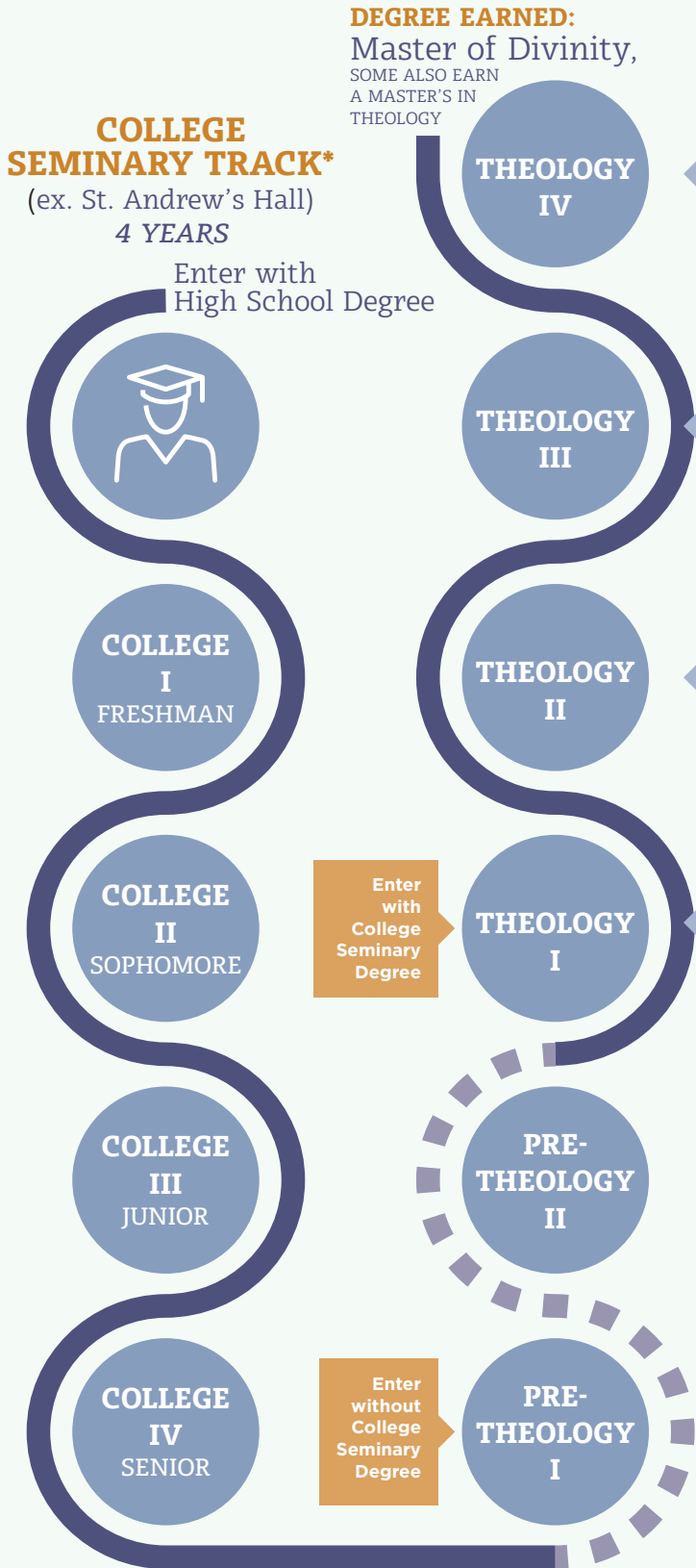


STAGES OF PRIESTLY FORMATION

in the Archdiocese of Newark



DEGREE EARNED:
Master of Divinity,
SOME ALSO EARN
A MASTER'S IN
THEOLOGY

COLLEGE SEMINARY TRACK*
(ex. St. Andrew's Hall)
4 YEARS

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PRE-THEOLOGY II

PRE-THEOLOGY I

MAJOR SEMINARY TRACK
4-6 YEARS

DEGREE EARNED:
Bachelor of Arts in
Catholic Theology

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

(SPRING SEMESTER OF 4TH THEOLOGY)

Through the ritual of the laying on of hands, the ordaining bishop and the other priests present invoke the Holy Spirit to come down upon the one to be ordained, giving him a sacred character and setting him apart for the designated ministry of the priesthood.

ORDAINED PRIEST



ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

(SPRING SEMESTER OF 3RD THEOLOGY)

Seminarians ordained as transitional deacons generally serve in that capacity for one year prior to being ordained as a priest. Deacons can baptize, witness marriages, perform funeral and burial services outside of Mass, distribute Holy Communion and proclaim the Gospel and preach in the liturgical assembly. During his ordination, the deacon candidates make three promises: those of celibacy, prayer and obedience. These are lifelong commitments to a way of life.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

(FALL SEMESTER OF 3RD THEOLOGY)

In this rite, the seminarian who aspires to ordination publicly manifests his will to offer himself to God and the Church to exercise a sacred order. In this way, he is admitted into the ranks of candidates for the diaconate and priesthood.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY, ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACON

INSTITUTION IN THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

(FALL SEMESTER OF 2ND THEOLOGY)

A seminarian is instituted as an acolyte to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and priest in liturgical celebrations. It is his place principally to prepare the altar and the sacred vessels and, if necessary, to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful as an extraordinary minister. To worthily perform these duties, the acolyte should deepen his knowledge of the Mass and participate in the Mass with increasingly fervent piety.

BECOMES ACOLYTE

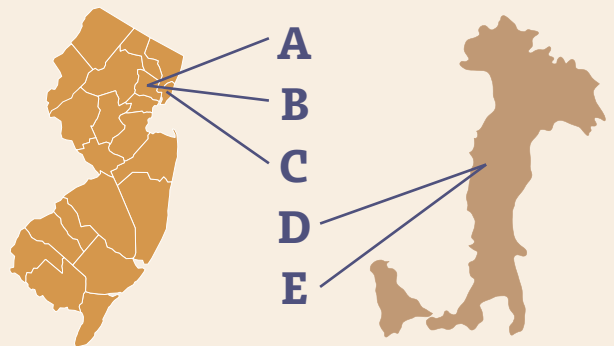
INSTITUTION IN THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR

(SPRING SEMESTER OF 1ST THEOLOGY)

A seminarian is instituted as a lector to proclaim the readings from sacred Scripture in the liturgical assembly. A lector is not permitted to proclaim the Gospel in the liturgical assembly. To fittingly fulfill this function, the lector should meditate on the sacred Scripture and make every effort to acquire that love and knowledge of the Scripture that will make him a more worthy disciple of the Lord.

BECOMES LECTOR

WHERE WE SEND OUR SEMINARIANS



- A. Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, South Orange
- B. The College Seminary-St. Andrew's Hall, South Orange
- C. Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny

- D. Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
- E. Pontifical North American College, Rome



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