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# Help Furnish Deacon House

Make your family a part of the formation of our next generation of priests



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Dear friends of Saint John's Seminary,

You have been so good to us! Indeed, with your gifts of the last few years you have directly enabled us to expand and accommodate our wonderfully growing population of seminarians. Saint John's Seminary is now bursting at the seams with men from fifteen dioceses across New England and the globe, six Institutes of Religious Life, and one Ecclesial movement. For the fourth year in a row, we are beginning the school year at full resident capacity, with over thirty non-residents commuting as well.



**This rapid growth is exactly what has led us to the renovation and near-completion of additional living space at our new "Deacon House". Today I write with a prayer that you might also be able to help us to furnish this new space.**

Beginning with the start of the school year in September, a faculty member will live at Deacon House (formerly known as the Our Lady of the Presentation Rectory) with our nine Deacons, who will return daily to the main Seminary community for classes, prayer, and meals. This transitional living arrangement will better prepare them for parish life and Rectory living as they take their final steps toward the priesthood during this last year of formation.

**Thus far we have spent nearly two million dollars renovating Deacon House, but we still need to furnish both the chapel and the seminarian rooms.**

We have a number of naming opportunities available, from individual rooms to an Altar or a new Crucifix for the Deacons to pray before. Details on all of these opportunities are inside this brochure. If you would consider bestowing a gift of these proportions, we would be delighted to inscribe your name in a prominent place so that the new Deacons each year could remember your family's legacy for generations to come in their prayers.

It is true that this may be asking a lot, and I always hesitate to make such large requests of our already generous supporters. But it is precisely because we have already experienced an expression of your affection for this holy work that I dare to ask whether you might be able to help us with this special project. Please take a look inside and see what speaks to your family and your heart!

In the Lord,

*Mgr. D.P. Murray*



# Deacon House

## How Can You Help?



[G]



[D]



[C]



[F]



[E]



[H]



[I]

**Deacon House** features ten single Deacon rooms, two faculty suites, a number of common living and study spaces, and is completed by a beautiful chapel. The heart of the building and center of every Mass and prayer, it will be adorned by a stunning, five foot wide original **apse painting**. This masterpiece, done by Rohn & Associates Custom Studio, depicts the Blessed Virgin and Saint John adoring the Cross alongside the Deacon-Saints Stephen, Francis, Lawrence, and Philip [Artist's rendering — A].

The **tabernacle and throne** [B] before which deacons will pray day and night is also matched by the **hand-carved crucifix** which is built into the painting [A], and was done by a master carver in Ortesei, Italy.



[B]

The **wooden altar** [C] is complemented by an antique **wooden ambo** [C] and **newly reupholstered chairs** [D] recycled from an older church in Pennsylvania.

### Chapel Naming Opportunities

- Wooden Altar: \$10,000
- Wooden Ambo: \$5,000
- Seating: \$10,000
- Tabernacle/Throne: \$15,000
- Windows behind Tabernacle: \$8,000
- Apse Painting: \$10,000
- Crucifix: \$10,000
- Stained Glass Window behind Crucifix: \$5,000

Chapel donors' names will be inscribed on a commemorative plaque at the Chapel entrance.



[A]

### Other Naming Opportunities

- Kitchen with appliances [F]: \$10,000
- Living Room [G]: \$10,000
- Dining/Common Room [H/I]: \$10,000

Seminar Rooms [E]: \$7,000

Each Deacon room will need a bed, storage space, desk, chair, lights, crucifix, etc. The name of each donor or family who furnishes an individual room will be prominently memorialized at the entrance so that the Deacon resident might pray for them.

*Each room will be named for a Holy Deacon:*

- Deacon Saint Stephen ■ Deacon Saint Philip
- Deacon Prochorus ■ Deacon Nicanor ■
- Deacon Timon ■ Deacon Parmenas
- Deacon Nicholas ■ Saint Lawrence ■
- Deacon Saint Francis ■ Deacon Saint Ephrem



*A statue of Saint Francis, hand-carved in El Salvador, graces the rear of the chapel.*

### Questions?

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I've already decided, I'd like to name:

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Preferred name listing for plaque:

In Memory Of  In Honor Of  Pray For

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