



PONTIFICAL COLLEGE
JOSEPHINUM

OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE SERVICES**

English as a Second Language Services (ESLS) provide intensive English Language instruction as needed. All non-native speakers must take the official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) within six months of the application date. Placement in ESL classes is based upon the TOEFL test results and classroom work.

Personal Attention

- ESLS provide a comprehensive and supportive environment for the international seminarian as he adjusts to a new social and academic culture.
- Each seminarian is given a faculty advisor who ensures his needs are met as he settles into new surroundings. The advisor continues to work with the seminarian throughout the academic year, maximizing his opportunities for acculturation and successful learning – the primary goal of ESLS.

Academic Support

- ESLS is comprehensive and provides 3 levels of full-time academic instruction.
- It supports seminarians at every level of English language proficiency.
- Daily English classes in speaking and listening, reading, writing, and grammar are integral.
- Seminarians practice conversation skills with native English speakers in social and spiritual settings.

After the seminarian achieves competency in English, he continues to receive academic assistance with coursework. Since writing skills require more development in non-native speakers, international seminarians receive ongoing assistance from the Josephinum's Writing Center.

Spiritual Enrichment & Formation

- International seminarians benefit from the rich spiritual life of the seminary, including the Liturgy of the Hours, daily Mass and rosary, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and weekly Spanish Masses.

- They participate fully in the Priestly Formation Program, which assists them in the dimensions of human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation.
- Under the guidance of the formation faculty, seminarians assess their strengths, identify areas for growth, and work to achieve realistic goals.

Friendship

First-year ESLs seminarians are paired with a Catholic Friendship Family. These local families stay in touch with their seminarian throughout the school year, offering support, encouragement, friendship, and hospitality. This is a wonderful opportunity for the international seminarian to learn more about U.S. families and their culture.