

PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION

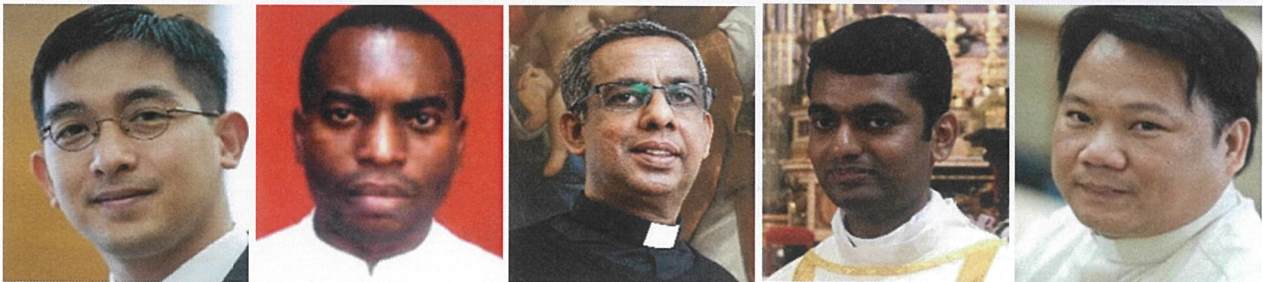


Over 8,000 seminarians and priests from about 120 countries are currently studying at Pontifical Universities and Ecclesiastical Athenaeums in Rome. Many of them are from developing countries and can study in Rome only if given financial support.

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation was established in 1999 to offer scholarships to students at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, including those from Australia. Since its establishment, the Foundation has offered scholarships to more than 50 students for Africa, South America, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Philippines.

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross was started in 1984 as an Athenaeum with 42 students by Blessed Álvaro del Portillo, prompted by Pope St John Paul II and inspired by St Josemaría Escrivá. In 1998, when the Athenaeum had grown to four Faculties, one Institute and over 1,000 students, St John Paul II raised it to the rank of Pontifical University.

Currently the University has some 1,400 students from 90 countries, and it has reached a high level of academic achievement. More than 70 of its former students have been made bishops and 2 have been appointed cardinals.



Recent scholarship holders funded by the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

Students in Rome have top professors, live close to the Holy Father, mix with students from six continents, are deeply immersed in the millennial Catholic culture, and acquire a universal view of the Church.

As is well known, the education of priests is of vital importance for the Church. Pope Benedict XVI said that *“without well-prepared priests the New Evangelisation will be just a slogan.”* And Pope Francis has declared: *“Priestly formation is decisive for the mission of the church: the renewal of the faith is possible only if we have well-formed priests.”*



Please assist in this work by leaving a legacy to the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation

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