



general INFORMATION

LOCATION

St. John Vianney College Seminary is located in metropolitan Miami Dade County, which includes the city of Miami. With a metropolitan area of over two million people, Miami sits at the threshold of Latin America and the Caribbean. In recent years, South Florida has become an international center for banking and investment, one of the largest import/export cities in the United States, and the first port of entry for countless tens of thousands seeking freedom from poverty, oppression and terrorism.

Because of its location and its climate, Miami is quickly becoming one of the most important cities in the United States. Miami is, for the present, what Ellis Island was in the past, a place of refuge and safe harbor for thousands of people starting a new life. The Catholic Church in the State of Florida has long dealt pastorally with an enormous influx of people. Even before the Cuban refugee migration of the early nineteen sixties, Florida had become increasingly popular as a retirement and vacation site for countless hundreds of thousands of Americans.

The church has continually attempted to keep pace with the growth in Catholic population throughout Florida and especially in Miami. St. John Vianney College Seminary and its sister institution, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary located in Boynton Beach, Florida, seventy miles from Miami, are two of the ways in which the Catholic people of South Florida have attempted to respond to the needs of the faithful in this region of the country.

The enormous commitment of personnel and treasure to the operation of St. John Vianney College Seminary reflects an energetic, vital and deep-seated commitment on the part of the people of God of South Florida to provide quality education for the priests of the future.

With the permission of the Admissions Committee, religious and lay men and women who are interested in the academic programs of the College Seminary can enroll as part-time or full-time students working toward the B.A. degree with a major in Philosophy or Theology.

The Archdiocese of Miami, which sponsors St. John Vianney College Seminary, consists of over one million people. St. John Vianney and its students attempt to make use of the diverse forms of ministry which comprise the church of South Florida, so that its graduates, who continue on through theology to the priesthood, will be well trained to serve a diversified and vibrant church.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The fundamental purpose of St. John Vianney College Seminary is to provide an undergraduate education for students whose stated objective is to serve the Catholic Church as priests. The institution assumes, as its specific responsibility, the spiritual and intellectual formation of College seminarians within a bi-lingual English/Spanish, multi-cultural setting. In addition, the College Seminary is committed to provide general ancillary services for special students who may be enriched by its services.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

In administering its affairs, the College Seminary shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, or physical disability. This nondiscrimination includes policies and procedures related to membership on the Board of Trustees, the educational program, employment and personnel practices, admissions, scholarship/grant/loan awards, and participation in athletic and other student activities.

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, first Archbishop of Miami, founded Saint John Vianney in September of 1959, less than one year after the establishment of the diocese. From its earliest days, the seminary sought to provide excellent priestly formation for the young diocese and other parts of Florida. Archbishop Carroll entrusted the seminary to the care of the Congregation of the Mission – Vincentian Fathers – who remained at the Seminary until 1975.

Saint John Vianney originally combined a four-year high school with a two-year junior college program preparing young men for major seminary. High school classes began in 1959 followed by the college program in 1960. Saint Raphael's Chapel, famous for the beauty of its architecture and artwork, was dedicated in 1966 as the centerpiece of the seminary's campus and life.

In 1975, responsibility for staffing the Seminary returned to the Archdiocese. At this time, the Seminary was restructured to meet the changing needs of a rapidly expanding Florida Church. The high school program closed in 1976 and Saint John Vianney developed a four-year college seminary program in 1977 focusing on a major in philosophy. With this change came the new name – Saint John Vianney College Seminary.

The seminary recognized early the great need for priests who could minister in both English and Spanish in order to serve in the multi-cultural parishes of Florida. To

meet this need the college seminary initiated its bilingual and multi-cultural program in 1975. Successive generations of faculty and students cultivated this aspect of the College Seminary. Today Saint John Vianney is one of the only institutions nationwide offering fully bilingual academic and formation programs. Saint John Vianney is unique for its openness to many different cultures. As well as providing the opportunity for its graduates to acquire fluency in English and Spanish, it teaches them to appreciate the many cultures present in the Church they will serve. Chartered in 1961 under the laws of the State of Florida, the College Seminary is annually licensed by the Florida Board of Independent Colleges and Universities. In December 1970, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accredited the two-year Associate in Arts degree program. SACS accredited the College Seminary to award a Bachelor of Arts Degree in December 1980. SACS reaccredited the college seminary in 1996.

