

Seminarian Support Fund

Supporting our future priests

About the scheme

The LMS Seminarian Support Fund exists to provide support for **seminarians and religious** belonging to Roman Catholic communities dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass (the former 'Ecclesia Dei communities'). Previously recipients include seminarians from the ICKSP and FSSP and religious from the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer.

The sums are regularly reviewed, but with current ones up to £6,065 is available to each seminarian or religious over a course of seven years formation. Grants increase in size each year:

	2017-2024	From Sept 2024
Propaedeutic Year	£0	£200
Year 2	£500	£575
Year 3	£600	£690
Year 4	£700	£805
Year 5	£1,000	£1,150
Year 6	£1,100	£1,265
Year 7	£1,200	£1,380

The fund is discretionary and is restricted to seminarians and religious from England and Wales. Some frequently asked questions are printed overleaf.

How to apply

An application form should be submitted for each year in which funding is requested. To obtain a form or ask for more information email: **info@lms.org.uk**.

The application form must be endorsed by an authorised official (eg Rector, Bursar, Financial Administrator) of the supporting institution and a reference may be sought.

Normally, the annual grant will be paid around September or October, after commencement of the new academic year. Payment is by BACS transfer to a UK bank account unless other arrangements are agreed.

Keep in touch

Whilst it is not a condition of funding, we encourage recipients to be in touch with us, especially at major occasions such as tonsure or ordination. Our members are keen to hear news about how their contributions are supporting our priests of the future.

Frequently asked questions

- 1) Is funding available to members of religious communities (postulants/novices/ simply professed) in formation?**

Yes

- 2) Is funding available to men receiving formation outside England and Wales?**

Yes

- 3) Is funding available to men belonging to communities based outside England and Wales?**

Yes

- 4) Is funding available to men belonging to communities which habitually celebrate Mass in the *novus ordo*:**

No, whilst we welcome engagement with the Traditional Latin Mass, this is not the purpose of this scheme. This is because of the charitable objectives of the Latin Mass Society, and the special financial needs of those receiving priestly formation in these Institutes and communities.

- 5) Can a member of a religious community elect to have funding paid directly to his community?**

Yes

- 6) The scheme is for seminarians and religious from England and Wales – who is eligible?**

Men who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a) Born in England and Wales;
- b) UK national with roots in England and Wales;
- c) Resident in England and Wales for at least two consecutive years immediately before entering formation;
- d) Resident in England and Wales for at least ten years at an earlier period.

- 7) What is meant by ‘England and Wales’?**

The area under the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. This includes certain overseas territories, such as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar, and the Falkland Islands.

- 8) What about other countries?**

Some other Una Voce associations have their own schemes. Please apply to them.

- 9) Is funding available retrospectively?**

The LMS is willing to consider this in the case of a man still in formation. Funding would be given according to the rates in place at the time. Contact the General Manager.