

Four men join as seminarians for the diocese

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The Diocese of Little Rock accepted four men as seminarians for the 2024-2025 school year. All four will start with a year of discernment, called a Propadeutic Year. They will live at the House of Formation in Little Rock.

They are:

- Matthew Lamb, 18, son of David Thomas Lamb and Jennifer Lamb. He attends Christ the King Church in Little Rock.
- Luke Parker, 18, a member of Immaculate Conception Church in North Little Rock. He is the son of James and Vicki Parker.
- Parker Vail, 18, son of Thomas and Melissa Ann Vail. He attends Immaculate Conception Church in Little Rock.
- Pedro Cervantes, 22, son of Jesus and Amelia Cervantes of Texas. His parish is St. Theresa Church in San Benito, Texas.

Eighteen seminarians are returning. They are:

- Deacon Joel Brackett of Rogers is scheduled to be ordained a priest May 31.

- Duwan Booker of Little Rock is scheduled to be ordained a deacon May 15.
- Tuan Do of North Little Rock is scheduled to be ordained a deacon May 21
- Quinton Thomas of Jonesboro is scheduled to be ordained a deacon May 13.
- Christopher Elser of Little Rock is scheduled to be ordained a deacon May 24.
- Joseph Minh Phong Nguyen of North Little Rock is scheduled to be ordained a deacon May 21.
- Phillip Necessary of Rogers
- Joshua Osborne of Conway
- Sam Stengel of Paris
- Ryan Carlson of Van Buren
- Benjamin Keating of Fort Smith
- Steven Wilson of Stuttgart
- Andrew Schaefer of Rogers
- Pedro Alvarez of Little Rock
- Ngiep Hoang of Weiner
- Phillip Zawislak of Little Rock
- Jack Smith of Jacksonville
- Jesus Tovar of Jonesboro