Archbishop Edward McCarthy, the second Archbishop of Miami, dedicated the Maytag Memorial Library and Administration Building in 1983. The modern library facility has become the center of academic life and research for the College Seminary's faculty and students. The Maytag Library has expanded to become the largest bi-lingual collection of philosophy and theology in Florida. Through its outreach efforts, the library serves many outside the college seminary community.

A Pre-Theology program began at Saint John Vianney in 1982. Designed for priesthood candidates with a Bachelor's Degree needing to complete formation before entering a major seminary, this program allows Saint John Vianney to serve as a path to the theologate for candidates from a variety of backgrounds. The College Seminary further expanded its services in 1985 by opening its academic program to non-seminary students. Under the leadership of Archbishop John Clement Falavara, the third Archbishop of Miami, Saint John Vianney is moving forward to meet the challenges of a new century. Priding itself on its service to the Florida Church, the seminary continues to provide excellent priestly formation to dioceses and religious communities. Saint John Vianney also meets the needs of a variety of non-seminary students who seek out superior academics in a bilingual, multi-cultural context. Archbishop Falavara has made sustaining the tradition of excellent priestly formation at St. John Vianney one of the highest priorities of the Archdiocese of Miami.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

St. John Vianney College Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the baccalaureate degree.

St. John Vianney College Seminary is incorporated under the Laws of the State of Florida and, as a non-profit educational institution, is empowered to confer degrees and to exercise all the other privileges of an institution of higher learning.

The College Seminary is approved for Veteran's educational benefits under Section 1775 of Title 38 United States Code and authorized under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

St. John Vianney College Seminary holds membership in the following professional associations:

*National Association of Independent
Colleges and Schools
Council of Independent Colleges
State Board of Independent Colleges (Florida)
National Catholic Education Association
Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars
and Admission Officers
Florida Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators
American Library Association
Catholic Library Association
Florida Library Association*

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Admission requirements

SEMINARIANS - Applicants who wish to enter St. John Vianney College Seminary at the beginning of any semester must first initiate application procedures by contacting the diocesan Vocation Director, bishop or religious superior concerned. No applicant will be admitted to the College Seminary without first securing acceptance by a diocese or religious community. When this process is completed and acceptance assured, the College will forward the prospective applicant all appropriate forms.

A student's application for admission is complete when the college seminary has received the following:

1. A completed application for admission form
2. Proof of completion of High School or Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED)
3. Official transcripts of high school and college credits sent directly by the school(s) attended
4. A high school and college GPA of 2.0 or above
5. All applicants to the freshman class from the United States, who will be entering college for the first time, must submit scores for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) from the College Board or the examination by the American College Testing Program (ACT)
6. Successful completion of a Psychological Evaluation performed by the sponsoring institution
7. Complete physical examination and record of inoculations
8. Three letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant's pastor or from a priest who knows the applicant well
9. Personal interview
10. Sacramental records
11. Background checks through VCHS or country of origin.

After receipt of all of the above, the Admissions Committee of the College Seminary will consider the application and inform the applicant of their decision. Generally, the decision will be conveyed no later than three weeks after the completion of the candidate's file.

The Admissions Committee requests that the applicant visit the Seminary for the purpose of interviews and possible further testing. All applicants are strongly encouraged, if it is feasible to do so, to visit the Seminary prior to application. Vocation awareness weekends are scheduled throughout the year to acquaint all prospective candidates with the program of the seminary.

NON-SEMINARIANS - (DEGREE SEEKING)

Non-seminarians applying for admissions to the College simply should address their application to:

*Office of Admissions
St. John Vianney College Seminary
2900 S.W. 87 Ave., Miami, Florida 33165-3244*

An application for admission by a non-seminarian is complete when the college has received the following:

1. A completed application for admission form
2. Proof of completion of high school or Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED)
3. Official transcripts of high school and college credits from any institution of higher education previously attended by the applicant

4. A high school and college GPA of 2.0 or above
5. Scores for the SAT or the ACT
6. Three letters of recommendation, including one from the applicant's pastor or from a priest who knows the applicant well
7. Personal interview with the Admissions Committee
8. Background checks through VCHS or country of origin.

The application for the non-seminarian will be processed by the Academic Division which will subsequently notify the applicant of its final decision.

