

Help for the minor seminary Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus, Haiti, 2021

PRESENTATION OF THE SEMINARY

The propaedeutic “Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus” is located near the Calvary overlooking the city of Cap-Haitien. It welcomes young seminarians from the Archdiocese of Cap-Haitien for their preparatory year at the Major Seminary Notre Dame. Those who feel God's call to become priests are welcomed in this house for a time of discernment.

Since 2005, the year of its existence, it has not ceased to provide priests for the archdiocese and for the Universal Church.

The seminarians receive a formation in spiritual, intellectual, social, human and community life.

Short presentation of the Propaedeutic programme

On a spiritual level

- a) Spiritual direction
- b) Daily community Masses
- c) Spiritual readings - Bible reading
- d) Recitation of the rosary every Saturday morning
- e) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament twice a week. (Thursday morning and Sunday evening)
- f) Recollection at the beginning of the year, at the beginning of special times and at the end of the year.
- g) Participation in the great spiritual events of the diocese: Ordination, march, pilgrimage etc.

On the intellectual level

- a) Regular reading in the library
- b) Upgrading French
- c) Introduction to research
- d) Courses in French, Latin, English, introduction to the Bible, music, singing, liturgy, methodology, the life of Saint Paul and his letters, the 4 Gospels, the Church, communication, the ecumenical councils, the liturgy of the hours.
- e) Seminarians' genius (Question and answer competition on the courses, on the Church, etc.)

On the human and community level

- a) Life skills
- b) Team life
- c) Sharing tasks and responsibilities
- d) Weekly community meetings

e) Group outings

In his letter, Archbishop SATURNÉ of Cap Haïtien writes that the future of the Church depends on the quality of the formation given to seminarians.

Unfortunately, the archdiocese unfortunately does not have the means to finance the entire operating budget of the seminary.

The annual budget for the academic year 2020-2021 for the 8 seminarians is estimated at \$32,498 (salaries of the professors, food, operating costs...).

ACN will contribute €8,000 to the funding of this project.