

Adopt A Seminarian

The Piarist Fathers - U.S.A. Province

Seminarians are vital in continuing the work of the Piarist Fathers in the United States. Currently the Piarists' USA Province has eighteen seminarians and expects more in the near future. The Piarist Fathers are currently exploring different avenues to help finance the formation program of the current and future seminarians. The cost to educate a seminarian per year is approximately \$12,000. With your generous contribution, you can become partners with the Piarist Fathers in this noble cause.

Listed below are suggested levels of giving for The Adopt A Seminarian Program.

St. Joseph Calasanctius	\$12,000
St. Pompilio Pirrotti	\$ 6,000
Blessed Peter Casani	\$ 3,000
Blessed Dionisio Pamplona	\$ 1,000
Blessed Faustino Miguez	\$ 500
Blessed Manuel Segura	\$ 100
Friends of the Piarists	Below \$100

Deacon Nelson



Age: 54

Year of formation: 8th (Teaching at Devon Prep)

Special Hobbies and Interests: Reading, playing ping pong and cycling.

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “Be perseverant. Be as close to Jesus as possible. Without any doubt He will guide you.”

Brother Ivan

Age: 32

Year of Formation: 7th (Theology)

Favorite Formation Moments: Prayer time, academic studies, and participation in the Calasanzian ministry of teaching poor youth.

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “Do not be afraid. Give yourself the opportunity to seek, and you shall find your true happiness.”



Brother Javier



Age: 38

Year of formation: 8th (Theology)

Place of Study: St. Joseph's Seminary

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: "I encourage you to come join us and enjoy the wonderful experience of being involved with children, especially the poor. Help them live their lives as good Christians."

Hobbies and Interests: Playing soccer and tennis, history and counseling.

Brother Federico

Age: 36

Year of Formation: 5th (Philosophy)

Favorite Formation Moment: Prayer time and solitude, the preparation of children for Holy Communion.

Special Hobbies and Interests: Bible study and discussion.

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: "Do not be afraid to take the first step. Have confidence and trust in the Lord and your own intuition. Pray to God and be faithful as you discover your way."



Brother Fidel



Age: 33

Year of formation: 5th (Philosophy)

Why do you want to be a Piarist: “I feel I can find happiness in being a priest and ministering to people in need. I feel a calling to help today’s youth grow to be people of God.”

Special Hobbies and Interests: Swimming and the study of Geography

Brother Francisco

Age: 29

Year of formation: 5th (Philosophy)

Favorite Piarist formation moment: “The Eucharist, prayer, school and the community.”

Hobbies: Reading, writing, computers and photography

Favorite formation moments: The Eucharist, prayer, studies and community life.



Brother Gilberto



Age: 34

Year of formation: 5th (Philosophy)

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “Do not lose the opportunity to know God through service to children and the poor people in society.”

Hobbies: Country music, sports and television

Brother Isaac

Age: 30

Year of formation: 3rd (Philosophy)

Favorite formation moment: “The Eucharist and community prayers.”

Hobbies and interests: Sports, Reading and writing my reflections.

Advice to someone interested in being a

Piarist: “Come to know the community and fall in love with the Calasanzian spirit!”



Brother Martin



Age: 36

Year of formation: 3rd (Philosophy)

Why do you want to be a Piarist?

“To answer the need for priests in this country, and the ability to evangelize through the Word and by example.”

Favorite formation moments: The Eucharist and the study of Christology.

Brother Nicolas

Age: 31

Year of formation: 5th (Philosophy)

Advice to someone interested in becoming

a Piarist: “Let yourself be guided by the Lord’s hand and by the Holy Spirit. Through deep prayer seek His will.”

Favorite formation moments: CCD and the preparation of children for their Holy Communion



Brother Edgar



Age: 26

Year of formation: 2nd (Novitiate)

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “I would suggest they participate in one of the vocation discernment retreats offered by the Piarists; to develop a desire to get to know the charisma of the Order.

Hobbies: My special hobby is music, particularly the guitar and piano. In addition, I enjoy studying history and languages.

Brother Jose

Age: 24

Year of formation: 2nd (Novitiate)

Favorite formation moment: “I enjoy coming together in community prayer. I also enjoy the time I engage in common projects with my fellow seminarians.”

Why do you want to be a Piarist? “I would like to serve the Lord by teaching other people academically as well as spiritually by means of the priestly ministry.”



Brother Norberto



Age: 35

Year of formation: 2nd (Novitiate)

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “I would invite the individual to listen to his inner voice and to place all his trust in God and in himself. I would also remind him that the voice of God takes shape when we assume attitudes of service, mercy, compassion, forgiveness and love of others.”

Favorite formation moment: “The favorite moments in the process of my formation are prayer, the Holy Eucharist as

well as a permanent attitude of openness to the Lord so that He may dwell in my heart and be present in all I do and am.”

Brother Ruben

Age: 26

Year of formation: 2nd (Novitiate)

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “Contact the Vocation Director in order to receive further information about the Piarists. Put in your mind and heart the desire to serve others before self.”

Favorite formation moment: Lectures on our founder, St. Joseph Calasanctius; time of prayer and time of camaraderie with my fellow seminarians.



Cervando



Age: 25

Year of formation: 4th (Pre-Novitiate)

Why do you want to be a Piarist? “To experience the happiness of teaching and educating children to lead a Christian life.”

Favorite formation moments: Bible meditation

Special Hobbies and Interests: Cultivating plants and fruit trees

Jesús

Age: 26

Year of formation: 4th (Pre-Novitiate)

Why do you want to be a Piarist?

“To help poor children get an education.”

Hobbies: Sports, playing the guitar and speaking Quiche (native Guatemalan language).

Favorite formation moments: Personal prayer, daily Eucharist and the human formation classes

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “To be persistent in your vocation.”



Manuel



Age: 26

Year of formation: 3rd (Pre-Novitiate)

Favorite formation moment: “The human Formation classes and the opportunity to study the life of St. Joseph Calasanz.”

Special interests: “The preparation of liturgical celebrations.”

Pedro

Age: 28

Year of formation: 1st (Pre-Novitiate)

Advice to someone interested in becoming a

Piarist: “I believe in the Piarist charism. I try to be a witness of that with my own life. I encourage those who might be interested in the Piarists to come and see.”

Why do you want to be a Piarist? “I want to walk with the Piarists, because I feel identified with them. I want to serve the needy with them.”

