

# *Summer Spiritual Formation Program for Seminarians*

*St. Peter's Seminary  
London, Ontario Canada*



## **Conforming Hearts to the Call of Christ our Merciful High Priest**

This six-week program, now in its Sixth Year, offers seminarians the opportunity to grow in depth in their spiritual life, and to further clarify for them the spirituality and charisms of diocesan priestly ministry. Bishops from across the United States and Canada have expressed their encouragement for the value and significance of this program for their future priests.

This annual summer program seeks to respond to the need within our contemporary age for concentrated spiritual formation by integrating prayer, study, sharing of faith and supervised pastoral outreach. All these elements assist seminarians in developing their relationship with God and greater sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the midst of our world.



Experiences of retreat, daily prayer, adoration, spiritual direction and sharing of one's faith journey lie at the heart of this program's formation for seminarians. Outreach to the poor, together with regular theological reflection on these experiences of service, enable seminarians to further open their hearts to the presence of God in "the least of their brothers and sisters" and help them develop a more pastorally sensitive heart. Courses on Spirituality and Human Development and the Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest assist seminarians to recognize and respond to God's call to become *all they can be* both from a human perspective and also with respect to the specific ministries sought in today's diocesan priestly ministry.

St. Peter's Seminary is fully accredited by the *Association of Theological Schools* and is an affiliated College of *Western University*. The two courses taught in this program are equivalent to one full university course.

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## *Program Components:*

**MODULE ON PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT** – Upon arrival in the summer program at St. Peter’s Seminary, seminarians engage in two days of preparation for the retreat, which includes: welcome and orientation to the seminary facility; teaching on methods of prayer and the foundations of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius; instruments for discernment applicable to the retreat and to discerning one’s vocation.

**EIGHT-DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT** - The seminarians engage in an eight-day silent directed retreat, concluding with the celebration of Eucharist and sharing of graces.

**DAILY PRAYER & LITURGY** – During each weekday of the Program, seminarians will gather for communal prayer of Morning and Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, as well as for the celebration of the Eucharist. On Sundays, seminarians will participate with local parish communities in Sunday Eucharist celebrations.

**ADORATION** – On each Monday evening, a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Seminary’s St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel.

**COURSES** – Upon completion of the Ignatian Retreat, two courses are taught during the remaining weeks of the program: The Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest; Christian Spirituality and Human Development.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** - During the Ignatian Retreat, seminarians meet with their spiritual director for one hour each day. For the remainder of the summer program, seminarians meet with their director once per week. Ordinarily, the priest who has directed a seminarian during the retreat will continue to serve as his spiritual director for the remainder of the program.



**PASTORAL OUTREACH** - During two full afternoons per week, seminarians will engage in ministry of pastoral service. Summer field education placements are arranged with various community service agencies in which seminarians have a direct opportunity to serve those who are in need: the poor, physically or emotionally challenged, elderly, refugees, new immigrants to Canada. The seminarians will be given opportunities throughout the program for theological reflection on their pastoral experience.

## MEET THE COURSE LECTURERS



**Most Rev. Daniel Miehm** - B.A., M.Div., S.T.L.  
Auxiliary Bishop  
Diocese of Hamilton  
Lecturer – Christian Spirituality and Human Development



**Mrs. Teresa Hartnett** - B. Kin., B.Ed.  
Director of Services - Office for Ministry, Family & Religious Education  
Diocese of Hamilton  
Lecturer – Christian Spirituality and Human Development



**Rev. Alan Momney** - B.A., M.Div., S.T.L.  
St. Peter's Seminary Faculty  
Formation Advisor, Spiritual Director, Lecturer in Sacramental Theology & Homiletics  
Lecturer – Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest



**Rev. Steve Wlusek** - B.A., M.Div., M.A., S.T.L., Ph.D.  
St. Peter's Seminary Faculty  
Rector, Assist. Professor in Spirituality and Ethical Issues in Pastoral Ministry  
Lecturer -- Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest

### *Program Dates:*

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, MAY 27 TO 29, 2016

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 29 TO SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

MONDAY, JUNE 6 TO THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016

ARRIVALS

MODULE ON PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

IGNATIAN RETREAT

PRAYER & SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

### *Schedule during the four-week Course Phase of the Program:*

#### **Monday – Wednesday – Friday**

Breakfast

8:30 am Morning Prayer

9:00 – 11:00 am Class

11:30 am Eucharist

12:30 pm – Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 pm – Class

#### **Afternoon: Time for study, spiritual direction**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Wednesday – Eucharist Adoration

#### **Tuesday – Thursday**

Breakfast

8:30 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am Formation Activities

11:30 am Eucharist

12:30 pm – Lunch

#### **Afternoon: Apostolic Outreach and leisure.**

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Time for study, prayer, leisure

**Weekend: Free time for study, prayer, exercise and leisure.**

## *Program Fees:*

**Tuition and Formation:** **\$1,900.00** (which includes):  
Lectures, spiritual direction, books and program materials, university fees, field trips.

**Accommodation and Food Services:** **\$1,650.00** (which includes):  
Air conditioned room, linens, custodial services, all daily meals.

**Total Fee per person: \$3,550.00 (Canadian Currency)**



**APPLY BY: FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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### **APPLICANT REGISTRATION FORM:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Province/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Diocese/Seminary:** \_\_\_\_\_