeply in love with God

25 Years

Assisting Bishops

1994-2019

Spiritual Formation

Holy Priesthood

Dear

Who doesn't want happy, healthy, holy priests?

But how can we help ensure seminarians and priests develop the deep interiority they'll need to sustain their vocation? How can we be sure the men who serve the laity are the men of God they were created to be?

We can't. But we know of an Institute that can.

The Institute for Priestly Formation came existence 25 years ago and has at its core mission to "assist the bishops in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests in the Roman Catholic Church". Responding to the 1992 encyclical *Pastores Dabo Vobis* which called for a fresh evaluation of an appropriate formation for the priesthood that would endure throughout the priest's whole life, the Institute for Priestly Formation was established on the Creighton campus in Omaha. Maybe you've heard of "IPF"?

We have personally witnessed first hand the effects the Institute is having on the priesthood. Our pastor, Fr. (*favorite priest's name*), credits IPF for saving his priesthood ("*awakening his identity as the Father's son*" or "*teaching him to pray*", etc.). Imagine! He is one of the holiest and most prayerful men we know. Fr. (*favorite priest's name*) tries his best to lead the laity in his pews to heaven. We asked him how we could support him and he pointed us to IPF saying, "Help support the Institute so they can lead other men as they let me towards my passion for Christ!"

We have been supporting the Institute in a variety of ways: from stuffing envelopes for mailings, to pouring coffee at *Mornings of Reflections*, to serving as Spiritual Moms and praying for summer seminarians attending IPF's formation program, to sending them financial support.

In celebration of IPF's 25 years of service to the Church, we have added our names to this letter hoping you, too, will join us with your financial support. We've enclosed a return envelope and pledge card we'd like you to consider sending to IPF. Donations can also be received online at their website www.priestlyformation.org.

Please prayerfully consider helping the Institute stay strong for another 25 years. We thank God they have served the Church with such passion for His Son by helping our seminarians and priests to "fall more deeply in love" with God and his Church.

In Christ,

Your Signature (and those of others, perhaps)

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