



PIISKOPKONDLIK MISJONISEMINAR "REDEMPTORIS MATER" TALLINN – ESTONIA

Tallinn, December 14, 2021

Dear benefactors and friends of the seminary,

We have the joy of sharing with you the works that the lord is doing with us. On Wednesday December 8th, we celebrated our very first presbyteral ordination of our seminary. A very Important and significant event non only for our seminary but for all Estonia. In fact, this is the first presbyteral ordination of a seminarian from an Estonian Roman Catholic Seminary.

The celebration took place in the Methodist Church of Tallinn because of COVID restrictions and was presided by our bishop Msgr. Philippe Jourdan.



The ordained is Eliaz Wojciechowski, age 29 who had received the diaconate on May 29, 2021.

Born in 1992 in Szczecin, Poland, Eliaz is the 5th of nine children, of which four, after him, are now in heaven. He grew up in a family of the Neocatechumenal Way, where the faith was transmitted to him.

Before entering the seminary, he studied Nanotechnology in the University. Until 2012, the year in which, in a vocational meeting with Kiko Argüello held in Budapest, he stood up, being open to enter any Redemptoris Mater seminary scattered around the world. Then, in the same year he was invited to the convivence of seminarians that takes place in Porto San Giorgio, Italy, where he was sent to the Italian seminary in Macerata, Marche. Here is where the formation of Eliaz began, who trusting in God, always showed himself faithful.

But the lord, who is always keeps us on the move, had prepared something else for him. In 2017, he was sent to our small and new seminary, in Tallinn. Here he lived two years as a guarantor and received the Acolyte. Then between 2019-2020 he spent a year of mission in a poor neighborhood on the

outskirts of Buenos Aires, Argentina: Villa Azul. Coming back from mission, he received the diaconate, and now this year was ordained a presbyter.

After the years of formation, struggling and fighting, Eliaz says he found that he is happier doing the lords will rather than his own.



This first presbyteral ordination has been an opportunity to contemplate the marvelous work the Lord began in 2015, the year our seminary opened, and which continues to carry on.

Eliasz's ordination therefore has allowed us to give thanks to God for his faithfulness, in the hope that this first ordination may open the doors to many more presbyteral ordinations ready for the evangelization in Estonia and wherever the lord will to take them.



You too are participants in this work of the Lord, thanks to your prayers and your help in which we always trust.

We take this opportunity this Christmas time to wish you a joyful encounter with the Lord who comes for us.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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