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Jubilee Year Pilgrimages

This summer, all the seminarians of the Diocese of Bridgeport joined His Excellency, Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and some benefactors of the diocese, on a pilgrimage to Rome, Orvieto and Assisi in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope. It was a spiritually edifying experience during which we spent time with our brothers who live and study elsewhere. One of the highlights of the trip was our visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta in Orvieto, Italy. There, on the feast of St. James the Apostle, Sebastián Sanmiguel López received the Ministry of Acolyte during a Eucharist presided over by Bishop Caggiano, who urged us to remember that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve, and that we can also drink from His chalice, as St. James did.





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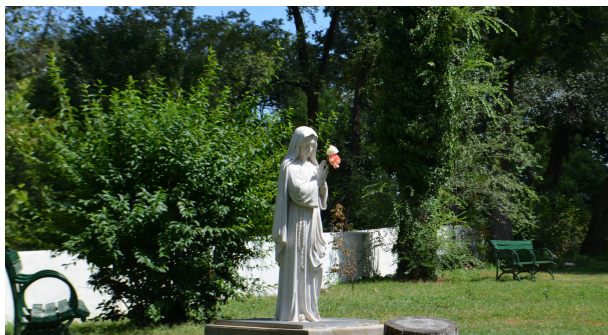
To participate in the Jubilee of Youth with Pope Leo XIV, the seminarians then traveled to join their respective Neocatechumenal communities who were also on pilgrimage visiting shrines across Europe. They were present at the Pope's Mass on August 3 and for the vocational meeting with the international team of the Neocatechumenal Way in Rome the following day, where more than 10,000 men and women openly accepted the call to actively discern a religious vocation or to be sent as missionaries anywhere in the world. To conclude their pilgrimage, they celebrated the Eucharist alongside the itinerant team responsible for the Neocatechumenal communities in the United States and the American pilgrims in the plaza of the oldest Marian Shrine in Germany: the Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting.





Pilgrimage to Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

On August 24, our seminary visited the shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in New York City for its annual beginning of the academic year pilgrimage. Upon arrival, we prayed the liturgy of the hours, learned about the missionary life of Mother Cabrini, and asked her for the graces necessary to continue our diocesan missionary formation. Afterwards, we processed around the grounds of the shrine praying the rosary, asking the Blessed Mother to help us begin another year of studies well.



Welcoming our New Seminarians

This year, many young men who participated in pilgrimages to Rome for the Jubilee Year also attended the convicence for seminarians given by the Neocatechumenal Way's international team. Three new brothers have been assigned to our house of formation: Joaquín Raphael Allí José from the Turks and Caicos Islands, Erwin Adonai Castañeda-Rojas from Colorado and Josué Alexis Enamorado from Texas.



Bishop's Visit

On September 26, the feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damien, Bishop Caggiano visited the seminary to speak one-on-one with all the seminarians and celebrate the Eucharist with us. He explained to us that these saints were doctors who lived in radical holiness, freely serving whoever was in need without counting the cost. He encouraged us to generously give ourselves in all that we do. Afterwards, we discussed the ongoing school semester with him over a shared meal.



Open House 2025

This year's open house brought both familiar friends and new guests of the seminary together. We are grateful to all those who attended and we pray that God continues to bless all those who support our seminary.



DECEMBER 12
Sts. Peter & Paul
824 Brook Ave.
Bronx, NY
7:00 PM

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INVITES YOU TO OUR
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St. Joachim
544 Main St.
New Britain, CT
6:00 PM

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St. Leo
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5:30 PM

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