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ELECTION OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV



Photo: Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost has been elected Supreme Pontiff, choosing the name Leo XIV.

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VISIT OF GROUPS TO THE SEMINARY

We received a visit from prayer groups and parishioners at our Seminary.

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Monsignor Antonio Cramerí blessed the bell tower, which has finally been inaugurated for our Seminary.

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We participated in the Solemn Chrism Mass at the "Christ the King" Cathedral in the city of Esmeraldas.

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MASS IN SUFFRAGE FOR THE SOUL OF POPE FRANCIS

We participated together with the local Church in the Solemn Mass in suffrage for the soul of Pope Francis.

VISIT OF THE ROSARY GROUP FROM LOJA



Photo: Seminarians and the Director of Studies of the Seminary together with the youth of Loja.

L on March 8, 2025, we joyfully welcomed the visit of the youth from the Rosarygroup of Loja, whose mission is to pray for our Seminary. We are happy to have been able to welcome them into our home and share with them pleasant moments of profound faith. Upon their arrival, we welcomed them with fraternal refreshments. Afterward, we prayed the Holy Rosary together with devotion before the relic of the Holy Cross, entrusting ourselves to Our Mother. Afterward, they toured the Seminary, guided by the seminarians, learning about daily life here and contemplating the beauty of this place. The afternoon concluded with a beautiful Eucharist, presided by our Prefect of Studies, Fr. Roberto Rodriguez. Let us pray fervently for these young people of Loja, that the Lord may sustain them with His Spirit on this path of holiness, always guided by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother.



Photo: Fr. Roberto explaining to the youth about the relic of the Holy Cross.

VISIT OF A GROUP OF PARISHIONERS FROM QUININDÉ



Photo: Fr. Jorge Padilla welcoming parishioners upon their arrival at the Seminary.

In March, we also received a visit from a group of parishioners from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Quinindé, Esmeraldas. Three priests formed in our Seminary are assigned to this Parish: Father Victor Ocaña (Pastor), Father Edwin Quinde, and Father Jean Marcus Ardouin, who accompanied them .

Although they frequently attend their parish, these brothers knew little about our seminary. After welcoming them joyfully with some songs, we invited them to the dining room, where we shared lunch and some personal experiences that strengthened our bonds of fraternity. The brothers were then given a tour of our Seminary, guided by the seminarians, and we were able to explain the meaning of each corner of our formation house. After the tour, we joined in the devout prayer of the Holy Rosary to Our Mother, the Virgin Mary. The afternoon concluded with a solemn Eucharist, presided by our Rector, Fr. Marco Pacciana. At the end of the day, they were able to share with us their experience at the Seminary, expressing their gratitude and amazement. We fondly remember the testimony of one of these brothers, who movedly shared that, for him, being at the Seminary was like touching a piece of heaven here on earth.



Photo: Praying the Holy Rosary with the group of parishioners.



We invite you to join us in prayer for these dear brothers and sisters who visited us, most of whom fulfill the important role of catechists in Quinindé. May the Lord continue to strengthen them in their service and shower them with blessings.

SOLEMN INAUGURATION OF THE BELL TOWER



Photo: Completed bell tower project.





Photo: Fr. Marco Pacciana greeting the assembly before beginning the celebration.

On March 14, 2025, the solemn inauguration of the new bell tower of our Redemptoris Mater Seminary took place: for us, this has been a demonstration of the Lord's faithfulness and a sign of His providence. His Excellency Most Reverend Antonio Cramerí, Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Esmeraldas, presided over the celebration of Solemn Vespers. After this moving moment of prayer, we proceeded with the meaningful ritual of blessing the bells, an act that filled our hearts with hope and devotion. The culmination of this inaugural day came with the first ringing of the bells in unison, as we raised our voices in the singing of the Te Deum, a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God for this important achievement.



Photo: Priests, catechists, and brothers during the celebration of Solemn Vespers.



Photo: Celebration of Solemn Vespers



Photo: Proclamation of the Gospel during the bell tower blessing rite.



Photo: Bishop Antonio Crameri blesses the bells that will later be installed in the bell tower.

Finally, we had the joy of sharing a fraternal and grateful dinner with the generous benefactors who made possible this beautiful project for our Seminary. We would like to give special thanks to Eng. Víctor Manuel Villacís Mejía, founding partner and CEO of "Boonker Construcciones", to Mrs. Carmen María Flores Peña, owner of Macofer, to Architect Francisco Javier Fernández Estrella, to Eng. Luis Calle Méndez and to Mr. Juan Carlos Monje Quinde, who with their generous support have made this work possible.

