



ST. PETER'S SEMINARY  
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# ANNUAL 2021 Appeal For St. Peter's Seminary

Dear Friends and Supporters of St. Peter's Seminary,

Happy Easter to you, and may the living presence of Christ Jesus renew you, your families and loved ones as we welcome spring's renewal of the Earth.

Amid the difficult health news that surrounds us, I am reaching out to you with some good news about the continued formation of our future faith leaders — priests, deacons and lay ministers — through St. Peter's Seminary.

Under the leadership of our Rector, Fr. Denis Grecco, and Vice Rector Fr. Peter Keller, the faculty and staff have responded in creative and productive ways to provide quality academic courses, spiritual direction and human formation from remote locations. Parishes and dioceses have found appropriate living situations so that candidates for ministry can continue their development and discernment. In the meantime, the Rodzik Family Learning Centre of six new, university calibre classrooms will be ready for use in September and is fully paid for. At the same time, applications for admission to our programs are brisk.

As always, the Annual Parish Appeal to parishioners of the Diocese of London is vital to help pay the operational bills of the Seminary. Starting this year, as we round the corner towards the end of the Seminary's multi-year physical renewal, we will apply 70% of all funds raised to daily expenses, and 30% to remaining capital needs. And the Seminary's leadership are developing new ways of operating, and new program initiatives so that St. Peter's is positioned to serve our Church with an increased to our collective ecclesial well-being.

Bishop Fabbro has instructed the Seminary to go forward in bold, new ways. And so we are, with joy and optimism. But just as we are grateful for your generous past assistance, to be successful we need you to renew your commitment and help us in our mission in this appeal.

Regretfully, a number of our friendship raising events, especially Bishop's Dinners, have been put on hold. And in light of our limited ability these days to connect directly with people at the parish level, we ask you, as enthusiastic advocates for the Seminary, to be as generous as your circumstances allow in this 2021 Parish Appeal.

You can contribute any time between now and April 2022 to make your mark on the Parish Appeal. The enclosed brochure, which is being made available to parishes electronically, outlines how you can donate. And if you wish to discuss a planned gift of securities or provision in an estate, please feel to call me directly at my cell number, 226.985.1237.

But additionally, we need your prayers. You can be assured that the Seminary community prays for all of its friends and supporters each week. We wish you health and peace, and confidence in the coming, God willing, of a more normal future.

In Christ,

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Executive Director

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