



New formators on board

St. John Vianney Fund, established in 2017 following Archbishop's Dinner for the purpose of furthering education for seminarians and priests, has borne fruit in a major way with the addition of two new formators this fall.

Fr. Davide Lanzani (bottom row second to the right in photo above) began his tenure as Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary in August, continuing the work of Fr. Gilbert Nunez who oversaw the work of establishing the presence of the seminarians from the Neocatechumenal Way in Vancouver during the last seven years. Native in Rome, Fr. Davide recently finished two licentiate degrees in Missiology and Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

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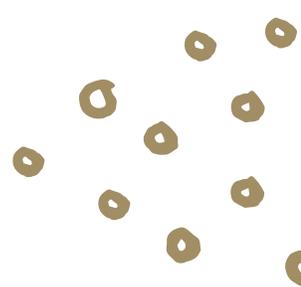
I am very happy to serve the Lord in the formation to the priesthood as I was happy to serve Him in my last assignments: assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver and at St. Mary's in Chilliwack, and further studies in Rome. – Fr. Davide

After several years of study, **Fr. Bryan Duggan** (bottom row first to the left in photo above) has returned to ministry in the Archdiocese having completed a doctorate in Clinical Psychology at The Institute for Psychological Sciences – Divine Mercy University. A former Director of Vocations, Fr. Bryan is developing a new area of ministry for the diocese with a focus on supporting seminarians and young priests' growth and human development. His role includes assisting with the human formation of our seminarians, providing psychological assessments and growth counseling, and teaching principles of general mental health and pastoral counseling. Fr. Bryan works closely with the Office of Vocations and the two seminaries in our Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is indeed blessed by the generous support of the St. John Vianney Fund and our many benefactors who help us both financially and through prayer.



Priestly Ordination of Fr. Raffaele Salvino



Hundreds flock to joyful cathedral ordination as restrictions lifted
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“Joy, exuberant joy, marks this day of priestly ordination, a day when we are also experiencing the thrill of our cathedral once again filled with worshippers,” Archbishop Miller said at the ordination Mass.

Fr. Raffaele Salvino was ordained a Priest at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver by Archbishop Miller on July 3rd, 2021. An estimated 750 people attended the joyous event in person along with thousands who live streamed the mass.

Fr. Salvino reflected on the date of his ordination – the Feast of St. Thomas, “We call him ‘the doubter.’ Despite having walked, followed, and lived close to Jesus for three years, he had a moment of doubt. Christ appeared to him in this moment of doubt so that he would believe, and he went on to a wonderful, fulfilling life as an apostle and preached the Gospel far and wide,” he said. “I share a certain kinship with St. Thomas.” When thanking those who have supported him, he remarked, “I can simply say thank you. I’m deeply grateful and overwhelmed in this moment but God in his goodness has never ever left me alone.”

Fr. Salvino is now an assistant pastor at St. Matthew’s Parish in Surrey. (*Read [full article](#) on [bccatholic.ca](#)*)



Two new seminarians join the Archdiocese

Two local men courageously took the step of entering seminary during the pandemic, bringing the total number of seminarians to 21. Both Nathan and Santiago entered the first year of Arts at Seminary of Christ the King in September.



Nathan Ticman grew up in Richmond and attended a public high school until Gr. 11. Encouraged by his pastor, he joined the Minor Seminary in Mission last year for Gr. 12 and recently graduated. His home parish is Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church.



Santiago Ruiz Cruz grew up in Bogotá, Colombia. Serving at Mass helped him foster deep respect for the priesthood and a desire to give his whole life to God and His people. He had attended the Minor Seminary for three years prior to becoming a seminarian of the Archdiocese. His home parish is All Saints Parish.

Discerners' hike

New discerners continue to inquire about the priesthood in the Archdiocese. Fr. Paul has been meeting with them individually and as a group monthly throughout the pandemic.

Fr. Paul, Fr. Hien Nguyen, and Seminarian Peter van Leeuwen organized a hiking trip to Stawamus Chief Trail (a.k.a. "The Chief") in June for twelve young men who are discerning the priesthood. They were a happy bunch, as it was the first time they could gather in person as a group since the pandemic began.

They prayed the Midday Prayer from the Breviary together and enjoyed their lunch and the beautiful scenery once they reached the top of the mountain.

For some of the discerners, it was also a chance to kindly accompany Fr. Paul during the hike, which was probably more challenging for him than he would like to admit.



Summer seminarian formation

All six senior seminarians were placed in parishes for pastoral internship from May to August as follows: Jerome Robles at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, William Mancao at Saint Mary of the Angels Parish in Toronto, Patrick Le at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver, Medard Kamanzi in Yukon, Solomon Nguyen at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond, and Daniel Rodriguez at Christ the Redeemer Parish.

Fr. Paul organized "Meet the Pastors", a series of online and in-person meet-ups, designed to strengthen the diocesan identity of the seminarians. During the summer they met with six pastors who shared personal joys and sorrows of their priesthood as well as many nuggets of wisdom from their decades of experience in pastoral ministry.

On August 28th, Archbishop Michael instituted Patrick Le in the ministry of Acolyte and Medard Kamanzi in the ministry of Lector, as they took another key step of affirming their calling. Archbishop Michael held a Q&A session with the seminarians and discerners who were also in attendance, followed by a BBQ dinner.



Remembering the victims of the residential school

The seminarians and staff of Seminary of Christ the King visited the former St. Mary's Indian Residential School in Mission on the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. They learned about the history of the school, the students, and the culture of the First Nations. We are grateful to Aboriginal Education for Mission School District #75 for their hospitality and to Seminary of Christ the King for initiating and organizing the field trip.

New website for the Vocations Office

The official website for the Vocations Office got a much-needed face-lift since its initial launch over ten years ago. Mobile-friendly, the new website offers discerners a three-step itinerary for their discernment.

First, they are invited to take the Discernment Survey to self-assess their readiness for discernment. Second, they are encouraged to meet with the Vocations Director and to join the discernment group for accompaniment. Third, they can sign up for the next Seminary Live-In to learn about priestly formation.

Since the "soft launch" in July, i.e. with no advertising, more than a dozen new discerners have taken the survey. Now, inviting someone to consider the priesthood is as simple as sharing the website address www.vocationsvancouver.ca. Fr. Paul is planning to advertise the website among the young people of the Archdiocese in the coming months. If you know someone who might be a suitable candidate for priesthood, please tell him about the website!

