



YOUR SEMINARY

ARRIVAL DATE CHANGE

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning seminarians in August to a safe and healthy environment in this era of Covid-19. Because of anticipated ongoing pandemic issues and in order to help prevent further spread, we have determined the following Protocol for returning and new students, fall 2020.

All resident seminarians (those living on campus) are to arrive Monday, 17 August 2020 (after 8:00 AM and before noon if possible). Seminarians are asked to send their expected arrival time to Jenny Drzewiecki (Formation): jdrzewiecki@shsst.edu. All seminarians are asked to certify they are Covid-19 negative and free of symptoms. Also, they are to self-quarantine for a week to the extent possible prior to arriving on campus. To that end, we ask that seminarians be diagnostically tested at least one week prior to arrival. Another test for all seminarians will be arranged once they are here on campus. Please send test results to rector@shsst.edu. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

From time of arrival at SHSST, seminarians are to self-quarantine until the first day of orientation on 25 August: they will be allowed to go to the main chapel for organized prayer/liturgy and be led in a retreat from Tuesday evening, 18 August through Sunday Eucharist, 23 August. They will be permitted to take walks or exercise on the grounds but not leave the grounds except in case of an emergency. They must practice social distancing at all times; therefore, the work-out room and dining room are off-limits during this period. Boxed meals and snacks will be provided in the student recreation room on the fourth floor by Sodexo. They will be instructed in sanitizing their rooms regularly, as well as, the student bathrooms and showers for the protection of everyone's health.

As of Monday, 24 August seminarians will be permitted to end the quarantine period of 14 days total (7 prior to arrival and 7 upon arrival), but are to follow current campus health protocols in place. We anticipate moving to phase 4 protocols for everyone that day.

We thank you for your cooperation since this will help us provide a safe and healthy environment for our seminarians, staff, residents, and others entering the seminary building.

In the heart of Christ,

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