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Hugo Lomax

Today we celebrate 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. What makes the shepherd good? The Gospel for today specifies two things: his willingness to lay down his life for his sheep, and the fact that he knows his sheep personally, recognizing their voices. Generous self-giving and a pastoral heart define the seminarian of today.

Hugo Lomax and Andrius Spiridonovas continue their seminary formation at Allen Hall in London and will be joined by Julian Pinto this autumn. Sam Mapletoft, after successfully completing the Ministry Experience Scheme in Exeter, will be starting the propaedeutic year in Valladolid too. 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 £45,000 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 2024 we will 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. Young men who are following Christ, 'the light of the world'. May God grant them and others an open and discerning heart, to hear afresh Christ's call to offer themselves for the priesthood in our diocese.

Fr. Ralph Candy,
Vocations Director

*'I am
the light of
the world'*
- John 8:12

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