All academic rules and requirements listed in this catalog apply to non-seminarians as well.

PREVIOUS COLLEGE CREDIT - The previous college credit of a transfer student from an accredited college will be accepted, provided that the grade for the course submitted was C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better, and provided that the courses are compatible with the Seminary's degree distribution and concentration. Transfer credit from a non-accredited institution will be considered on an individual basis. Acceptance of academic credit rests with the Academic Dean.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM

(CLEP) - Credit will be awarded for satisfactory scores on the General Examination or Subject Examination of the College Level Examination Program. Since CLEP credit is regarded as transfer credit, the maximum transferable credit under CLEP – general and subject examination scores combined – is 30 semester hours with a maximum of 6 semester hours in each of the five areas of the General Examinations (with the exception of English and Spanish); Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and History.

REGISTRATION

Prior to each academic semester, all students register for courses for the coming semester. Course registration will not be accepted after the late registration date. A military veteran should contact the Academic Dean prior to course registration to avoid any loss of eligibility and benefits.

SPECIAL STUDENT (NON-DEGREE SEEKING)

REGISTRATION - A Special Student is a person not interested at the time of registration in working toward a degree at the College Seminary. Specific course programs can be arranged to meet the particular academic needs of such a student; no more than 25 semester hours earned as a Special Student at the College Seminary may apply toward

a degree program at the College Seminary.

If a Special Student desires to seek an academic degree, he must complete all admissions procedures as given in the Catalog.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A person whose home residence is outside the domestic United States or its territories may attend the College Seminary under a student visa (F-1). Such a person must meet the regular requirements of the College Seminary, meet all governmental requirements, be full-time and not accept paid employment off-campus.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES - The applicant must apply for a student visa (F-1) through the American consulate or embassy or equivalent in his home country.

The applicant must request and/or forward an Application for Admission at least three months before the first day of classes. The College Seminary will forward a Declaration and Certification of Finances to the applicant upon acceptance of his application. The purpose of this latter form is to verify that the total funds available to the student during the period of enrollment will at least equal the total estimates of institutional and personal student costs.

The Declaration and Certification of Finances must be received at least six weeks before the first day of classes.

Upon verification of the Student's finances, the College Seminary will forward to the student a Certificate of Eligibility.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION, FOOD AND HOUSING FEES

2004-2006

Tuition	\$ 11,000.00
Food	\$ 4,500.00
Housing	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 17,500.00

The fees shown above represent the total cost of tuition, room and board for each year. The annual per student cost at St. John Vianney is in excess of \$17,500 per seminarian. The greater part of this cost is underwritten as a subsidy by the Archdiocese of Miami out of interest earnings on the seminary burse fund. Benefactors to the seminary throughout the history of the Archdiocese have allowed the Archdiocese to operate the seminary and cover operating costs over and above the income derived from tuition.

Tuition for part-time students is \$300 per semester

hour credit. Religious receive a 50% tuition discount; a cost of \$150 per semester hour. The tuition for class auditing is \$250 per course. Tuition charges are subject to change.

A student who is in debt to the college seminary at the end of any given semester is not entitled to take the final examinations until his indebtedness has been discharged. Arrangements for payment of tuition, room and board must be made prior to or at the time of registration.

REFUND POLICY - Refunds of tuition, room and board for students withdrawing from the college seminary are based upon the following schedule: during the first two weeks, 80 percent; during the third week, 60 percent; during the fourth week, 40 percent; during the fifth week, 20 percent. There is no tuition, room and board refund after the fifth week.

PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE - The college seminary does not provide insurance coverage for the personal property of students who live in seminary-owned housing. Students are urged to determine whether their property is covered by their parents' homeowner's policy and to make immediate arrangements for coverage if deemed necessary.

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office at St. John Vianney College Seminary is dedicated to helping students find ways to finance their education. The financial aid staff is available to all current and prospective students weekdays from Monday through Friday and may be reached by calling the campus, scheduling an appointment, or on a walk-in basis.

St. John Vianney participates in the Title IV Federal Student Aid Program. Students are eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Family Loan Program. It also participates in Florida Student Assistance Grant, and the Bright Futures Scholarships.

Students wishing to receive financial aid must meet all eligibility requirements. The amount of financial assistance the student will be offered depends upon the student's financial need.