CHRISM MASS AT THE "CHRIST THE KING" CATHEDRAL



Photo: Monsignor Antonio Cramerí, Bishop of Esmeraldas, together with the priests, deacons, and seminarians of the Vicariate.

On March 15, 2025, the Solemn Chrism Mass was held in the "Christ the King" Cathedral in the Apostolic Vicariate of Esmeraldas. This celebration, was presided by our bishop Monsignor Antonio Cramerí, who consecrated the holy chrism and the other oils. That morning, Monsignor and all the other priests renewed their priestly promises. We pray that the Lord may raise up more holy and humble vocations with hearts willing to serve the holy people of God and always guide them to Christ, the High and Eternal Priest.



Photo: Monsignor Antonio blessing the oils.



Photo: Priests of the Vicariate renewing their vows.

VISIT OF THE QUITO ROSARY GROUP

In April 26, 2025, we received a visit from the youth from Rosary group of Quito (South Zone) . We welcomed them with enthusiasm, shared a snack with them, and were able to experience a pleasant atmosphere, sharing our experiences and thanking them for carrying out their mission, which is to pray for us so that the Lord may complete the work He has begun. Then we joined in prayer, raising our intentions to our Mother, the Virgin Mary, while praying the rosary. To conclude the afternoon, some of the seminarians led the group through the entire seminary and explained, with catechesis, the meaning of each of the places they visited. Let us pray to the Lord for these brothers who have visited us and whose prayers support us every day. May the grace of the Father encourage them to continue fulfilling their mission.



Photo: Youth from the Quito Rosary group receiving catechesis (left) and dancing in the Seminary (right).



Photo: Fr. Roberto Rodriguez giving catechesis



Photo: Group of young people praying the Rosary together with the seminarians.

MASS FOR THE SOUL OF POPE FRANCIS IN THE PARISH OF LA DOLOROSA



Photo: Eucharist in suffrage for the soul of Pope Francis, presided over by His Excellency Most Reverend Monsignor Andrés Carrascosa Coso.

In the early hours of Monday, April 21, 2025, while the Universal Church, and with it our community, were still joyfully celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord in the midst of the Octave of Easter, we received the news of the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis, to the House of the Father. For our seminarians and formators, Pope Francis represented a beacon of light and an irreplaceable spiritual guide. His pontificate, marked by humility and unprecedented closeness, left an indelible mark on our hearts and on our vision of ministry. We were moved by his tender gestures, his tireless call for an "Church that goes" that challenges us directly, his concern for the poor and discarded who challenge us, and his insistence on mercy as the most beautiful face of God, a message that has resonated deeply in our formation. His encyclicals, exhortations, and homilies have nourished our reflection and prayer, urging us to be pastors with the "scent of sheep" lose to the people of God and ardent in proclaiming the Gospel.



Photo: Consecrated women religious participating in the Mass.



Photo: First Lady of Ecuador attending the Mass.



Photo: Monsignor Andrés Carrascosa together with the Archbishop and Auxiliary Bishops of Quito during the moment of consecration.

The days that followed were marked by prayer and grateful remembrance. On Tuesday, April 29, we joined the local Church to participate in the solemn Eucharist for the eternal repose of the Holy Father Francis, celebrated at La Dolorosa Parish and presided over by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ecuador, His Eminence, Most Rev. Archbishop Andrés Carrascosa Coso. We were deeply moved and shared in our sorrow and hope as we participated in this celebration with the Archbishop of Quito and numerous bishops and priests of the archdiocese. For us, being present at this Eucharist was a moment of profound ecclesial communion.

The sadness over the passing of our beloved Pope was illuminated anew by the certainty of the Resurrection, forcefully proclaimed during the Easter season. The words of the Apostolic Nuncio and the solemnity of the celebration comforted us and strengthened us in our faith. That the Lord has called his faithful servant in this sacred time of the Octave of Easter is, for our faith, an eloquent sign. It reminds us that death for Christians is not the end, but the definitive step toward the fullness of Life, a participation in Christ's victory.



Photo: Bishops present at the Mass for the soul of Pope Francis.

UPCOMING EVENT...

GALA DINNER 2025

Quito | Thursday, June 05
Cuenca | Friday, June 20
Guayaquil ("Charity Dinner") | Sunday, June 29

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