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Seminarians attending the Pre-Ordination retreat in
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Our Mission

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.

Our Vision

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.

Our Objectives

1. Live out our beliefs and convictions in everything we do with humility and magnanimity, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, knowing we are nothing without God.
2. Stay focused on why we exist: to serve the spiritual formation needs of diocesan seminarians, priests, bishops, and those involved in priestly formation.
3. Ensure the ongoing excellence of our programs, retreats, publications, and activities by proactively seeking input and information from others.
4. Sustain and grow funding to ensure that IPF continues its mission for generations to come.

From the IPF Executive Director:

Dear Friends,

One of the great gifts is to watch God work in and through the people that have been part of IPF's 27-year history. This issue of *Hearts on Fire* focuses on the IPF Foundation which, at first glance, raises money to support the mission of IPF. The deeper reality is that the IPF Foundation is really a connection of relationships, starting with Christ's relationship to all of us. The Foundation connects people, and their love of Christ and the priesthood, to the mission of IPF. You will read of the great work that our Foundation undertakes so that we can help diocesan seminarians, priests, and bishops deepen their spiritual lives. Parishes matter to people and good parish priests and pastors bring their people into relationship with Christ and with each other. The work of the Foundation always begins with relationships.

I am grateful that we are honoring Larry and Karen Dwyer in this issue. They have been involved with IPF for over 20 years and their love of Christ and his Church gave them the impetus to donate so much of their time to establish the IPF Foundation, advise us on the future of our mission, write a best-selling book for IPF Publications, and to be a support in friendship for many people in IPF, and in their own parish.

You will also read about the great work that Mary Buttell, the President of our Foundation, undertook this year to bring new people into contact with the mission of IPF. This was not a small task when our programs faced cancellation, or needed to be handled virtually due to the coronavirus. It speaks to the desire people have to be able to return to vibrant parishes. I am grateful to Mary, her team, and the many friends of IPF that worked this year at staying connected with Christ and with us.

God Bless You,



Fr. Brian Welter,
Executive Director of IPF



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How Does a Foundation Help the Institute for Priestly Formation?



In the summer of 2012, Letters of Incorporation for the Institute of Priestly Formation Foundation were filed with the state of Nebraska. As stated in the Articles of Incorporation, "The Foundation's purpose is a religious corporation formed for the exclusive support and benefit of the Institute for Priestly Formation, Inc., a non-profit corporation." A thriving foundation is essential to the future of the Institute for Priestly Formation. It is imperative we grow and nurture the IPF Foundation,

The Foundation provides financial sustainability and resources to grow the mission of the Institute.

so we grow and sustain the mission of IPF. Just as the priests of St. Joseph, renowned spiritual directors, and instructors from around the country provide sustainability to the Institute for Priestly Formation for diocesan seminarians, priests, and bishops, the Foundation provides financial sustainability and resources to grow the mission of the Institute and ensure the future of IPF.

The IPF Foundation has a combination of **Endowed Funds**, established for long term investment and growth in a diverse investment portfolio managed by professional advisors, **Purpose Restricted Funds**, established for a specific project or program

and invested in a conservative, low risk, and liquid investment portfolio under the supervision of the finance committee and oversight of the Foundation Board of Directors. **Planned Giving** are charitable gifts made during a lifetime or bequests that take effect upon death. **Memorials or Tributes** are gifts in memory of a loved one or to acknowledge a friend or family member.

The Foundation is under the corporate control of its Board of Directors. The investment of assets of the Foundation are under the guidance of the Investment Committee and are professionally managed by investment firms. This committee meets quarterly. Annually, the Investment Committee reviews and, if necessary, revises the Investment Guidelines. The Foundation Board of Directors approves the Investment Guidelines. An independent firm of public accountants annually audits the Foundation.

The IPF Foundation is the gift that keeps on giving. Just as individuals balance fiscal affairs in a household, we have an operating budget that pays the bills monthly, but we also need a savings plan for the future. This plan comes in the form of savings accounts, rainy day funds, crisis preparation, and investments for the future. How we choose to prepare that plan looks different for all of us. The Foundation is the savings plan for IPF.

