

**Vocations Report
August 2021**

I. Fr. Peter Saucedo, Associate Director of Vocations

- We welcome Fr. Peter as the new Associate Director of Vocations. Fr. Peter completed 3 years as Associate Pastor of St. Helen, South Gate and is currently serving on the Priest Council representing the recently ordained.
- We also welcome Fr. Luis Espinosa and Fr. Preston Passos who are serving as Regional Vocation Directors for the Our Lady of the Angels and Santa Barbara Regions respectively.



II. Congratulations to our 8 new priests and 8 new transitional deacons for the ADLA.



Left to Right

- Fr. Francis Kim assigned to St. Mel, Woodland Hills
- Fr. Andrew Hedstrom assigned to Holy Family, South Pasadena
- Fr. Michael Masteller assigned to St. Helen, South Gate

- Fr. Cesar Guardado assigned to St. Emydius, Lynwood
- Fr. Jihoon Kim assigned to St. Kateri Tekawitha, Santa Clarita.
- Fr. Sergio Hidalgo assigned to Santa Rosa, San Fernando
- Fr. Patrick Ayala assigned to Santa Clara, Oxnard
- Fr. Matthew Miguel assigned to Our Lady of the Assumption, Ventura

Left to Right:

- Deacon Guillermo Alonso, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, LA;
- Deacon Juan Gutierrez St. James, Redondo Beach
- Deacon Cesar Carrasco, St. Finbar, Burbank;
- Deacon Kamil Ziolkowski, St. Aloysius, LA
- Deacon Justin Ordoveza Our Lady of Refuge, Long Beach;
- Deacon Daniel Vega, St. Louise de Marillac, Covina;
- Deacon Daniel Lopez, St. Therese, Alhambra;
- Deacon Ramon Reyes, St. Thomas the Apostle, LA;



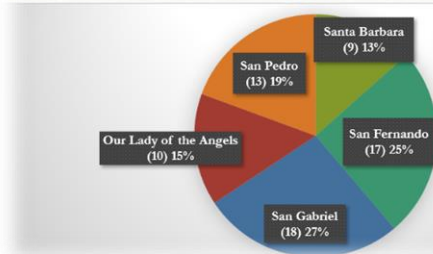
III. Seminarian Stats



67 Seminarians for Los Angeles;

- 52 @ St. John’s Seminary;
- 1 @ Seminario Hispano;
- 12 @ Queen of Angeles
- 1 @ Diaconal Year
- 1 @ Special Status
- 18 men are currently on parish internship.

Number of Seminarians by Region



Only 58 parishes have seminarians out of a total of 288 parishes in ADLA. Imagine what can happen **if every parish had 1 seminarian?**

IV. St. John’s Seminary Update

Our Seminarians at SJS have begun their academic formation year. During the summer, the 7 new SJS seminarians partook in IPSF A and the parish seminarian interns returned for IPSF B. They will celebrate their opening Mass with the Archbishop on Tuesday, August 31st.



V. Queen of Angels Update

This summer, many of our QofA Seminarians partook in Greek and Moral Theology classes at SJS. All men returned to QofA on Thursday, August 12th and welcomed the new seminarians. Classes began on Monday, August 23rd.



VI. Quo Vadis High School Retreat – We were blessed with 30 high school men who attended our inaugural Quo Vadis HS retreat. This retreat led by our LA Seminarians was an opportunity for high school men to grow in faith, prayer and fraternity and ultimately begin to ask the question where God is inviting them in their lives.

VII. Discernment Groups – Our regional discernment groups for adult men continue in-person during the months of September to May. Please see flier below. Invite a someone to “Come and See.”



VIII. Vocation Sunday – If you would like our Office to visit your parish to host a “Vocation Sunday” and promote priestly vocations, please contact Fr.Mike at frmikeyperucho@la-archdiocese.org. We will be scheduling them beginning October 2021 through May 2022. We would be happy to preach at all the Masses and celebrate whichever Masses you would like us to. We are proficient in English and Spanish. *Our presence can also be an opportunity for you to get away for the weekend if needed.* Thank you to OLPH, Santa Clarita for hosting us in July and St. Martha, Valinda for inviting us for September.

IX. Social Media – Follow @LAVocations on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.



X. Save the Dates

- Sunday, September 26th – Priesthood Sunday
- Sunday, Nov. 17th- Saturday, Nov. 23rd – National Vocation Awareness Week
- Wednesday, Feb.2nd – World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (celebrated on weekend after)
- Sunday, May 8th – Good Shepherd Sunday, World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Saturday, May 28th – Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- Saturday, June 4th – Priesthood Ordination
- Saturday, June 11th – Permanent Diaconate Ordination

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REGIONAL DISCERNMENT GROUPS

September 2021 - May 2022

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