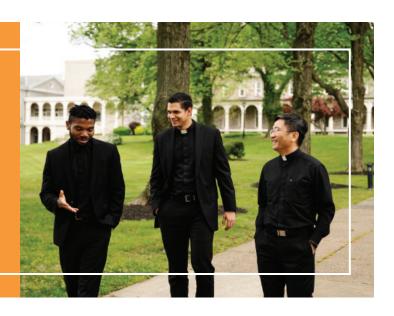


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I started out my priesthood in Saint Eleanor Parish in Collegeville. At the parish, I got to apply what I learned from the seminary – whether it's the sacrament of confession, celebrating Mass and Baptism, or sending lives into eternity at funerals. I didn't realize until I was in a parish how well the seminary prepared me to be a priest. They enabled me to answer God's call and to see myself in God's eyes. I would not be here, realizing that call, or become the man I am today without the help of benefactors who give to St. Charles. The people's financial contribution enables the mission of the Church to continue.

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- Father Alessandro Giardini



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