*"Like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."
-1 Peter 2:5*



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In Deepest Gratitude to the Dwyers

This issue of the *Hearts on Fire* magazine, with its focus on the IPF Foundation, serves as a fitting place to honor and thank Mr. Larry Dwyer who, together with his wife, Karen, have been friends and supporters of IPF for nearly 20 years.

Larry was the first one to plant a seed in the hearts and minds of IPF leaders regarding the importance of establishing a Foundation. As Larry often said, a Foundation assures that "long after we're no longer here" the future of the Institute will be provided for.

Not only did Larry provide the vision for the Foundation, but he also generously provided the legal work for the incorporation and the elaboration of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Larry also headed up the Foundation's Board of Directors for six years. In addition, Larry designed and provided the organization for several Planned Giving Seminars which introduced local leaders in banking, insurance, and wealth management to the IPF mission, resulting in the creation of a number of estate plans which now include IPF.

The Dwyer's support of IPF goes far beyond the Foundation, however. Larry was instrumental in the growth and development of IPF's Mission Advancement Council through which many local people were introduced to the IPF mission.

Both Larry and Karen served for many years on IPF's Mission Advisory Council. As part of the Council, Karen shared her expertise in academic program evaluation to produce yearly surveys of seminarian program participants which offered testimony to the seminarians' growth in the summer weeks.

When the "Spiritual Moms" program was being created, gathering women who would pray for the summer seminarians, Larry immediately created and organized a group of "Spiritual Dads" who prayed for the IPF faculty during the summer. Both Karen and Larry have served as Spiritual Mom and Spiritual Dad for many years.

Through these and many other contributions, the Dwyers have provided a bedrock of support that will help IPF continue to grow well into the future. Thank you, to both of you!



Spiritual Moms

Women who pray for the participants of the Summer Seminar Program are needed again this year to provide the "Dome of Grace" that covers the men hoping to receive the graces God has in store for them. If you would like to be a 2021 Spiritual Mom and pray for a specific seminarian or for each of the 155 attending, you'll find more information on the IPF website, www.priestlyformation.org.



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If donors wish to see their donations go to work immediately or if they like to give where it's most needed, consider a gift to the IPF Annual Fund. Your participation makes a huge difference allowing seminarians, priests, bishops, spiritual directors, and faculty to participate in the Seminarian Summer Program, Spiritual Director Training Program, Spiritual Formation Bishops Program, Pre-Ordination Retreats, and Alumni Retreats. Contributions to the IPF Annual Fund directly support the operational budget. The fiscal year for the budget begins January 1 and ends December 31. Gifts to the IPF Annual Fund qualify as donations to a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt entity.

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IPF Presents

The Mystery of Nazareth

A “fun fact”: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, living in Nazareth, provided the inspiration for IPF’s largest and longest running program, the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians. Those hidden years of spiritual development offered Jesus the time and place to mature and prepare for his ministry. IPF strives to provide seminarians with a similar time and place.

A virtual event, premiering April 29th, led the viewers back to Nazareth. Using commentary and testimonials, the viewers were given a glimpse into the summer program in a way few, except for the annual participants, have ever experienced.

Hopefully, by the end of the 35 minute program, viewers had a deeper understanding of why it is so important for seminarians to hear for themselves the words spoken to Jesus: “You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.” And how, when they have the time and counter-cultural quiet space the summer affords, that affirmation becomes deeply embedded in their hearts, and is carried with them as they move toward priestly ministry.



The goal of the event was to raise funds to “Bridge the Gap” between tuition paid and the actual program costs for the 155 seminarians who will be invited into the Nazareth experience this summer.

If you would like to view the video explaining more as to what Nazareth and Omaha have in common, or help to Bridge the Gap, we invite you to go to the IPF website.



Fr. Brian Welter places the Blessed Sacrament on the altar during IPF's Morning of Reflection at St. Vincent De Paul Church, Omaha.

