

REACHING OUT WEDNESDAYS

Topic: Fees for Counseling

The Diocese of Toledo has had seminarians undergo counseling, but we don't recall a time when this would have been solely at the request of the seminary. Usually we recommend counseling, or the seminary and the diocese agree that counseling is in order. In these cases, the diocese has paid for the counseling.

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon: in our Archdiocese if a person is requested to go to counseling by the seminary, the seminary first speaks to either the vocation director or bishop and if we as an archdiocese feels that our seminarian would benefit from such counseling we would agree with the seminary and because he is from our Archdiocese we would pay for the counseling. If a seminary would send a seminarian to counseling without consultation with the Archdiocese then I would imagine the seminary would pay for such sessions (I have never found this to be the case). We support the formation process and feel it is our responsibility to pay for the care of the seminarian. Bottom line: Consultation, Knowledge and Agreement lead to our responsibility to pay for the counseling of our seminarians.

Diocese of Sioux Falls: We have no formal policy on paying for counseling as it has not been a huge issue for us. We have covered the cost of counseling when it was recommended by the Seminary or requested by the seminarian.

Diocese of Fresno: If the seminarian is in good standing and needs this as part of his formation, our diocese will cover the extra amount not covered by insurance.

Archdiocese of Kansas City-Kansas: We do pay for counseling recommended for any seminarians.

Diocese of Jefferson City: Diocese pays what insurance will not cover if the seminary recommends counseling. If the seminarian wants it or diocese sees the need, the diocese pays what insurance will not cover.

Diocese of Fargo: We take care of counseling costs for our seminarians if insurance doesn't cover it.