

DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH  
**SEMINARIANS'  
FUND**



Valladolid, Spain

In the words from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises his people that he will never leave them without shepherds to gather them together and guide them.

Indeed, for the first time in many years, we have two young men, Hugo Lomax and Aaron Mansfield in seminary formation at the Royal English College, Valladolid, where they are undertaking their foundation year before entering major seminary this autumn.

Hopefully two further men will be following in their footsteps this autumn, not to mention the other six men who are currently discerning a possible vocation with us.

They provide a beacon of hope for the future.

As a diocese, we always respond generously to the needs of our priests and seminarians. At present the Seminarians Fund is raising around £30,000 per year.

However, it costs around £35,500 per year to fund a student (including tuition fees), so there's an obvious problem! By September 2023 we are hoping to have four men in formation. Our costs are therefore likely to increase considerably to around £142,000 per annum.

Are you able to help fund these young men, who are giving up their lives in service of the Church?

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*We thank God for the gift of our seminarians. As we continue to keep them in our prayer, we pray also that many others will be open to hearing Christ's call in their lives, and especially that they be willing to offer themselves for the priesthood in our diocese.*

Fr. Ralph Candy,  
Vocations Director

*I will give you shepherds after my own heart*

- Jeremiah 3:15



Hugo and Aaron, our two most recent seminarians, who are currently studying at the Royal English College in Valladolid, northern Spain.

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Thank you for choosing to give a donation to the  
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