

# IPF Annual Report



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*Setting Hearts on Fire for Christ*  
*Since 1994*





# Thank You, Friends and Supporters

Dear Friends and Supporters of IPF,

We want to express our gratitude for all the prayers, donations, legacy gifts, volunteer hours, and support you give to us year after year. We are blessed by all that you do for the Institute for Priestly Formation and the IPF Foundation. As we ponder the growth of IPF on our 30th anniversary, we are struck by the pervasive hope that when we open our hearts to the Lord and follow His will, we receive graces beyond measure.

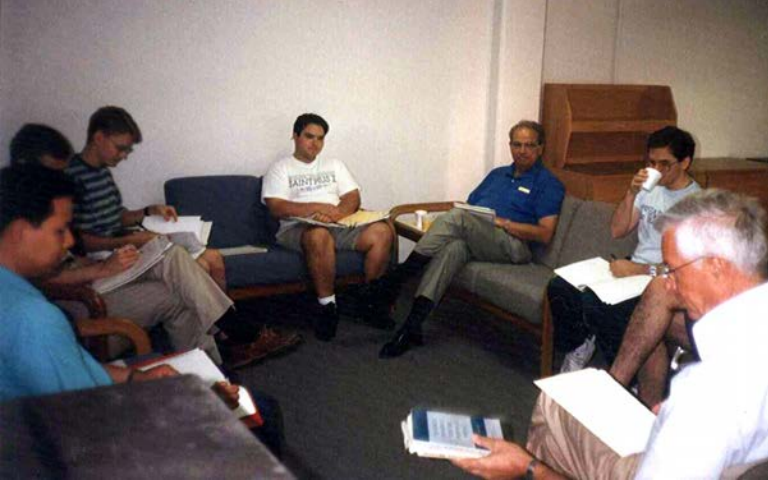
One small way we wish to improve is by exploring better ways to share the mission of IPF. To that effect, we looked at our Annual Report and tried to find a more cohesive and appealing way to share the data from our past financial year. Using pie charts, program statistics, and detailed data, we seek to offer something for everyone that will enrich our readers and enhance understanding of how all the dots connect within the finances of IPF.

Read on to explore our revamped Annual Report. Let us know what has stirred your heart and if there are any further improvements that we can offer going forward. Thank you for blessing the mission of IPF!



*Looking for our list of donor names? We've moved the list of those who've blessed us online. Scan the QR code to the left to view the lists.*

Mary Buttell,  
President of the IPF Foundation



Father George Aschenbrenner, one of IPF's founders, along with the six original seminarians of the first IPF program, held in 1995.



Seminarians in class at the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians in the summer of 2023.

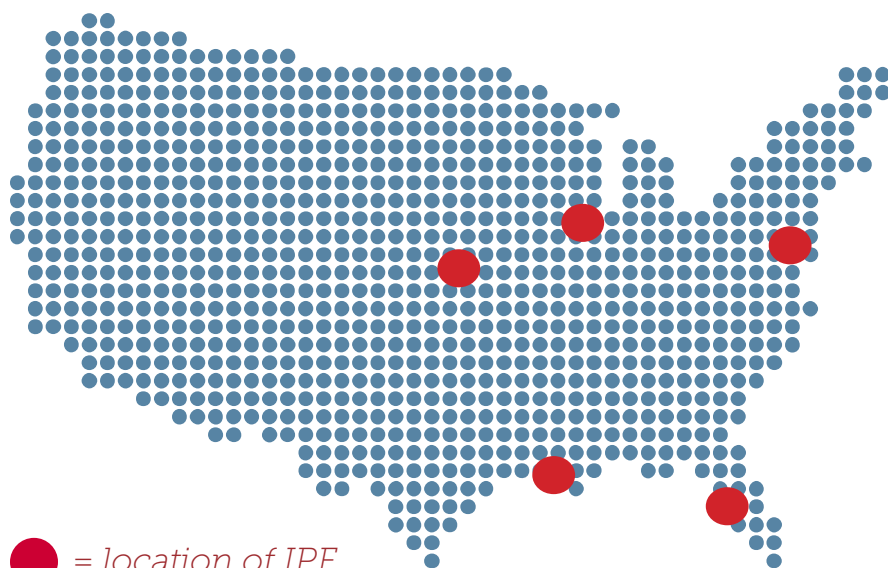
## Why We Exist

In collaboration with Catholic seminaries and dioceses, we form seminarians, priests, and bishops in holiness and accompany them in their ongoing spiritual growth, so they can more effectively lead others to Christ.

