



# The Kids' Catholic Virginian

“Let the little children come to me” – Matthew 19:14

## Hooray for our two new priests!



**O**ur diocese welcomed two new priests to our Catholic family! Father David Arellano and Father Seth Seaman received the sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishop Knestout ordained them priests during a special Mass.

A man who becomes a priest has an **indelible mark** on his soul. **His soul changes for all eternity.**

God gives priests a special grace, or power, to bring Jesus to us in the Holy Eucharist. Through God, the priest is performing the miracle of turning bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus!

That's extremely special, but it means a hard life, and the priest makes lots of sacrifices. **We must pray for all of our priests!**

Your priest is with you at the most important times of your life – the happiest and sometimes the saddest. Be there for your priest when he has happy and sad moments, too! And let him know that he is part of your family!

### Fun Facts:

**Father David** loves to cook! He learned from watching his grandmother and mother. He's been whipping up recipes in the kitchen since he was about 11 years old! Now, he says it's relaxing to make a 3-course meal for his friends at the end of a busy day.



Father David Arellano

**Father Seth** and his brother had a run-in with a small alligator once when they were kids! They were walking along a riverbank in South Carolina, tapping a stick in the water, when the gator chomped down on it. They took off running!



Father Seth Seaman

**Ask the Bishop**

**Q.** Do you like Mario Bros.?  
- Gael, Mrs. Young's 2nd grade, St. Joseph School, Petersburg

**A.** Unfortunately, Mario Bros. is one thing I haven't been able to keep up with! I think the games came out in the 1980s, and I was studying to be a priest then, so I have never played any of the games. I'm sorry to say that I'm not up to speed with Mario Bros. – I just know that the games exist!

**Q.** What is your favorite song to sing during Mass? Mine is "Jerusalem, My Destiny."  
- Jerome Meise, 7, Star of the Sea School, Virginia Beach (1st grade); Church of the Holy Family, Virginia Beach

**A.** I enjoy all kinds of music. I've celebrated Mass in parishes with traditional music, contemporary music, and music that celebrates specific cultures or regions. I like any music that lifts the spirit and expresses our love for God.  
One hymn that I really like is "O God Beyond All Praising." I hear it a lot at Mass, and it was also played at the Mass when I became the bishop.

**Q.** What is your favorite holiday?  
- Mrs. Whitley's 1st grade class, St. Mary Star of the Sea School, Hampton

**A.** I'm just grateful for holidays in general – it's nice to have special days throughout the year to pause, celebrate and strengthen our faith. But as a priest and bishop, the highlight of the whole year for me are Holy Week and Easter. The rest are all great, too, like Christmas – but I really enjoy the prayerfulness, beauty, and richness of the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

**Q.** Where do you like to go to spend your holiday?  
- Mrs. Whitley's 1st grade class, St. Mary Star of the Sea School, Hampton

**A.** I've enjoyed all kinds of places during breaks: beaches, mountains, or traveling overseas. Sometimes, I go visit my family. Or I just enjoy a staycation. During those breaks, I'll try to do some reading – there are always interesting books that I see, but don't have time to read.  
Most of my work as a bishop involves a very busy schedule, so I'm happy if I don't have anything planned for a vacation. That way, I can wake up when I want and go to sleep when I want. For me, it's more about *how* I'm spending the holiday than *where* I'm spending it!

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Include your full name, age, and home parish.