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I will give you shepherds after my own heart.”
Jeremiah 3:15
To understand the Institute for Priestly Formation, we invite you to understand the impact of two important events in the recent history of the Church.

• First, in 1990 Saint John Paul II gathered bishops from across the world for the 11th World Synod of Bishops. The Synod addressed the most urgent and pressing needs of the day and called for a more intense spiritual formation for priests and seminarians.

• Secondly, in March 1992, in response to the 1990 World Synod of Bishops, Saint John Paul II wrote “I Will Give You Shepherds” (Pastores Dabo Vobis). There, the Holy Father laid out a renewed vision for the priesthood and seminary formation. Saint John Paul II echoed the 1990 World Synod of Bishops and asked that spiritual formation be at the heart of priestly ministry as well as seminary formation.

• The Institute for Priestly Formation was founded in 1994 in direct response to the call from Saint John Paul II and the World Synod of Bishops. Our mission is to help priests and seminarians live in unceasing union with Christ so that they can help the laity do the same. We not only work directly with priests and seminarians, we also serve seminaries so that they are better equipped in forming your future priests. Since our humble beginnings, The Institute for Priestly Formation has served over 2,500 priests and seminarians from over 80% of the dioceses in the United States and 40 foreign dioceses.

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• Our offices, as well as several of our programs, are located on the campus of Creighton University. However, our outreach extends far beyond Omaha, as we assist in the renewal of the priesthood throughout the country and across the world.

The Institute for Priestly Formation is the only institute of its kind specifically committed to the spiritual life of priests.

• “I will never be the same. I am excited to be a priest again.”
  — Father Elmer Romero, Archdiocese of Chicago

• “IPF saved my priesthood.”
  — Father Mark Toups, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

• “The Institute for Priestly Formation has given me tools and blessings that I will be unpacking for years to come.”
  — Andrew Williams, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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