

REACHING OUT WEDNESDAYS

Topic: Seminarian Stipends

Archdiocese of Detroit: 12 Monthly stipends of: \$200 per student. We cover their health insurance, if needed, but all other expenses are the responsibility of the student. Special cases are sometimes handled through my office....such as, travel needs of a foreign student.

Archdiocese of New Orleans: We extend stipends to our seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary to help cover individual entertainment and travel expenses, especially car insurance, which is not provided for them. We have some expectation that their families and parishes help them out financially to a certain degree, but recognize that they will need help on occasion. We give them \$100 per month and, in addition, they receive help from the Knights of Columbus, usually about \$500 per year (although some have more than 1 KC sponsor). We also have funds available for them that they can request when the need arises (i.e. dental work, car trouble, etc.).

Diocese of Raleigh: Summer Stipend = \$2000, Support from Knights of Columbus Councils through RSVP program (depending on how many Councils participate and number of seminarians), Text book allowance = \$800 (\$400 per semester), 2 round trip tickets / travels to and from the seminary, Health insurance for pre-theologians and theologians.

Diocese of Oakland: \$175/mo during school year. \$650/mo during pastoral year. \$350/mo during the summer for those with an F-1 visa (they are not allowed to work during summer). These are for personal living expenses only. Health insurance, etc are paid by the diocese.

Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS: Our seminarians get stipends three times a year. In August they get \$300 for textbooks if they are new and were working over the summer. If they are current seminarians they get the book stipend and \$750 to help with personal expenses. In December all seminarians get the \$300 for books and \$750 for other expenses. In the summer most seminarians receive income for their assignment such as Totus Tuus or working at our Catholic camp, and are paid by them. If they are assisting in a parish we ask the parish to pay them \$300 per month and provide \$40 per week for gas money. This year we paid a summer stipend of \$900 to those at IPF or away for Spanish immersion, since they wouldn't have a way to earn money in a parish. Seminarians also get stipends from local Serra Clubs. In December we take the monies given us by the four Serra clubs, and donations to a seminarian fund – add them up, then divide that by the number of seminarians. They each receive \$800 to \$1,000 depending on the year. In the summer one Serra Club gives each seminarian about \$200. They also receive some help from the Knights of Columbus. We expect seminarians to pay their textbook and personal expenses such as co-pays, deductibles, gas, travel home, etc. If they are hard hit by unusual expenses such as major car repairs or unexpected medical costs, we ask them to notify the Director of Seminarians and request assistance. That is handled on a case by case basis. For a Mexican seminarian we will cover air travel costs on his reasonable request.

Archdiocese of Denver: \$275/month = \$3300/year (given monthly) to cover costs of transportation, living expenses, auto insurance, incidentals.

Diocese of Fall River: We give our seminarians \$450 per semester for books. So, that's \$900 per academic year. Our seminarians in Rome receive \$1,500 per semester. So, that's \$3,000 per academic year. That's also called a "book stipend." The higher amount is supposed to compensate for the Euro-Dollar exchange rate; but, I'm sure it's also intended to help them do a little traveling around Europe, which is part of the overall experience of studying at the North American College.

- Diocese of Joliet: 1) We give \$150 per month during the school year to all of our theologians to cover personal expenses (car, clothing, phone). We cover their insurance, books, tuition, etc.
- 2) For foreign-born seminarians, we give them \$200 per month since they don't have the family support here.
- 3) We give the men studying in Rome \$250 per month because things are more expensive there.
- 4) Then we give all of our seminarians who are participating in some kind of formation during the summer a stipend of \$1500 (Totus Tuus, IPF, CPE, Mexico, etc.)