

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you,”
(cf. John 15:16).*



Dear Friends,

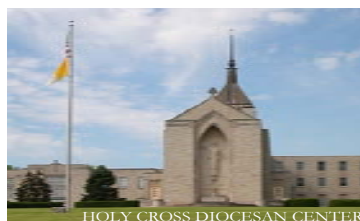
Jesus continues to call young men to be His disciples as He did so many years ago during His public ministry. Today, as then, it takes courage and generosity to dare to follow Jesus.

God is calling young men in our Diocese to be priests for His people. Our Diocese needs priests to celebrate the sacraments, to teach and guide the people, and to serve the sick and the needy. Perhaps God is calling you.

Do you have the courage follow Jesus? Come to La Crosse and visit us at the House of Formation.

In Christ,

Fr. Samuel Martin



Holy Cross Seminary House of Formation



*“You, too, be courageous!
The world needs convinced and
fearless witnesses.
It is not enough to discuss,
it is necessary to act.”*

Pope John Paul II

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Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?

If God may be calling you to the priesthood, you should visit the House of Formation as soon as possible. Through daily celebration of Mass, frequent Confession, devotion to Mary, and regular private prayer, you will come to know God's will for you. Knowing God's plan for you will assure you of the best life possible. Too many people in our world settle for second best – are you content with mediocrity? “You cannot serve both God and mammon,” (cf. Lk. 16:13) – so, who's it going to be?



Come and visit us!

We are glad to open the House of Formation to any young men who would be interested in visiting us. Should a young man want to visit, arrangements can be made quickly by telephone. Ideally, an overnight visit during the week would give the guest a good idea of what life is like at the House of Formation. If you are interested in coming at any time, please call ahead so we can make the proper arrangements.

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Check out our website! The Holy Cross Seminary House of Formation has a website! Check us out at www.HouseOfFormation.com There you can read about us, see pictures, and find out the latest news of what is going on.

What about academics? The seminarians attend Aquinas High School in La Crosse, a Catholic, co-ed school that allows them to experience the ‘normal’ high school career. They may participate in sports, or clubs, go to dances, and develop healthy relationships with their peers.



What are Formation Weekends? The seminarians spend one weekend a month either at the House of Formation or on a road trip with the Director, Prefect, and other seminarians to deepen their understanding of the priestly vocation, prayer, and community life. All other weekends, the seminarians are encouraged go home to be with their families. These weekends are also open for high school students who are interested in coming to the House of Formation.

For Parents? If your son is interested in visiting the House of Formation, please contact us.

Father Sam Martin 608.780.0103

What's Next???

For further information on our House of Formation, please complete the following form and send it to Holy Cross Seminary. **Contact us** if you are interested in coming on a formation weekend.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Formation Weekend Sep. 14th-16th
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formation Weekend Oct. 12th-14th
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