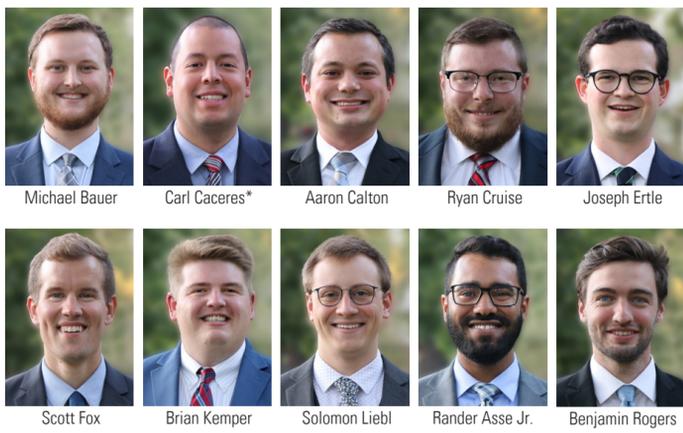


Midwest Jesuits in Formation

NOVICES | First Year



Michael Bauer Carl Caceres* Aaron Calton Ryan Cruise Joseph Ertle
 Scott Fox Brian Kemper Solomon Liebl Rander Asse Jr. Benjamin Rogers

NOVICES | Second Year



Brennan Dour Patrick Fenner Austin Kleman
 Brian Martindale Michael Rushka Kyle Vieth

NOVIATE: A man enters the Society of Jesus as a novice. Novices spend two years living in community while taking classes, making the 30-day retreat of the Spiritual Exercises, and engaging in a variety of ministries. At the end of that time, they profess perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as either a brother or a scholastic, with the primary difference being that scholastics intend to go on for ordination to the priesthood while brothers do not.

FIRST STUDIES



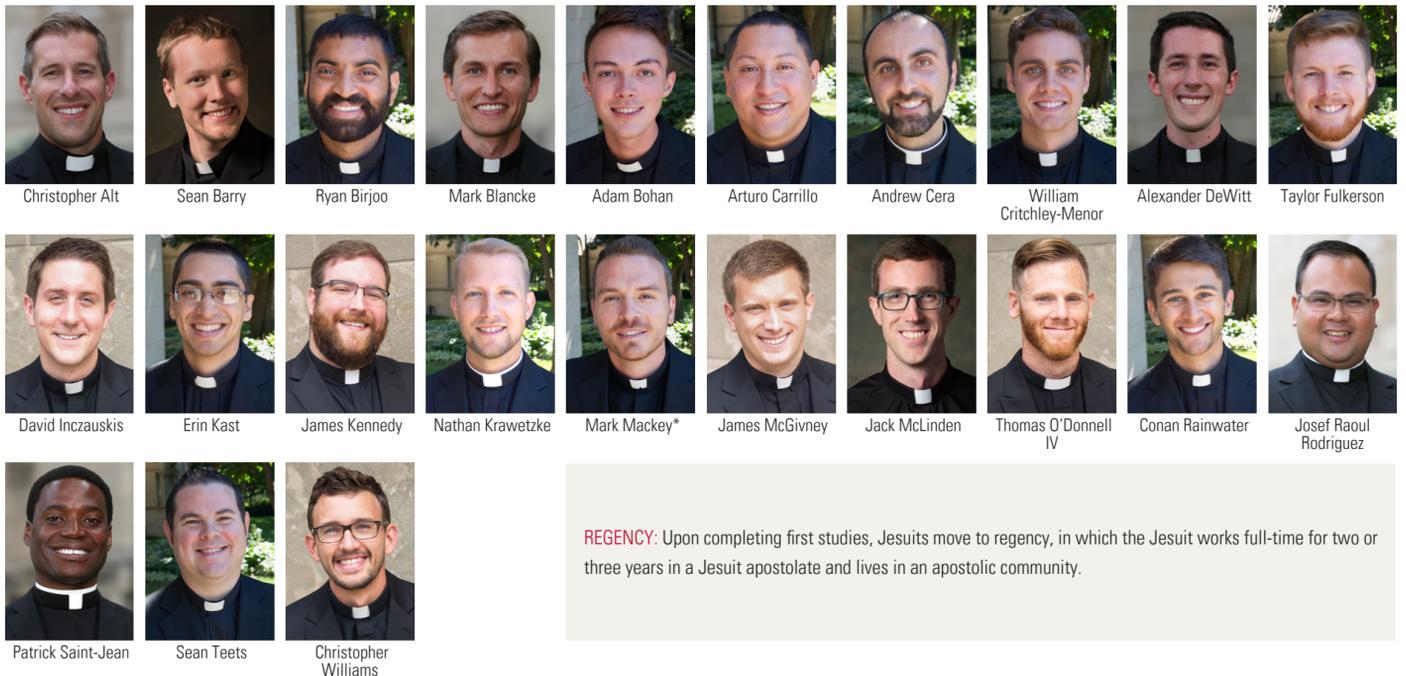
Emmanuel Arenas Noah Banasiewicz Matthew Bjorklund* Adam Bryan Brian Burtka Philip Cooley Nathaniel Cortas Thomas Doran Patrick Fisher Alexander Hale
 David Herr Benjamin Jansen Kevin Karam Min Keun Park Michael Pederson Justin Prom Ryan Serfas John Stein John T. Wahlbrink Jonathon Wojtkowiak

