



Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Blessed Stanley Rother House of Formation Campaign
CASE STATEMENT

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has published the 6th edition of the Program of Priestly Formation (PPF6). The PPF serves as a guide for seminaries and priestly vocations programs in forming men for the ministerial priesthood. The new national guidelines for priestly formation are to be observed in all seminaries, effective August 4, 2023. These new guidelines call for an initial year of formation – the Propaedeutic Stage – to take place prior to the two-year philosophy program (the Discipleship Stage). This new initial year will introduce each seminarian to the spiritual life of a priest and provide him with a solid foundation in human formation.

Consistent with Mount St. Mary's Seminary mission and illustrious history of forming men for the Catholic priesthood since 1808, the Mount has been preparing for these changes and is offering a home for the Propaedeutic Stage. We prayerfully encourage your support in assisting us with this exciting program as we continue forming better seminarians and better priests.

The program will be housed in a to-be-renovated wing of the St. Joseph House of the Daughters of Charity. The complex of buildings also houses the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and is located two miles from the Mount. The House of Formation is dedicated to Seminary Mount graduate Blessed Stanley Rother, the first American-born martyr.

With the Propaedeutic Stage to begin August 2023, the Seminary is conducting the Blessed Stanley Rother House Campaign to fund this program. The Campaign goal of \$5 Million is a three-year campaign that will provide funds to support the required renovations, program support and an endowment, that will ensure long-term sustainability.

It is imperative to raise \$2.5 Million by year end 2023, to support the program and cover the costs of renovations to the chapel, classrooms, 35 seminarian rooms, shower rooms, library, office space and meeting rooms.

The men of the Rother House will be a community of discerners under the guidance of Reverend Daniel Hanley, who has been named the Priest Formator for the Propaedeutic Stage. Father Hanley is from the Diocese of Arlington and a national expert in PPF6.

The success of this Campaign will ensure the Mount continues as a national leader in forming tomorrow's clergy.