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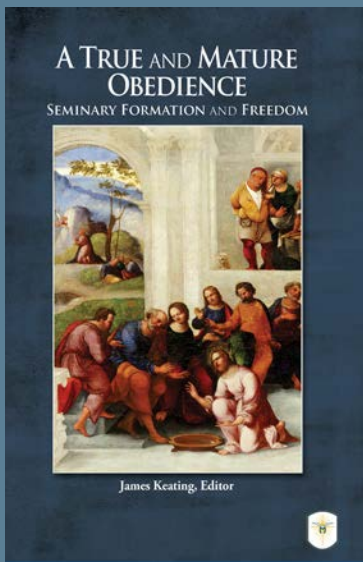
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A True and Mature Obedience: Seminary Formation and Freedom

Edited By Deacon James Keating

The real fruitfulness in priestly ministry comes not from the effectiveness of a priest's ministry and influence but through the Cross, the same way it did for Christ. And the Cross is the symbol of ministerial obedience. It is obedience that allows a priest's ministry to be God's ministry and not his own. The mystery of this obedience is explored in these essays, a mystery that first must be appropriated in clerical formation and then guarded throughout ordained life.

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Retreats at Broomtree



Despite IPF's main programs having been cancelled because of COVID-19, the Lord provided a few small windows through which IPF could be of service to priests. In October and February, spiritual directors travelled north to Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center in the Diocese of Sioux Falls where they were able to offer two silent directed retreats to priests.

The October retreat welcomed 10 priests; the February retreat welcomed 20 priests. A number of the priests were alumni of IPF programs; some were priests who had signed up for the new round of the Spiritual Direction Training Program. With that program's cancellation, they were still looking for a personal retreat for the year. As always, the prayerful atmosphere and welcoming staff at Broom Tree provided a wonderful setting for the Lord to provide graces for these priests. Thanks to Broom Tree and to the participants!



Members of IPF's Corporate Board gather for their spring meeting, joined by Fr. Brian Welter, Executive Director and Mary Buttell, President of the Foundation.

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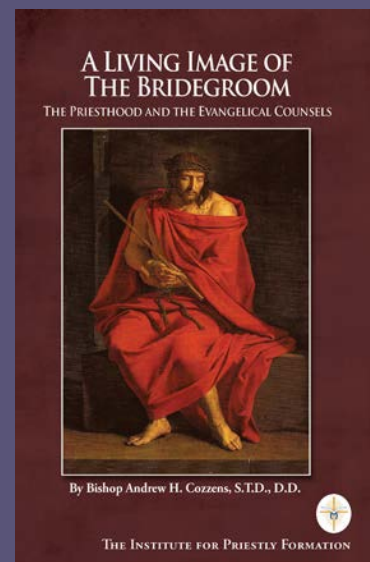
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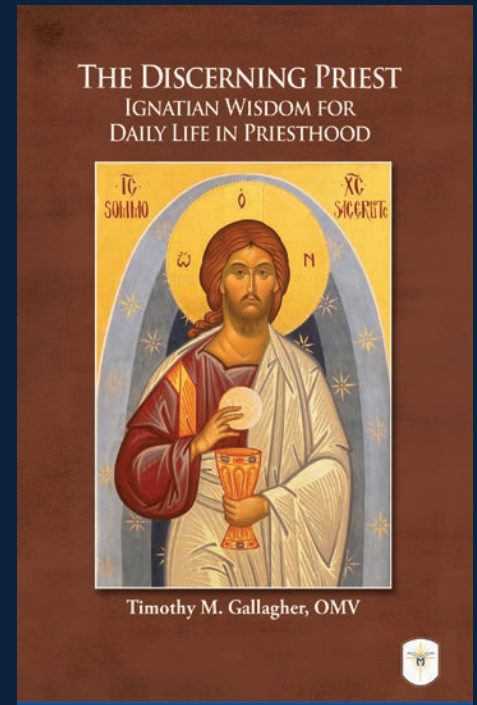
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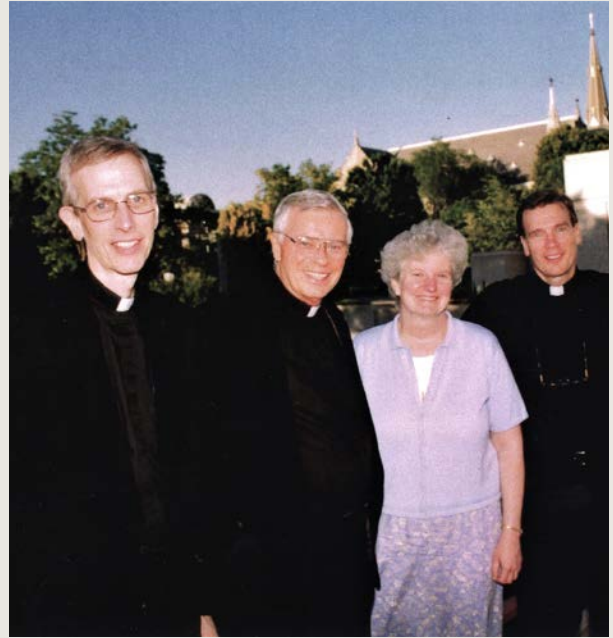
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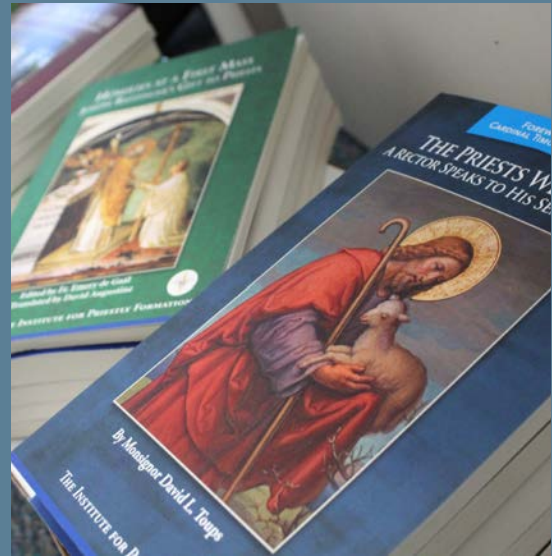
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For the third time, the Institute for Priestly Formation provided a silent directed retreat for men preparing for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. Church law requires a seminarian to make a retreat within the months leading up to ordination as a spiritual preparation for the significant step he is about to make in accepting holy orders. Twenty-six men from dioceses around the country gathered at the Pax Christi Retreat Center in Corpus Christi, Texas, from December 28 to January 6. Six priest spiritual directors accompanied them. Each seminarian had an individual daily meeting with a spiritual director. The seminarians entered into silence throughout the retreat and dedicated themselves to four hourlong prayer periods in addition to Mass each day.

