

The Diocesan Seminary Crusade

January Tenth To January Seventeenth

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Louisiana ranks as one of the most Catholic States in the Union, and its vast field of souls is white for harvest, but the harvesters, the priests, are too few for the great task. New Orleans has the distinction of being the second oldest diocese in the country, and for the past 200 years it has depended almost entirely upon the charity of European dioceses for its priests.

One of the most important duties of a Bishop is to provide in his diocese a seminary, in order that his flock may be properly attended by native priests, trained in their own ways and customs. All former occupants of the See of New Orleans have made efforts to satisfy this need, but in vain. The most Rev. Archbishop Shaw is confident that the acceptable time for completing their efforts is now at hand. He has launched forth a well organized drive to raise One Million Dollars for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings and supplying an endowment fund for such a Diocesan Seminary.

The building of a Seminary in New Orleans will be a good civic improvement, and the city will profit greatly both from the investment of funds here and from the

true ideals of Americanism, morality and proper Christian education, which will naturally spread from such an institution. The Catholic Church trains her priests to go forth and preach obedience to constituted authority and both capitalist and laborer will always find the Catholic Church standing firmly for orderly government as opposed to radicalism, socialism and bolshevism. Therefore such a drive, aside from binding every Catholic in conscience, cannot but appeal to the heart and reason of every Louisianian of every creed.

The Drive proper opens on January 10th, and closes January 17th. Everyone will be asked to contribute as much as he can. Those whose means will permit may endow a professional chair with \$25,000; or maintain a scholarship with \$7,000; or educate a Priest through the preparatory Seminary with \$2,000.

All New Orleans is aglow with enthusiasm and with the expectation that with one big united effort, One Million Dollars will be raised to ornament our fair city with a building that will stand for posterity as a memorial that time will not efface.

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