

Benefitting Seminarian Education

Watch Party Guide

For those unable to attend in person, Taste of Faith will be livestreamed Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. on <u>tasteoffaith.org</u>. Would you consider helping to promote this event by inviting your friends to participate? Perhaps you might consider hosting a Zoom or Facebook watch party.

Through your prayers and support for vocations in the Diocese of Little Rock, we are hoping to make this year's Taste of Faith a successful event by allowing everyone to participate online. We need your help in inviting your friends and family to this virtual event. Encourage them to watch from the comfort of their own home.

A few ideas you might consider: Invite some guests to a Zoom party or a Facebook watch party to enjoy the event together virtually. Or, if you choose, have an in-person watch party in your home or backyard.

As a virtual host you play a vital role in the success of this event, but more importantly, in the formation and education of many candidates for the priesthood. With eight new seminarians this year, we now have a total of 24 seminarians. This is definitely a blessing worth celebrating! There will be no tickets or any special, financial record-keeping to worry about. Your role is important as a host to making this year's virtual Taste of Faith a success.

We ask that you do the following:

- Please invite friends to watch the event live at 7:30 p.m. Have fun!
- Send "Save-the Date" reminders to your guests as they accept the invitation via mail, Facebook, Zoom, etc. and with all friends and family you may come in contact with.
- Confirm your RSVPs with these guests by reminding them personally by phone, text, e-mail or social media a couple days before the event.
- Keep a separate list of those unable to commit to watch but who have said they would like to receive more information about the seminarian fund.
- If you would like pledge cards and envelopes for your watch party, contact Dianne Brady, diocesan development director, at <u>dbrady@dolr.org</u> or (501) 664-0340. Completed pledge cards and envelopes can be collected at the party, and you can mail them to: Dianne Brady, Taste of Faith, Diocese of Little Rock, P.O. Box 7565, Little Rock, AR 72217.
- Send your guests a thank you note for attending and if possible, call them to get their feedback on the event.

Sample Invitation Script

"Hello, ______, I'd like to invite you to a livestreamed Taste of Faith watch party on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Please join me as a guest in my ______ (location: home/address, via Zoom Party or Facebook watch party), to honor and support the seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock.

This is a live, Taste of Faith watch party for us to come and learn about our seminarians and get to know them. (Did you know we now have a total of 24 seminarians?) You will watch a fun and entertaining program that will help you get to know our 8 new seminarians and learn more about their formation. You will also hear from Father Jeff Hebert, vocations director for our diocese.

Because this is a fundraiser, you will be asked to consider making a donation. There is no minimum and certainly no maximum gift required. It will be the seminarians who inspire you to give generously. I will warn you, though, they do a good job, so be ready by bringing your checkbook or a credit card.

As much as anything, I want my friends/family to meet the wonderful young men who are the future of the Catholic Church in Arkansas. I am proud to support them and would be honored if you would join me."