Religious Vocations

- 49 seminarians are currently preparing to serve as priests in our parishes.
- 87 permanent deacons currently serve in the Diocese of Arlington, and an additional 11 men are currently participating in the Diaconate Formation Program.
- Quo Vadis and FIAT Discernment Camps for high school boys and girls once again filled to capacity of 115 for each event. These events offer opportunities for young people to discern God's call to religious, married or single life through prayer and recreation.
- Additional fun and formative events are held throughout the year with seminarians and religious sisters to encourage men and women in their discernment process.

"I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude for the generosity of those who financially support my priestly formation. It is because of their generosity that I am able to respond generously myself and be formed into a priest after the Sacred Heart of Jesus."
- Jonathan Smith

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 276 total priests currently serving in our diocese, this includes 59 religious order priests and 6 Eastern Rite priests.
- This past year, 7 young men and women from the diocese entered religious life bringing the total to 75 men and women who are in formation with religious orders!
- 125 Women Religious and 6 Religious Brothers serve our diocese

"Without the support we receive from the BLA, my ability to respond to God's call in my life would be all but impossible, so I am incredibly indebted to the people of the diocese. Thank you for helping me walk this unique path alongside Christ!"
- Daniel Reuwer

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