

Life in the Seminary:

What it is, How it Works, and Why it's There



"What exactly is the seminary and what goes on here is one of the best kept secrets of the Church." – Luke, St. Mary's Seminary and University, 2021

What is life in the seminary like? Is it basically a fraternity, but instead of partying they pray? Do they just pray and go to classes? When you enter, do you have to be ordained?

While the basic understanding of what Catholic seminary is known (a place to train potential-future priests), much of the life in the seminary is quite unknown to anyone not in regular contact with a seminarian.

Tom Whiteford, a Seminarian for the Diocese of Erie, addresses these questions and more in a 10-week series of short videos, with the goal of trying to make life in the seminary a little less of an unknown.

The links to the videos can be found on the parish YouTube page.