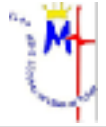




MISSIONARY FRATERNITY OF MARY FRATERNIDAD MISIONERA DE MARIA



SUPPORT FORMATION PROGRAMS FOR SEMINARIANS IN GUATEMALA, CENTRAL

The Missionary Fraternity of Mary is a Society of Religious Life with diocesan right located in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The Fraternity offers young men ages 17 and beyond a chance to become agents of change within society as missionary priests.

There are 160 priests of the Missionary Fraternity of Mary working in 11 countries (Panama, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Italy, Kenya, Canada and the United States). Actually, the Fraternity is supporting the formation of 75 seminarians in different levels of formation. Most of the young men in the seminary come from very poor areas in Guatemala; they cannot afford tuition.

Our challenges are many, since we don't have any monthly or yearly financial support from any institution in Guatemala, we continue to rely on the support of the MCP to fund our formation programs at the seminary in Guatemala. The annual cost of formation is \$3,000/year per seminarian.

The Fraternity also provides youth ministry to educate young men and women, prepares them for Church and community leadership. Over 6,000 young men and women have experienced a spiritual retreat called Exodista's Retreat. The retreats prepare and empower youth in ministry to go forth and to continue the mission in their own communities.

Together we can offer hope for a more meaningful life, not only for the young men ordained as missionary priests but for the people we serve worldwide.

Support the Missionary Fraternity of Mary in its mission to continue providing opportunities for those with a true vocation to the priesthood. Any contribution will benefit directly the formation programs for the seminarians of the Missionary Fraternity of Mary in Guatemala. I would like to thank your Bishop, the Mission Office and your pastor and you for your support, you are in our prayers and we will keep praying for you. Stay safe and healthy. Be blessed!!!