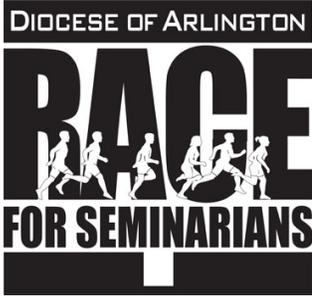


## FROM OUR PASTOR



This weekend, we are so pleased to welcome back to SEAS, the **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**. The dear sisters carry on the mission of their founder, St. Jeanne Jugan, by caring for the most disadvantaged elderly in our society. To provide for the needs of the aged poor, St. Jeanne walked the roads of Northwest France seeking alms and knocking on doors. Today, the Little Sisters carry on the “tradition of collecting” as they visit not only parishes, but also markets and businesses seeking food and commodities to offset operating expenses and to maintain and upgrade their homes for the elderly. On behalf of the sisters, I want to thank everyone in advance who are able to financially and prayerfully support the wonderful work and ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor.



The Diocese of Arlington invests a great deal in its seminarians to ensure they become well-formed priests. Their formation, including human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral, requires a commitment of time, effort and money. Donations to the Race for Seminarians contribute toward the costs of seminarian education as well as seminarian expenses not normally covered by the Diocese. Our parish has been blessed by having a number of these wonderful men as part of our parish family either as parishioners and/or as part of their summer parish assignment experience. Let us show our support and gratitude to them. You can support our seminarians two ways. As a *sponsor* or as a *runner/walker*. As a **SPONSOR**, you can make a donation online ([https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/Donate/Donate/Race\\_for\\_Seminarians/Donate.aspx](https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/Donate/Donate/Race_for_Seminarians/Donate.aspx)) or by check (payable to “Catholic Diocese of Arlington” add “Seton Lake Ridge Race for Seminarians” in the memo line).

As a **RUNNER/WALKER**, you can join our Seton Lake Ridge Team. In past years, St Elizabeth Ann Seton has had a team of runners who registered for the MCM or the MCM 10K and then through sponsorship and donations, raised funds for our seminarians. With races being cancelled this year due to COVID, we have gotten creative. Anyone who is willing to commit to completing at least 26.2 miles in the month of October, *and* will assist in seeking sponsorship to raise funds, can join our Seton Lake Ridge Team. To find out more, or to get your name added to our Seton Lake Ridge team, please contact Kris Fischer : [k.fischer@setonlakeridge.org](mailto:k.fischer@setonlakeridge.org) or 703-494-4008.

May our good Lord continue to guide and protect us all ~ *Fr. Bashista*

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Love's Source

Our relationship to Jesus has much to do with his relationship to the Father. “On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” (Jn 14:20). “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love” (15:10). “The words that you gave to me I have given to them” (17:8). “As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world” (17:18).

Jesus sees his own relationship to the Father as the pattern for our relationship to him and to one another. Imagining what this means opens an endless horizon to us: To love Jesus the way he loves the Father, and to be loved by him the way he is loved by the Father!

Is this possible? Is it not too grand? Is it not an unreasonable demand to put on a poor human being? It is not a demand. It is a gift Jesus wants to give you if you accept his own life in you. He will lead you to participate in the love he always shares with the Father in the Holy Spirit.

The life of Jesus is always a life of community. The love between him and the Father is the source of all community. From this source you can drink.

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