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Dear friends,

“To begin to be a priest is to begin to suffer.” These were the words that the mother of St. John Bosco addressed to him. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July, feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord, eight deacons will be ordained priests for eternity by His Eminence Cardinal Burke in the Church of Saints Michael and Cajetan in Florence. Their life at the seminary is coming to a close, and yet “this is not the end, but rather the beginning”, our Prior General Monsignor Wach said. At this time more than ever, the community of Gricigliano needs your prayers, not only for these deacons, but also for the twenty-two first-year seminarians who will receive the cassock and Tonsure on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June at Gricigliano.

The Holy Church teaches us that the priest at the altar renews “the mystery of the death of our Saviour”, as said during the ordination ceremony. The Mass is the Cross. Here the Incarnate Word offers Himself to His Father for our salvation, becoming incarnate again on the altar at the word of his servant.

What greater task exists in this world than to be an instrument of so great a mystery? As the Church says, “Know well what you are doing, and imitate it.” As priests, their entire life must flow from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and conform to it, so that they can be not only priests, but also victims with our Saviour. It is holiness, and nothing else, that is required of priests, who are poor and unworthy sinners. They must cooperate with God, who alone can make them holy. It is in Him alone that they find their confidence and joy on the eve of approaching the altar.

Thank you for your support and prayers for the seminarians, and please continue to pray for them so that they may be priests like unto the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Our Lady of the Priesthood, pray for us!

*In Christo Rege,*

The community of Gricigliano

At Gricigliano, work projects continue to make our seminary more habitable and beautiful for next year’s seminarians with more recent tasks including interior painting, new windows and renovating a new dormitory.



**Your future priests**