## Where We Are Going

We envision a joyful and powerful renewal of holiness across the U.S. Catholic Church as more diocesan seminarians, priests, and bishops seek and commit to a personal, deep, and sustained spiritual communion with the Trinity.

*IPF is based in Omaha, Nebraska but puts on programs throughout the United States. This helps us to better serve dioceses throughout the Catholic Church.*



● = location of IPF programs

### Locations Where an IPF Program Takes Place

- Omaha, Nebraska
- Mundelein, Illinois
- Faulkner, Maryland
- Clearwater, Florida
- Grand Coteau, Louisiana



# 30 Years of Exponential Growth

» In 1994, Fr. Richard Gabuzda, Fr. George Aschenbrenner, S.J., Kathy Kanavy, and Fr. John Horn were guided by the Holy Spirit, to found IPF on the campus of Creighton University.

» In 1995, the **Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians** began with 6 seminarians attending. By the summer of 2023,

**3,390**

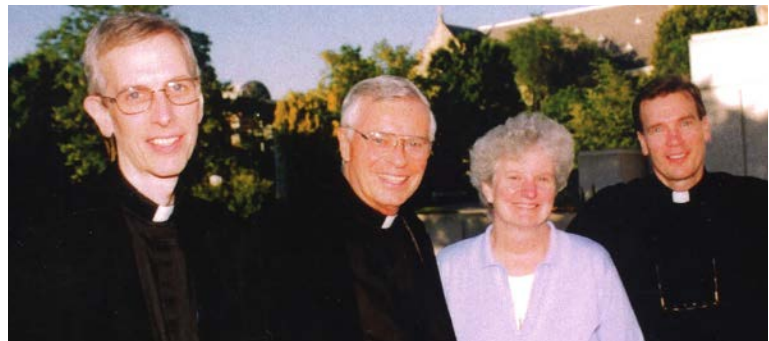
seminarians from 157 U.S. Dioceses and 27 International Dioceses have attended the seminarian program.

» Seminarians and priests from

**93%**

of U.S. Dioceses have attended an IPF program.

» IPF's second program, the **Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors**, also began in 1995. From 1995 til 2023, it has served **309** seminary faculty, many of whom are priests.