Please refer to the Financial Aid Brochure, available at the Financial Aid Office, and to Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on line at www.FAFSA.ed.gov or call 1-800-4-FED-AID for application forms and for specific information and guidelines.

SJVCS REPAYMENT POLICY - If a student withdraws or stops attending classes before completing 60% of the term, a portion of the total federal aid he/she received, excluding

Federal Work Study earnings, may need to be repaid immediately.

The amount of federal aid the student must repay is determined by the Federal Formula for Return of Title IV funds (Section 484B of the Higher Education Act). This law also specifies the order in which funds are to be returned to the financial aid program from which they were awarded, starting with the loan programs.

The student may be required to make a repayment when cash has been disbursed from financial aid funds in excess of the amount of aid he/she earned (based on the date of your withdrawal) during the term. The amount of Title IV aid earned is determined by multiplying the total Title IV aid (other than FWS) for which the student qualified, by the percentage of time during the term he/she was enrolled.

If less aid was disbursed than was earned, the student may receive a late disbursement for the difference. If more aid was disbursed than was earned, the amount of Title IV aid the student must return (i.e. not earned) is determined by subtracting the earned amount from the amount actually disbursed.

The responsibility for returning unearned TITLE IV is shared between the College Seminary and the student.

It is allocated according to the portion of disbursed aid that could have been used to cover the College Seminary charges, and the portion that could have been disbursed directly to the student once those charges were covered. SJVCS will distribute the unearned aid back to the Title IV programs, as specified by law. The student will be billed for the amount that she/he owes to the Title IV programs, as well as any amount due to the College Seminary, as a result of Title IV that were returned that would have been used to cover Seminary Charges.

STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY PROGRESS -

In order to receive any Title IV assistance, the student must be proceeding in a positive manner toward fulfilling the requirements for the B.A. degree. These requirements may ordinarily be fulfilled in eight semesters but a student may require up to ten semesters for completion.

A student on academic probation is eligible to receive Title IV funds. However, he must meet the requirements for continuing enrollment specified by the Academic Dean. In case of dismissal, re-admission will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Should a dismissed student be re-admitted, he would be eligible to receive Title IV funds.

VETERAN'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - U.S.

veterans and others interested in applying for veteran's benefits should contact their local Veterans' Administration Office for specific information and forms. Persons receiving such assistance should periodically contact their VA office to learn about changing regulations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ROUGHGARDEN FUND - The George Coventry Roughgarden and Nita Schmidt Roughgarden Fund were established by Miss Rita Patton in honor of the late Stephen Wheeler, a St. John Vianney College seminarian. Matched by the Archdiocese of Miami, its yearly income is used for student grants and loans.

HOLY FAMILY FUND - Holy Family Scholarship Fund was donated by a benefactor in memory of the Catholic Family. The yearly proceeds of this fund assist seminarians in their seminary education.

SISTER TRINITA FUND - Sister Trinita Scholarship Fund was set up to honor Sister Trinita on her Golden Jubilee of Sisterhood. This fund's yearly income is used for student loans and grants.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

	WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY	HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY	MAXIMUM AMOUNTS AVAILABLE (Amounts change yearly)	FUNDING SOURCE
*Pell Grants (Basic Educational Opportunity Grants)	Students enrolled in a degree program on at least a half-time basis. Undergraduates only.	Students must file Basic Grant application or other approved form as soon as possible.	Up to \$4050 per year depending on need.	Federally funded and awarded.
Stanford Loans	Students enrolled in a degree program on at least a half-time program.	Students must file application form and supporting documentation as soon as possible.	\$2625 per year for freshmen; \$3500 for sophomores; \$5500 for juniors and seniors.	insured by Federal Government or Florida Student Assistance Commission. The Loan is made by a lender such as a bank, credit union or savings & loan association.
Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students	Parents of dependent undergraduate students.	Students must file application form as soon as possible.	Cost of education minus estimated financial aid student is eligible for.	Essentially same provisions as Stafford Loan.
*Florida Student Assistance Programs	Full-time undergraduates who have resided in Florida for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the academic year for which application is made.	Students must file application form and supporting documentation before April 1 of previous academic year.	Range from \$200-\$1481 per academic year.	Funded and awarded by Florida Student Financial Assistance Commission.

* Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and <http://firm.edu/doe/osfa/fsagfactsheet.htm> for complete information