

Notre Dame Seminary

From its establishment by the Archdiocese of New Orleans as a free-standing seminary in 1923, Notre Dame Seminary has as its primary mission the preparation of men for ministerial priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church. The seminary, through an integrated and balanced program of priestly formation, seeks to prepare pastors for the Church in the spirit of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

While primarily preparing men to serve as priests in the southern region of the United States, Notre Dame Seminary participates in the missionary activity of the Church by promoting a spirit of mission among its candidates for priesthood, and by assisting certain missionary dioceses in other areas of the world.



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Spanish Immersion Program

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Spanish Immersion Program

and Pastoral Life



Puerto Rico

July 5—August 3, 2010

Spanish Immersion Program

Notre Dame Seminary is sponsoring a four-week Spanish Immersion Program in Puerto Rico. Enrollment is open to any Catholic seminarian, priest, deacon or religious.

This four-week immersion program will focus on developing language skills and a wide variety of pastoral, liturgical and cultural experiences. It is geared to provide the priests, seminarians, deacons, and religious with the appropriate language skills and cultural sensitivities to minister effectively to the fast growing Hispanic population in the United States.

The students will have the opportunity to participate in intensive language instruction along with prayer and liturgies in Spanish. They will also develop cultural awareness through interaction with the local people and a variety of cultural field trips.

Visits will be scheduled to parish churches where there will be the opportunity to observe religious celebrations and see how they are performed in this cultural setting.

These experiences will provide the participants with a much deeper understanding of the language, culture and religion within the context of Hispanic customs and traditions.

ACCOMODATIONS

The participants will stay at the Misión Claret Retreat House located in the beautiful city of Bayamón. Accommodations include single bedrooms.

CO-DIRECTORS

Reverend Joseph M. Krafft, Director of Human Formation at Notre Dame Seminary.

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PROGRAM DATES

July 5—August 3, 2010

APPLICATION FEE: \$150.00 (no refund)

PROGRAM FEE: \$3,500.00

The program fee includes:

- * Airfare to and from Puerto Rico
- * Room and board
- * More than 4 hours of language instruction and cultural experiences every day; class material
- * Cultural excursions on weekends and entrance fees
- * Transportation to and from airport and to excursion sites
- * Wireless internet

The program fee does not include:

- * Spending money (dining out, souvenirs, independent travel expenses, etc.)
- * Laundry
- * Accident/health insurance (required)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

This program is designed to provide:

1. Intensive language instruction—grammar, conversation, Hispanic culture. Class sizes are small. All instructors are native speakers.
2. Daily Mass participation and prayers in Spanish
3. Pastoral and social activities with churches in the area
4. Weekend excursions to cultural and religious sites
5. 4 credit hours granted as elective courses

PUERTO RICO

Puerto Rico is officially called the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

When Christopher Columbus arrived in Puerto Rico during his second voyage on November 19, 1493, the island was inhabited by Arawak Indians known as Taínos. They called the island “Borikén” or, in Spanish, “Borinquen.” Columbus named the island San Juan Bautista in honor of Saint John the Baptist. Later the island took the name of Puerto Rico and its capital was named San Juan.

The official languages of the island are Spanish and English. Spanish is the primary language and English is taught as a second language.

Puerto Rican culture is a mix of four cultures: African, Taíno (Amerindians), Spanish, and more recently North American.

Bayamón where the Claret Retreat House is located was established on May 22, 1772, by Juan Ramirez de Arellano. The name derives from a local Indian Chief, Bahamon. It is part of the metropolitan area of San Juan and is the second most populous city. Bayamón lies in a fertile valley in which sugar, tobacco, grapefruit, vegetables and coffee are raised.

