SAINT JOHN PAUL II MAJOR SEMINARY OF LODJA

November Newsletter



"In everything, give thanks". (1 Thes 5:18)

Our Seminary community is grateful for all that God has done for us this past year through the generosity of our benefactors. Below are some highlights of what we were able to accomplish together.

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THE CHAPEL



As the true spiritual heart of the community, the Major Seminary chapel has recently undergone a complete renovation, from floor to ceiling. This restoration has restored to this sacred space all its beauty, dignity, and atmosphere of prayerful reflection.

In addition to the renovation work, beautiful modern pews have been installed to provide greater comfort for the seminarians and the faithful who gather there for prayer and liturgical celebrations. The chapel now radiates a renewed splendor and offers a harmonious setting that fosters meditation, adoration, and a deeper encounter with God.

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The Renovated Sanctuary in Detail





The Chairs Have Been Replaced with Pews





Ceilings, Tiling, Windows, Lighting, and Doors Completely Replaced



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WATER TOWER

This water tower, which supplies the Major Seminary community with clean drinking water, has recently undergone extensive rehabilitation work. Although it was already in operation, its advanced state of deterioration, marked by numerous perforations, resulted in significant water loss and compromised its storage capacity.

The maintenance, welding, and repair work carried out made it possible to seal all leaks and reinforce the structure of the tank. As a result, the water tower now fully performs its function, ensuring optimal water storage and a reliable water supply for the entire Major Seminary community.





Following the rehabilitation of the water tower, the infrastructure was further strengthened through the installation of new storage tanks. This expansion is intended to increase water reserve capacity in order to meet the growing needs of the Major Seminary community more effectively.





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PIPING AND PLUMBING

The showers that had no longer been supplied with water were completely rehabilitated to restore their proper functioning. In addition, several water taps were installed in the courtyard and at various strategic locations throughout the institution, thereby improving access to water and enhancing hygiene conditions for everyone.









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RENOVATION OF SANITARY FACILITIES

Thanks to the generosity of several benefactors, the Major Seminary was able to rehabilitate the sanitary facilities used by the seminarians, thereby improving their living conditions and standards of hygiene.

These works also included the installation of several water taps to ensure a reliable water supply and facilitate the proper use of the restroom facilities.

This achievement reflects the care and valuable support provided for the formation of future priests while fostering a healthier and more dignified living environment.

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REFECTORY



The seminarians' refectory has undergone significant renovation aimed at providing a more welcoming and comfortable environment. Painting and maintenance work greatly improved its overall appearance, while stools were replaced with chairs, ensuring better dining conditions and greater comfort for the seminarians.









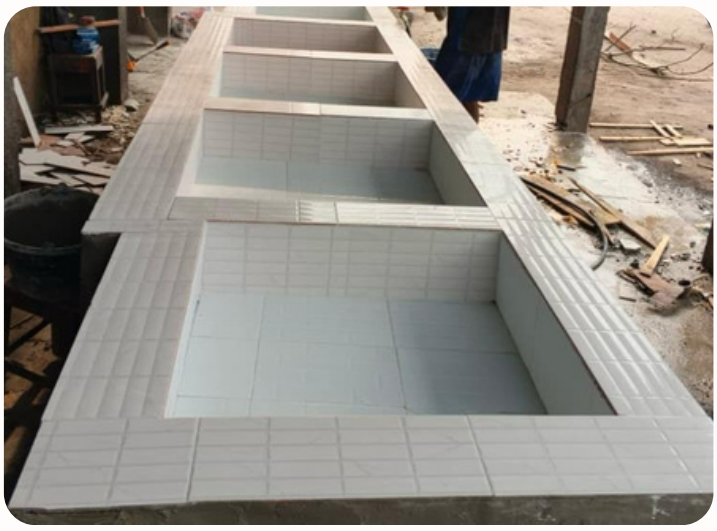
THE DISHWASHING AREA



The seminarians' Dishwashing Area has also undergone significant renovation and modernization. High-quality tiling, specifically suited to this space, was installed to improve both its appearance and hygiene standards. New faucets were also installed to facilitate dishwashing and ensure a more reliable daily water supply, thereby contributing to a more functional and comfortable living environment for the seminarians.









THE NEW KITCHEN

Thanks to the generosity of several benefactors, a new kitchen was built behind the refectory following the relocation of the former one. This new facility provides the women responsible for meal preparation with a more suitable, functional, and pleasant working environment.

This achievement represents a significant asset for the Major Seminary, as it helps improve service conditions and contributes to the well-being of the entire seminary community.











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ELECTRICITY

An adapted generator providing electricity for the Institution's lighting



Despite the many services it has provided to the Major Seminary community, our solar power system, installed several years ago, has now significantly deteriorated and is no longer capable of supplying sufficient lighting throughout the night. This situation affects the seminarians' living, study, and prayer conditions, as they depend on a reliable source of electricity for their daily activities.

While awaiting the support of benefactors who may be willing to contribute to the complete renewal of this energy system, the Seminary has taken the initiative of adapting the existing generator for our rice mill to power the entire community. The generator is operated each evening to ensure a minimum level of lighting in the various buildings and facilities of the Seminary. This provisional measure helps meet the most urgent needs and ensures a degree of continuity in community life and the formation of future priests.

However, reliance on a generator remains only a temporary solution because of its operational costs and the limitations it entails. For this reason, the Major Seminary continues to hope for the support of people of goodwill and generous partners who may be able to assist in rehabilitating or replacing the solar installation. Such support would provide the seminarians with more stable living conditions, fostering their human, spiritual, and intellectual development.

THE CLASSROOMS.

The classrooms of the Major Seminary have also undergone significant renovation work. These improvements included the refurbishment and repainting of the classrooms, as well as the repair and installation of new student desks and benches. As a result, seminarians now benefit from a learning environment that is more comfortable, more welcoming, and better suited to intellectual formation.

These renovations reflect the Seminary's ongoing commitment to providing dignified study conditions and facilities that meet the demands of priestly formation.

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INTERNET KIT FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH

As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing intellectual formation and adapting to the demands of today's academic environment, the Major Seminary has equipped its academic facilities with a Starlink Standard Internet Kit. This modern infrastructure serves the institution's main study areas, including the library, reading room, and classrooms.

The installation of this connectivity system addresses the need to provide seminarians and faculty members with more stable and efficient access to digital resources. Thanks to this connection, students can now conduct academic research more easily, consult online libraries and databases, access a wide range of up-to-date documentation, and participate in distance-learning courses, conferences, and training sessions.

This development represents a significant contribution to the quality of education and formation provided by the institution. In a context where information and communication technologies play an increasingly important role in learning and research processes, internet access has become an essential tool for intellectual development and for acquiring the knowledge and skills required for the future ministry of candidates for the priesthood.

FUTURE PROJECTS

01

MARIAN GROTTO

The construction of a Marian Grotto

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PIGGERY

The construction of a new piggery to help raise pigs for consumption

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TRUCK

The purchase of a new military truck for piggery and self-sustaining activities

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FENCE

The construction of a long and tall fence for the security of the seminary

05

TO REPAINT

The repainting of buildings

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AMPHITHEATER

The renovation of the amphitheater

Grateful for the support of all our benefactors, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Advent Season !

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