FIRST STUDIES: After the novitiate, Jesuits continue on to first studies, a two- or three-year period of graduate coursework in philosophy and theology called first studies.



Matthew Zurcher

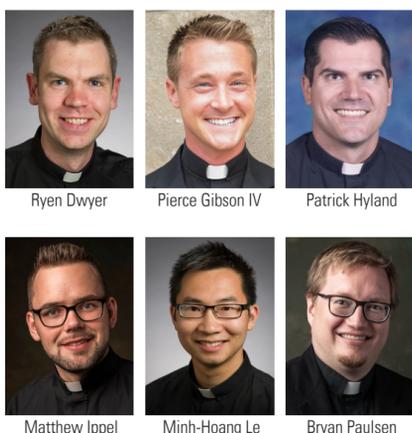
REGENCY



Christopher Alt Sean Barry Ryan Birjoo Mark Blancke Adam Bohan Arturo Carrillo Andrew Cera William Critchley-Menor Alexander DeWitt Taylor Fulkerson
 David Incauskis Erin Kast James Kennedy Nathan Krawetzke Mark Mackey* James McGivney Jack McLinden Thomas O'Donnell IV Conan Rainwater Josef Raoul Rodriguez
 Patrick Saint-Jean Sean Teets Christopher Williams

REGENCY: Upon completing first studies, Jesuits move to regency, in which the Jesuit works full-time for two or three years in a Jesuit apostolate and lives in an apostolic community.

THEOLOGY | First Year



Ryan Dwyer Pierce Gibson IV Patrick Hyland
 Matthew Ippel Minh-Hoang Le Bryan Paulsen

THEOLOGY | Second Year



Nicholas Albin Andrea Bianchini Daniel Dixon
 Daniel Kennedy Aaron Pierre Damian Torres-Botello

THEOLOGY | Third Year



Aaron Bohr Matthew Donovan
 Eric Immel Stephen Molvarec

THEOLOGY: Following regency, Jesuits begin an intensive study of theology. Scholastics preparing for ordination will earn a master of divinity.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT



Thomas Arms III José de Jesús Camacho

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: Some Jesuits in formation may have a special assignment that does not include active ministry or studies.

SPECIAL STUDIES



Timothy Perron

SPECIAL STUDIES: As part of his ongoing formation, a Jesuit may pursue advanced studies in a particular academic or professional field.