The time apart with the Lord as ordination approaches roots the man in his particular identity

before the Lord and reassures him of the Lord's faithfulness to him as he prepares to offer his life in ordained service in a definitive way. In many respects the time of prayer and silence focuses not so much on the event of ordination as on deepening his personal friendship with the Lord and ever-expanding his confidence that the Lord will accompany him in all that he experiences as his priest. Often, men find comfort in the awareness that they remain poor and dependent on the Lord's providence in the midst of future ministry, without having all the answers to every situation they will encounter in priestly service. In the retreat, the Lord renews the affection and joy of the initial call the man experienced on the way to seminary and pledges to be with him in the life the ordained man and Jesus undertake together.

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Blessed Stanley Rother Pre-Ordination Retreat Fund is a purpose restricted fund for a silent directed retreat to serve seminarians approaching ordination. The silent retreat includes daily Mass, individual spiritual direction, retreat silence, and four personal prayer periods of one hour daily.

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Most priests will tell you they serve out of a love for our Lord and the desire to foster that love of God in others.

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These pages are full of people, who despite all the challenges of 2020, were enthusiastic about showing their priests they are appreciated. Their support of the Institute as a tribute to their priest includes gifts of every size.

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IPF to Offer New Spiritual Program for Bishops



Throughout its 26 year history, IPF has accompanied seminarians and priests in their spiritual lives. As our mission grows and deepens, there is a desire to offer that same service to bishops. Bishops are faced with many challenges in shepherding their dioceses, often making difficult pastoral decisions, while simultaneously desiring to remain rooted in Christ through a strong and dedicated prayer life. During 2020, we set up a consultation with a group of bishops, discussing how IPF could work to grow its mission by accompanying bishops in their spiritual lives. From discussions with those bishops, as well as internal discussions, a new program has been formed. Beginning in fall 2021, IPF will offer a spiritual formation program for bishops. Participating bishops will meet twice a year, for a span of three years. It is our hope that the first program will have 12 bishops attending. Please join us in prayer, that the fruits of this program will not only impact bishops in their personal spiritual lives, but also will provide good fruit for their dioceses and the whole Church.

