



Above, Bishop Slattery hosted the seminarians in his home for Mass followed by dinner and discussion July 24. Here, in his kitchen, he enthusiastically inspects the Mexican rice prepared by Jorge Gomez, center, with Gary Kastl.

Kerry Wakulich participates in a discussion that includes, at left, Serra Club stalwart Fred Klein.



John Grant relaxes during a dinner at Church of the Madalene July 27.



When former seminarian Andrew Sheller took his first vows with the Benedictines and became Brother Paul Sheller (at center, front row) present for the occasion at Conception Abbey in Missouri were his parents, Dennis and Barbara, Father Charles Swett and former seminarian Jimmy Perkins and, in the back row, Kerry Wakulich, Joe Thummell and Gary Kastl.

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For Bishop Edward J. Slattery, spending time with the seminarians of the Diocese of Tulsa is a “great joy.”

“I see them at prayer and at play, in formal and informal occasions. All and all, I have to say they bring me great joy and encouragement. I enjoy being with them because they are so eager to become priests and to serve the people.”

Bishop Slattery meets privately with each seminarian in his office during the summer and also when the men come home for Christmas vacations. He visits them at their seminaries and is a member of the board of directors of Conception Seminary College, where three of the men are pursuing their studies.

In July, he hosted the seminarians in his home and celebrated Mass in his chapel. Afterwards, they ate dinner together and spent a couple of hours just talking – on topics both serious and otherwise.

The following day, Bishop Slattery said his impression was that the seminarians were having a great summer.

“They all seem very happy, and in part because they don’t have to study. Seminary is very demanding.”



Clockwise from left:

Andy Hayes, center, spent three weeks at the sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in Lourdes, France, serving as guides along with Alan, at left, from New York, and Dominik, from Ireland.

When Van Nguyen came to Bishop Slattery’s office for a private conversation Aug. 23, he brought with him eggrolls he made that morning.

Joe Thummel assists Bishop Slattery at the coronation of Mary as Queen of the Diocese of Tulsa Aug. 13.

John O’Neill carries the crucifix as the crowned Our Lady of Guadalupe processes to St. Francis Xavier Church. (Photo courtesy Tulsa World)

Mark Steichen, pictured in the left side of the truck across from Steve Nelson of the TU Newman Center, joined Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran, at left, in a pilgrimage to Guatemala on the 25th anniversary of Father Stanley Rother’s assassination.