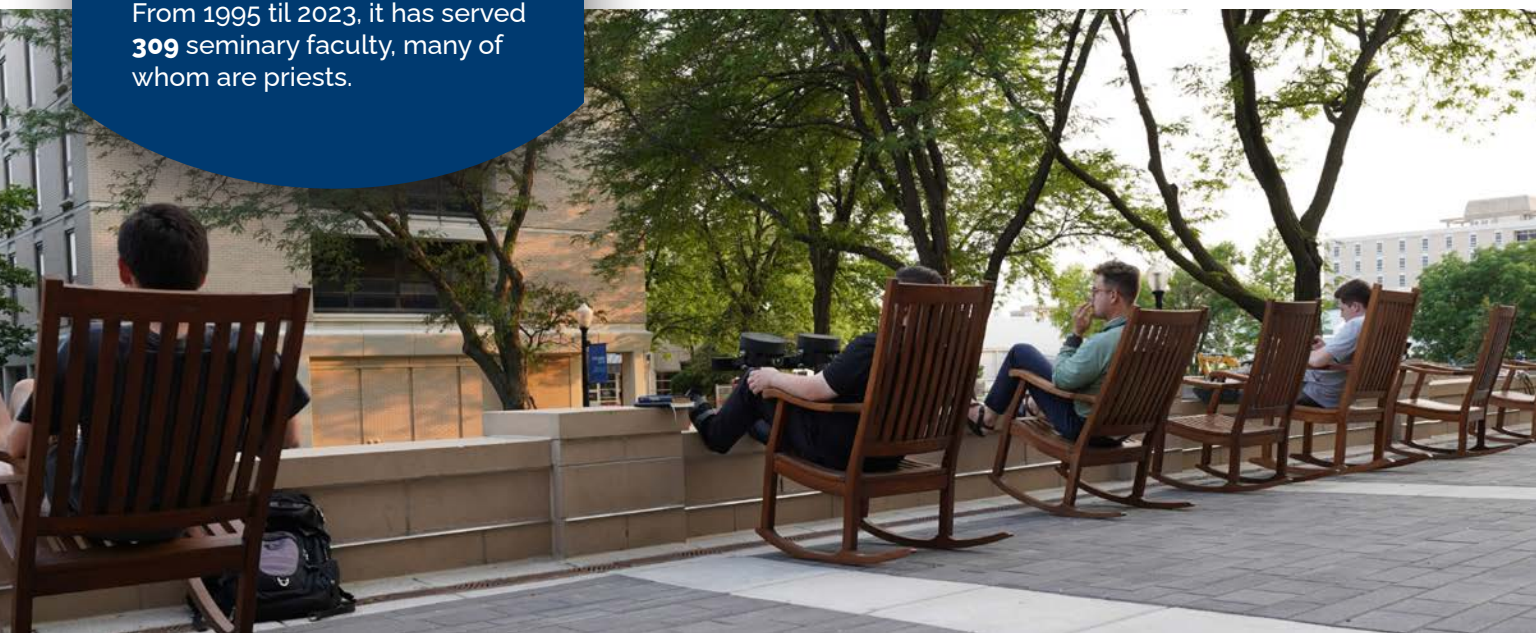
## - St. John Vianney IPF Founders Fund

A gift from a small group of donors established an endowed fund in honor and recognition of the original four founders of IPF, Rev. George Aschenbrenner, S.J., Rev. John Horn, S.J., Rev. Richard Gabuzda, and Kathleen Kanavy to pay tribute to their dedication, inspiration, and service.



## - St. Joseph and Mary Seminarian Fund

The fund listed above helps to pay for the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians.





»» In 2000, IPF offered its third program, the **30-Day Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola**. In 24 years, it has served **412** priests and seminarians.

»» In 2002, the **Spiritual Direction Training Program** had its first session with 45 participants. Demand for the program grew, and in 2014, IPF began to offer two sections at a time. Currently

**664**

priests have completed this IPF program.

»» Starting in 2009, IPF began to offer retreats for alumni of any IPF Program. To date,

**375**

priests have sought out this retreat opportunity, which is offered twice a year.

»» In 2019, IPF launched a retreat for seminarians who were about to be ordained. That first year, there were 4 seminarians. As of Feb 2024,

**110**

seminarians have completed the **Pre-Ordination Retreat** with IPF.

»» IPF's latest program, the **Spiritual Formation Program for Bishops**, began in 2021. The three-year program and retreat finished in February 2024, serving 10 bishops.

»» Imagine how the Lord could continue to bless the growth of IPF's mission through this and all IPF programs!



### - St. Ignatius of Loyola Spiritual Direction Training Fund

The fund listed above helps to pay for the Spiritual Direction Training Program.



### - Blessed Stanley Rother Pre-Ordination Retreat Fund

The fund listed above helps to pay for the Pre-Ordination Retreat program.





# Living Stones:

*Building a Foundation for the Future Recap*

## What about the Living Stones Building Campaign?

As of January 2024, the Living Stones Building Campaign is in the home stretch. We have raised \$2,841,057 in gifts and paid pledges. Individuals were given the option to spread their pledged amount over one to three years. Currently \$169,627 has been paid toward the pledged amount. Of the pledges to be completed this year, \$35,005 in pledges still remains. We are on track to be completed in 2024.

We often hear the question, "Is it too late to contribute to the Living Stones Campaign? And the answer is, **contributions are still being accepted.** A few projects remain that need to be completed: establishing a Building Fund for yearly maintenance, repairs, and replacement costs; purchasing artwork for the building and chapel; and future technology enhancements.

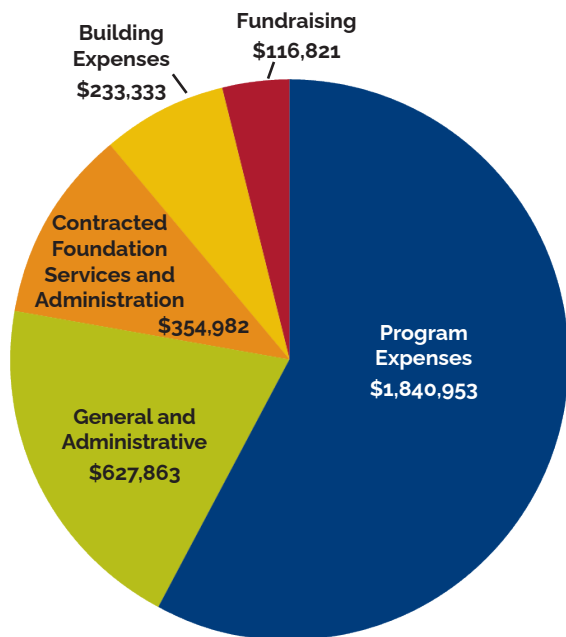
Living Stones by Year	Amounts
2021	\$1,503,900.00
2022	\$693,655.57
2023	\$622,331.90
2024*	\$21,170.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$2,841,057.47</b>
Pledges	Amounts
Total Pledged	\$204,633.00
Total Collected	\$169,627.66
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$35,005.34</b>

\* Amounts collected through January 2024.