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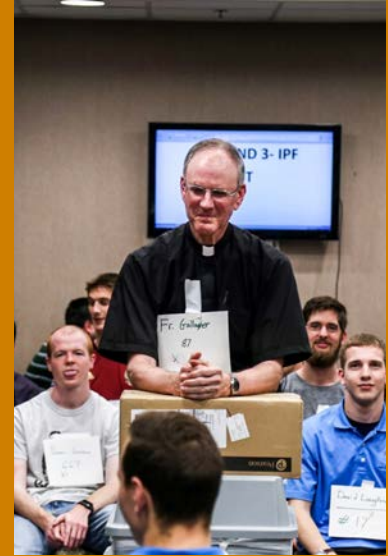
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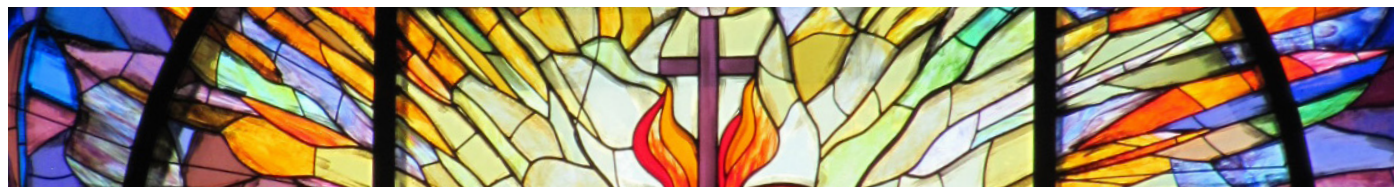
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Spiritual Direction Training Begins With New Sections in Chicago

The week of April 18th marked the return of IPF's large spiritual direction training program, hosted by the Conference Center at Mundelein Seminary in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The start of the new round of this program was delayed for a full year as a result of the pandemic. IPF's staff welcomed 75 participants from nearly 40 dioceses/religious communities to this first week of the nine-week program. The group gathers three times per year for three years. The second section of the program, with 80 participants, met during the week of May 2nd.

Full-time IPF staff members were joined by a variety of adjunct staff members who led the participants in large group presentations, small group activities, as well as providing one-on-one spiritual direction during the week.

Please keep these priests in your prayers as they continue to move through these three years, growing in their own spiritual lives so as to be of greater service to those whom they will serve as spiritual directors.



Priests attend Mass during a retreat in January 2020 at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida.

Raising Funds Throughout 2020

During the past year, almost all of our events raising needed funds for the operation of IPF were canceled including our major fundraising banquet, *A Celebration of Priesthood*, held in Omaha each year during Easter week. Both in 2020 and in 2021, the banquet was canceled. There were no seminarians on the Creighton campus in 2020 nor were there any participants in IPF's 30-day Ignatian Spiritual Exercises or the other programs generally offered during the summer months. The new session of the three-year Spiritual Direction Training program held at the Mundelein Seminary, which was set to begin in May 2020, was postponed for a full year.

But IPF still needed to raise funds. How?

IPF had to put their foot into the "virtual waters". Replacing the annual Mass, dinner, and award ceremony associated with the *St. John Paul II Fund for Priests* with a virtual event was IPF's first challenge. A pre-recorded video showcasing the recipients who received their JPII medallions after their accounts had reached the perpetual level in 2020 premiered in October. It is still on the IPF website if you missed it. Viewers responded by wanting to acknowledge other priests by opening or adding to fund accounts

in honor or memory of those who had served their parishes or families so meaningfully.

