



# REDEMPTORIS MATER

Newsletter of the Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Philadelphia

## 2025 Christmas Concert



**W**e concluded another fantastic year with our ninth annual Christmas Concert here at the seminary on December 21<sup>st</sup>, after some Panettone and Hot Chocolate beforehand. We thank all the families of the seminarians and friends of the seminary who traveled from afar to be with us as we celebrated the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ in song. Hope to see you here next year!

### SCS Christmas Tour

**T**his year, we accompanied Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on a Christmas tour to various religious retirement homes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



### Visit of Juan Pablo's Parents to the Seminary



**I**t was a pleasure to host the parents of Juan Pablo at the seminary. Coming from Colombia, they stayed a week in Philadelphia, got to travel to New York, and saw the seminary and the Christmas Concert. They also cooked dinner for the seminary after the concert. May the Lord bless them.

## Pope Leo's Meeting with Neocatechumenal Way Itinerants



**P**ope Leo XIV received Kiko, Ascension, Fr. Mario, and over 1,000 itinerant catechists from across the globe in the Vatican at the beginning of the year. Fr. Javier and Fr. Mariano attended a week long convence in Porto San Giorgio, concluding with this meeting in the Hall of Blessings.

*"I would like to express my gratitude to the families who, responding to the inner prompting of the Spirit, leave behind the security of ordinary life and set out on mission, even to distant and difficult territories, with the sole desire to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness to God's love... I thank you for your commitment, for your joyful witness, and for the service you render to the Church and to the world. I encourage you to continue with enthusiasm, and I bless you, invoking upon you the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that she may accompany and protect you. Thank you!" - Leo XIV*

## 2026 Vianney Cup at Saint Mary's Seminary



**O**n March 21<sup>st</sup>, we competed alongside Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in a soccer tournament against other seminaries in Baltimore. We also celebrated Mass and had lunch at the seminary with the other seminarians who participated. Please pray for all the seminarians around us.

## Farewell of Francisco & Teresita Rodriguez



**A**fter serving 10 years as a family in mission at the seminary, Francisco and Teresita Rodriguez are returning back home to Houston, Texas. We thank them for all of their volunteer service and dedication to the seminary. Pray for them as they continue their mission back at home.

## Annual Easter Pilgrimage to Buffalo



**O**n April 7<sup>th</sup>, we travelled to Buffalo for our yearly Easter pilgrimage. We visited Bishop Mike Fisher and the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, as well as the Shrines of Our Lady of Victory and Our Lady of Martyrs. We also toured Niagara Falls and returned to the seminary on the 9<sup>th</sup> after seeing a baseball game at Citi Field in New York. As we prayed together and celebrated the Eucharist, we prayed for all of our friends and benefactors who support our seminary. We also asked the Lord for strength to finish the school year and prepare us for the upcoming summer. Pray for us!

### Priest Pilgrimage to Greece

**F**rom the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, Fr. Javier, Fr. Mariano, and RMS priests from the Philadelphia and Washington area attended a pilgrimage in Greece, following the route of Saint Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey. May the Lord continue to strengthen them in their vocations as priests of his Church and make them instruments for the New Evangelization.



## Visit of Archbishop Nelson Pérez



**W**e had the honor of having Archbishop Nelson Perez, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, visit our house for vespers and dinner on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. May the Lord continue guiding and blessing him and his work in the Archdiocese as the Shepherd of the Church of Philadelphia.

### Celebration of the Ministry of Acolyte

**O**n May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Camilo received the Ministry of Acolyte along with other seminarians and permanent deacons. May God continue to accompany him as he continues in his formation and prepares to begin itinerancy next year.



### 2026 Baccalaureate Mass + Concursus/Graduation



**T**his year, Jose completed his BA in Philosophy and will begin his Theological Studies next semester. The Mass was celebrated at Saint Charles Seminary on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Graduation took place at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church the next day. May God always bless him.

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*Friends of the Seminary  
Benefit Dinner*

*In support of the  
Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Philadelphia*

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - 5:00PM

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Springfield, PA 19064

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