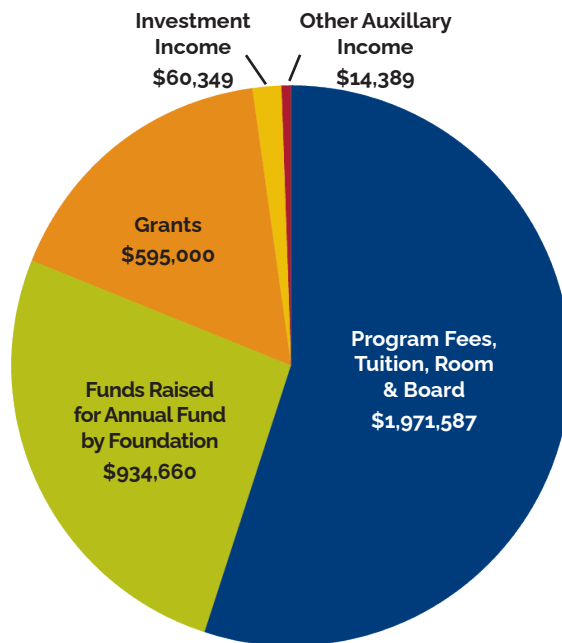


# 2023 Expenses/Revenue Charts\*

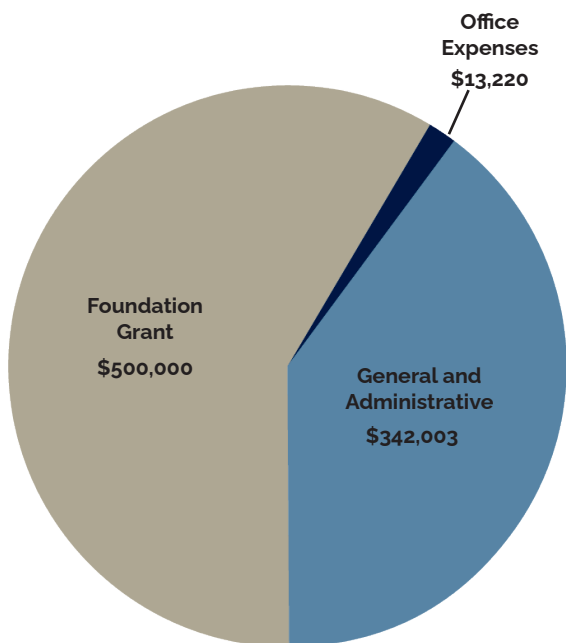
2023 Institute for Priestly Formation Expenses



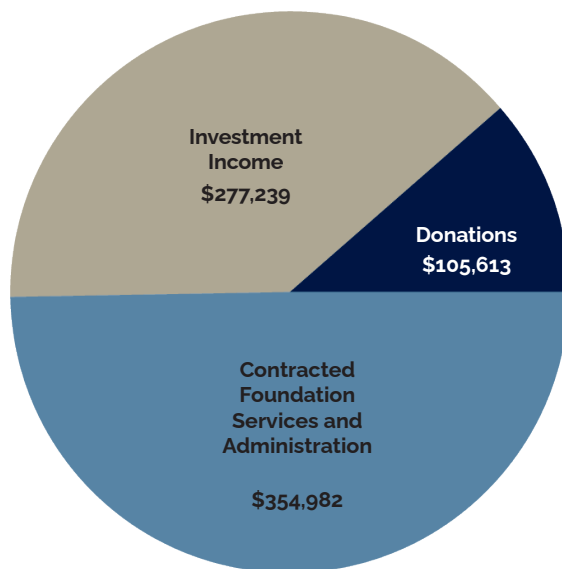
2023 Institute for Priestly Formation Revenue



2023 IPF Foundation Expenses



2023 IPF Foundation Revenue



\*All charts are pre-audit numbers. Any changes that occur as a result of the audit will be included in our fall magazine.

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