The second virtual event replaced the 2021 *Celebration of Priesthood* banquet. *IPF Presents: The Mystery of Nazareth*, through commentary and testimonies, gave viewers an inside look into the Summer Program for Diocesan Seminarians. The goal of that event was to raise enough funds to "Bridge the Gap" between what IPF charges the participants' dioceses and the actual costs of the program. That video also remains on the IPF website if you missed it or want to learn more about what Nazareth in the time of Jesus and Omaha, Nebraska share in common.

2020 was also the year Creighton University recognized the 25-year history of IPF by conferring a special award upon Fr. Richard Gabuzda, Fr. John Horn, Fr. George Aschenbrenner, and Kathy Kanavy at their (virtual) Commencement Ceremony. Those close to the founders were invited to send their congratulations and a financial token of their appreciation to IPF. The four founders were touched by the generosity by so many individuals to the Institute they cherish.

Father's Day 2020 took on a different meaning as past donors

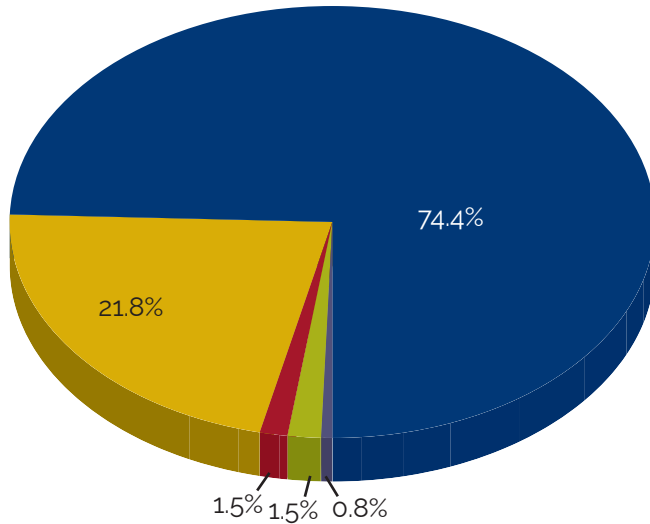
were invited to send a donation honoring a (Father) priest who had impacted their faith life. 200 priests were notified of donations made in their honor to an Institute that supports current priests in their vocation as well as encouraging the spiritual growth of future priests.

Last year, donations came to IPF in all manners, from recurring monthly contributions sent directly from banks, to a growing number of online donations, to free will offerings collected at events, to checks mailed to IPF from every state in the nation.

Some were specific to a purpose such as the St. John Paul II Fund for Priests. Some were estate gifts directed towards a specific fund in the IPF Foundation. Appreciated stock gifts and distributions from IRAs are more and more common.

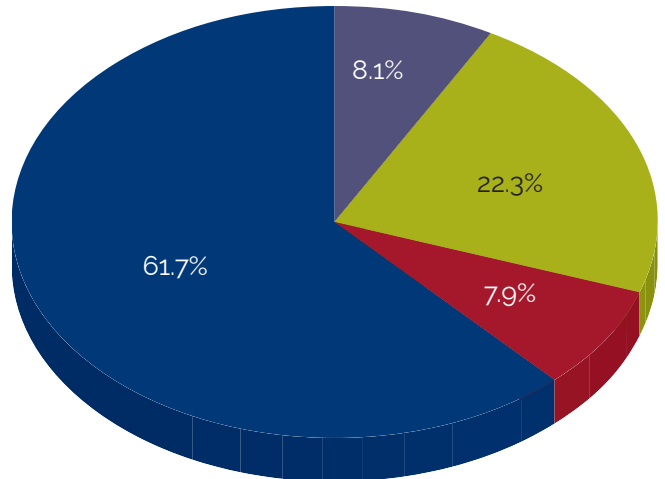
Every single gift, no matter the amount or its specific intention, is needed, valued, and greatly appreciated. Seeing firsthand the generosity of so many, the love they have for their priests, and their desire for future priests to be well nourished in their spiritual growth is tremendously edifying. Your loyalty to the mission and work of IPF is remarkable.

