



PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY CROSS FOUNDATION

## PLEASE HELP SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS TO STUDY IN ROME

Rome plays a major role in the education of the clergy: 90% of all bishops have received advanced training in the capital of Christianity. Popes Pius XI, Pius XII, St. John XXIII, Saint Paul VI, and Saint John Paul II studied in Rome.

Popes have stressed that the education of the clergy is of vital importance to the Church.

**St. John Paul II:** *"The formation of future priests ...is considered by the Church as one of the most demanding and important tasks for the future of the evangelisation of humanity."* (*Pastores dabo vobis*).

**Pope Francis:** *"Priestly formation is decisive for the mission of the church: the renewal of the faith is possible only if we have well-formed priests."* (address at a Vatican Conference, Oct. 2017)

At present, around 1,400 seminarians and priests from over 90 countries are studying at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, started in Rome as an Academic Centre in 1984 by Bishop Blessed Álvaro del Portillo at the promptings of St. John Paul II.

Many priests and seminarians from developing countries are disadvantaged to study in Rome due to the costs. This Foundation seeks donations to provide them with scholarships opening their path to a higher education.

The cost of a scholarship is €10,500 (about \$A17,000) for one year of study. If the student passes his exams, the scholarship is renewed till he finishes his degree.

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