***BROTHERS IN FORMATION:** Brothers undergo a slightly different yet equally rigorous formation than that of their scholastic counterparts.

TERTIANSHIP: A Jesuit completes his formation with tertianship—a program of prayer, reflection, and studies—in preparation for final vows in the Society of Jesus.

ORDAINED | 2021



Thomas Bambrick Jeffrey Dorr Garrett Gundlach Robert Karle
 Aaron Malnick Hung Nguyen Trevor Rainwater Jeffrey Sullivan

ORDINATION: After theology, those Jesuits who are called to the priesthood are ordained.



JESUITS
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Second-year Jesuit novices **Noah Banasiewicz, Brian Burtka, Nathaniel Cortas, Thomas Doran, David Herr, Benjamin Jansen, Min Keun Park, Ryan Serfas, and John Wahlbrink**, pronounced first vows in the Society of Jesus at a Mass on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Saint Thomas More Catholic Community in St. Paul, Minnesota. The V. Rev. **Karl Kiser, SJ**, provincial of the Midwest Province presided at the Mass.



Please support a Jesuit in formation.

The Cost

Novitiate \$80,000 (2 years)	Regency \$15,000 (2–3 years)	Tertiaship \$40,000 (1 year)	The total cost of formation for a Jesuit: \$525,000
First Studies \$180,000 (3 years)	Theology \$210,000 (3 years)		

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To see all things new in Christ

"To see all things new in Christ" is the invitation that we Jesuits and our partners have received as we observe this "Ignatian Year" celebrating 500 years of the conversion and subsequent legacy of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Having recently completed my first year of guiding and accompanying our men in formation, I feel richly blessed with the opportunity to see our Jesuit mission and service through their eyes—while gently opening their eyes to the incredible opportunities for mission and service that still lie ahead of them.

Over these recent months, I have been blessed to see pictures of one of our newly ordained priests baptize a baby in the River Jordan, while also hearing how another scholastic approaching ordination to the priesthood is able to see "Galilee in Boston" through the course of his studies and ministries. One regent teaching and coaching at a high school conveys his joy at "seeing the excitement in the faces of his students when they improve their performance," and another, serving in the remote mountains of a far-off

land, finds that his mission there is the result of an earlier calling that led him to say, "I can see myself here someday." A novice who just professed first vows shares how—upon seeing his parents at the vows Mass—he rejoiced in knowing that he was their son and the fact that he now gets to give himself entirely to God. Another young scholastic in first studies sees his summer serving immigrants at U.S.-Mexico border as "an expansion of heart that can only come through closeness with the poor." These, and so many other "glimpses of the Kingdom," give me an inspiring sense of hope for the future of our province, the Society of Jesus, and our Church, and I'm thrilled to share this hope with you, our dear partners who do so much to make this promising future possible.



This year the Midwest Province is blessed to have 16 young men studying at our novitiate in St. Paul, Minnesota; 10 are first year novices, and 6 are in their second year. Over the course of approximately a decade, these men will be educated, tested, and transformed to become salt, light, and leaven for our seemingly dark, wearisome world. As the Midwest Jesuits' provincial assistant for formation, I feel richly blessed to accompany each Jesuit through this formative journey. What a grace to be able to humbly, yet genuinely, exclaim, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of Our Lord!"

The cost of forming a Jesuit from the time they enter as novices to the completion of formation reaches \$525,000 each. I encourage you to join the Midwest Province Jesuits in praying for our men in formation and supporting this program. Each Jesuit has opened his heart to God's call and is ready to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come," while offering their very lives to aid its arrival.

I am pleased to report that we again have more than 80 Jesuits in formation this year, and I am grateful that with your continued support we will be able to meet them with the necessary resources. I thank you for your gifts to and prayers for the Midwest Province. And I assure you of our prayers as well.

Yours gratefully in Christ,

Charles Rodriguez, S.J.

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Provincial Assistant for Formation