2020 Revenues



Contributions & Special Events	\$955,591
Program Fees, Tuition, Room & Board	\$280,757
Investment Income	\$19,603
Other Auxiliary Income	\$19,056
Grants	\$10,000
Total	\$1,285,008

2020 Expenses



Program Expenses	\$756,436
Fundraising	\$99,057
Support to IPF Foundation	\$273,617
General and Administrative	\$96,785
Total	\$1,225,895

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

Thank You for Meeting the Challenge

At the end of 2020, a year that was particularly challenging to non-profit organizations, you, our donors, were especially generous. There were several individuals who, recognizing the challenges IPF had faced in having to cancel its annual programs, not only wanted to help IPF meet its financial challenges but were hopeful that others would be inspired to match their gifts which together totaled \$150,000.

They were not disappointed. A mailing with a message of hope during Advent 2020 was mailed to IPF's constituents including past program participants, alumni, those serving the Church as bishops

and vocation directors, and our beloved laity, who understand the importance of IPF's mission: to work in collaboration with Catholic seminaries and dioceses to form priests and bishops in holiness while accompanying them in their ongoing spiritual growth so they can more effectively lead others to Christ.

The donations began to arrive in December and continued through January 2021. Not only did our generous donors meet the challenge, but they exceeded it by over \$75,000! Gifts were sent from 41 states, 2 Canadian provinces, and from Rome! Half were from local supporters and half from outside

the Omaha metro. Archbishops and Bishops sent personal donations. Two archdioceses and two dioceses donated to the match. Almost 200 priest alumni responded to IPF's appeal for funds. A total of over 700 donations were received gratefully by IPF.

IPF wishes to thank the donors who wished to challenge other IPF supporters and match their challenge dollars. We can't say thank you often enough to them and to you, our loyal supporters. May God bless you for your generosity and prayers for this important work for the Church and her priesthood.

IPF Permanently Endowed Purpose Restricted Funds

- Holy Spirit Programs Fund
- St. Teresa of Calcutta Spiritual Directors and Instructors Fund
In Honor of Msgr. John Esseff
 - Esseff Foundation
 - Rev. James Swertley Estate
- St. John Vianney IPF Founders Fund
In Honor of the IPF Founders
 - Inez Throener Estate
- St. Catherine of Siena Theological Formation Fund
In Honor of Deacon James Keating
 - Lou and Rosemary Oberndorf
- St. John Paul II Fund for Priests

Establish a Named Fund in either an Endowed or Non-Endowed Purpose Restricted Fund as a way to honor or keep in memory an individual, couple, or family (minimum \$25,000). Gifts of any amount can also be given to established named funds.

IPF Annual Fund

- Scholarships
- Tuition
- Clergy Retreats
- Operations Budget
- Where Most Needed

IPF Non-Endowed Purpose Restricted Funds

- St. Joseph and Mary Seminarian Fund
 - Msgr. Francis Kubart Trust Estate
- St. Paul Communication and Publication Fund
 - Msgr. Francis Kubart Trust Estate
 - Rev. James Swertley Estate
- St. Ignatius of Loyola Spiritual Direction Training Fund
In Honor of Rev. James McCormick
 - Richard and Mary Pat McCormick
- Nazareth House Fund
 - Allyn L. and Charlotte Wiebelhaus
- St. Charles Borromeo Spiritual Program for Bishops Fund
 - Rev. James Swertley Estate
- Blessed Stanley Rother Pre-Ordination Retreat Fund
 - Rev. James Swertley Estate
- St. John Paul II Fund for Priests
 - Larry and Karen Dwyer

Sacred Heart of Jesus Legacy Society

A unique opportunity to support the mission of the IPF Foundation or Institute during your lifetime or beyond. Making provisions with a Planned Gift or through your estate will secure the future of Catholic priests for generations to come.

Each of the IPF Foundation Funds works to support a unique aspect of the mission of IPF. The details on the individual funds can be found in the magazine on the pages listed below:

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ▶ May 19, 2021
Joy of Giving Day with the Archdiocese of Omaha
- ▶ May 30, 2021
IPF Summer Program for Spiritual Formation of Diocesan Seminarians Begins
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
- ▶ June 11, 2021
Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors Program Begins
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
- ▶ June 27, 2021
Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, 30-Day Silent Retreat Begins
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
- ▶ September 19 - 24, 2021
Spiritual Formation Program for Bishops
Joseph and Mary Retreat House, Mundelein Seminary, Chicago, IL