



Dear Friends of the Seminary,

The biggest challenge facing our work at present is no longer *where* the potential priests will come from; now it is a question of cultivating where they best can work! This is a wonderful new challenge, one that means an expansion of our movement in the next years. It will also involve closer collaboration with our colleagues and Lenkers in North America, all the English-speaking regions, and the world-wide movement as a whole.

To do this means more than just communicating on the phone or otherwise. It means meeting people in person and making connections face-to-face. It means traveling! For this reason and others, we have asked the coming year's students to delay their attendance to the seminary, meaning there will be *no on-site students* at the seminary this year. On the other hand, our plans to grow our work into the future are already taking shape.

Travel and Seminary Outreach Events

Already this year, Jonah has completed a visit to Great Britain, meeting with Tom Ravetz in the Forest Row Congregation and offering a priest training-themed workshop. Patrick just returned from a conference in Seattle on technology, and this fall we will travel to Dornach for the international synod of priests, to the seminary in Stuttgart for programs there, and then participate in the world-wide conference in celebration of 100 years of the Christian Community.

In addition to events in various locations in North America, over this next year we have been invited and/or hope to travel to South Africa, South America, and the Australia/New Zealand regions. There is a more pressing need for new priests in these regions, and we hope we can build a stronger, more human bridge for those people who might be considering making the sacrifice to travel to Canada for a priest training.

Distance Learning and Financial Goals

For this reason, our goal is to double our circle of regularly contributing friends to 600. This group currently includes people contributing anywhere between \$3 and \$200 a month. This year, we will also be experimenting with an

expanded offering for our two Distance Learning Program courses. For the first time, there will be two different options for enrolment: in the presentation portion only, or, as a prospective student, to take on the transformative commitment of assignments, small group meetings, etc. All the details for these courses and registration information can be found on our website: christiancommunityseminary.ca

With some three thousand households in North America, and thousands more around the world who already have a commitment to our movement, we feel this is a reachable and realistic goal. And it will make *all the difference!*

Please consider becoming a regular supporter of the work of cultivating the training of a truly modern priesthood, dedicated to Christ-discipleship and to guiding those who feel called to serve his communities in our time. If you already are a regular contributor, thank you so much! We are deeply grateful.

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May you feel encouraged and blessed by the One who unites human beings, strengthens our will and offers his peace,

 