



student services
DIVISION

The main purpose of the Students Service Division of the College Seminary is to implement the community, social and personal development aspects of the institutional formation program. The Dean of Students is immediately responsible for this Division. All members of the faculty and staff collaborate with the Dean of Students in implementing the formation program. For further understanding of seminary life, seminarians are referred to St. John Vianney Seminary's Principles of Formation.

In addition, the Student Services Division provides non-seminarian students with services and activities outside the academic area.

COMMUNITY LIFE

A seminarian must live as an active member of the community, committed to the life and discipline of the college seminary. The daily challenge to live in harmony with others, balancing his personal schedule and developing healthy relationships, is one of the most immediate ways a seminarian prepares for the priesthood and a life of service in a parish.

Along with the faculty and staff, all seminarians, and especially those in leadership positions, share responsibility and accountability for creating an environment of personal and communal growth. In this environment, civility, cleanliness, mutual respect and appropriate concern for others are expected and fostered as the external expression of a life of charity.

A CELIBATE LIFESTYLE - The commitment to celibacy is one of the fundamental expressions of the radical call of Jesus to be a disciple for the sake of the reign of God. A seminarian is required to live a celibate lifestyle. This personal commitment to celibacy as a preparation for the priesthood is a growth process nurtured and supported by the seminary community.

WORK ASSIGNMENTS - Each seminarian is given work assignments or other responsibilities on campus. These assignments are a contribution to the cost of his seminary education and an aspect of formation in community life.

APOSTOLIC PROGRAM

The call to the priesthood is a call to service. A vital part of the seminary formation program is the Apostolic program in which all students participate. Seminarians are involved on a weekly basis on supervised ministry at

hospitals, prisons, convalescent, day care and facilities for the handicapped. In addition, they offer their services as catechists and leaders in religious education programs such as RCIA. Subsequent theological reflection in small groups enables the seminarians to reflect on their individual aptitude for ministry and to evaluate their relationships with persons outside the seminary community.

The students are evaluated yearly by their local supervisor and by the seminary Field Education Director. The results of those evaluations are discussed individually with the seminarians.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

St. John Vianney College Seminary requires that all students (seminarians, religious and lay) maintain hospitalization coverage. If needed, the seminary will refer seminarians to a doctor but fees charged by that physician are paid by the student and/or his family.

Seminarians who require special diets, or have other individual needs, should make these known to the Dean of Students upon arrival. Provisions will be made for their special needs. Before their acceptance into the Seminary, all candidates are required to have a full physical examination by their personal physician. A report of that examination is to be submitted as part of the application process. If such a report is not available upon arrival, the seminary will make arrangements for the students to have a physical examination at the student's expense.

RECREATION

Integral to the program of priestly formation which occurs at St. John Vianney College Seminary is the fundamental and basic belief that a sound mind is aided by a sound body. St. John Vianney College Seminary places a high value on physically fit future priests and hopes that during their college years students will acquire a habit of good exercise that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We believe that a good regimen of diet and exercise will facilitate this process among the students.

St. John Vianney College Seminary's campus offers students the availability of a gymnasium, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and many different playing fields for soccer, football, baseball and softball. Racquetball and other indoor sporting activities are available at a nearby court club. Provisions are made in the daily schedule to afford student ample time for recreation.

POLICY AGAINST HARASSMENT

The College Seminary is committed to providing an environment free of any kind of harassment. The College Seminary Policy Against Harassment is contained within the Principles of Formation handbook.

DRUG FREE ENVIRONMENT

Pursuant to section 1213 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by section 22 of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, (Public law 101-226) the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or property, or as part of any of its activities by employees, instructors and students of this institution is against the policy of the College Seminary. For more information on this issue please refer to the College Seminary's Drug Prevention Program handbook.

POLICY ON HAZING

Hazing is defined as any act whether physical, mental, emotional or psychological, which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to anything that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass, or intimidate him or her, or which may in any fashion compromise his/her inherent dignity as a person.

Hazing is inherently in conflict with the mission of Saint John Vianney College Seminary and, therefore, will not be tolerated. Every effort will be made to insure that students will not encounter the humiliation and danger of *hazing*.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

CAMPUS LIFE - Non-seminarian students are offered a variety of cultural and social activities. All such events are posted on bulletin boards throughout the college seminary campus.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT - All full-time students are members of the Student Government, a seminary organization with the purpose of fostering student participation, representation and responsibility in the life of St. John Vianney. The Student Government is governed by its constitution. Through its elected officers the association provides a channel of communication among students on the one hand and with faculty and administrators on the other. Elections are held annually for the positions of President and Vice-President of the Student Body and twice yearly for Class Deans.

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES - Once a year, the students present a literary evening, celebrating the many cultures and languages which are part of the seminary environment. Original compositions, classical languages, music and various forms of artistic expression are included in this celebration.

PUBLICATIONS - Students interested in journalism publish *The Canticle*. This provides them the opportunity to write for publication and to promote vocations to the priesthood through written communication.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - The purpose of this Association is to foster fraternity among the alumni, to coordinate an Annual Reunion of the Alumni at the Seminary, to provide support for the Seminary from the membership and to seek such support from benefactors and friends of the Seminary. Membership in the Association is open to all alumni of the Seminary, lay and clerical.

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