

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY CALENDAR 2025

January		
Thu	30	Arrival of the seminarians to Holy Spirit Seminary
Fri	31	Orientation and planning / election of the SRC of HSS
February		
Sat	1	Orientation and planning / election of the SRC of HSS
Mon-Fri	3-7	Annual Spiritual Retreat – Abp. Clement Papa
Sat	8	Opening Mass and welcome celebration with handover / takeover of the SRC; Vigil of the Birthday of the Chair of the HSS Board H.Em. Sir John Card. Ribat
Mon	10	Opening Eucharist CTI/ Seminarians Council Meeting 5 p.m.
Tue	11	First Term Lectures Begin
Thu	13	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sat	15	Seminary Community Meeting – Rector
Mon	17	Formation Session – Vice-Rector /1
Thu	20	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sat	22	Town Day (Port Moresby tour for the newcomers)
Wed	26	Somare Remembrance Day – No Class (Mass for the Nation 5 p.m.; BBQ with social program)
Fri	28	Recollection Day
March		
Sat	1	Recollection Day /1
Mon	2	Formation Session – Vice-Rector /2
Wed	5	Ash Wednesday
Fri	7	Station of the Cross (Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m.)
Mon	10	Formation Session – Spiritual Director /1
Sat	15	Seminarians Council Meeting
Mon	17	Formation Session – Rector /1
Thu	20	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sat	22	Seminary Community Meeting
Mon	24	Formation Session – invited person /1
Wed	26	Seminary Episcopal Board Meeting
Sat	29	Town Day
Mon	31	Formation Session – Rector /2
April		
Fri/Sat	4/5	Recollection Day /2
Mon	7	Formation Session – Vice-Rector /3

Sun	13	Palm Sunday (procession)
Mon	14	Formation Session – Spiritual Director /2
Wed-Mon	16-21	Easter Break CTI
Thu-Sat	17-19	Triduum Sacrum
Sun	20	Easter
Mon	21	Easter Monday (no classes) Pick-nick at the Adventure Park (open to other suggestions)
Thu	24	Lectures End
Sat	26	First term exams start / Town Day
May		
Mon-Fri	5-16	First term break
Tue	6	Marks meeting
Wed	14	Returns from the holidays
Thu-Fri	15-16	Workshop: “How to address violence as response to conflict resolutions” (recommended by the Episcopal Board)
Sat	17	Seminarians Council Meeting
Mon	19	Second Term Starts
Mon	19	Formation Session –Vice-Rector /4
Tue-Thu	20-22	Rector’s individual talks with the seminarians
Thu	22	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sat	24	Seminary Community Meeting
Mon	26	Formation Session – Spiritual Director /3
Sat	31	Town Day
June		
Mon	2	Formation Session – Rector /3
Sun	8	Pentecost Holy Spirit Seminary Feast
Mon	9	Formation Session –Vice-Rector /5
Fri/Sat	13/14	Recollection Day /3
Sat	14	Seminarians Council Meeting
Mon	16	King’s Birthday: No classes; Pick-nick at the HSS compound (open to other suggestions)
Thu	19	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sat	21	Preparation for the Corpus Christi Procession
Sat	21	Seminary Community Meeting
Sun	22	Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession
Mon	23	Formation Session – Spiritual Director /4
Fri	27	CTI Day: No classes; No alcohol please!
Sat	28	Town Day

Mon	30	Formation Session – Vice-Rector – election of the SRC of HSS /6
July		
Fri/Sat	4/5	Recollection Day /4
Mon	7	Blessed Peter ToRot Feast; with handover/takeover of the SRC
Mon	7	Formation Session – Rector. Handover of the seminary functions and pastoral activities (reports) /4
Sat	12	Seminarians Council Meeting
Mon	14	Formation Session Spiritual Director /5 – new pastoral assignments
Thu	17	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sat	19	Seminary Community Meeting
Mon	21	Formation Session – invited person /2
Wed	23	Remembrance Day – No Class (for private study)
Sat	26	Town Day
Mon	28	Formation Session – Rector /5
Thu	31	Lectures End
August		
Sat-Fri	2-8	Second Term Exams
Mon	4	St. John Vianney Feast (with invited diocesan priests)
Mon-Wed	11-22	Second Term Break
Tue	12	Marks Meeting
Mon-Thu	11-21	Ongoing Formation Workshop for the diocesan priests – 1-12 years of priesthood
Fri	22	Returns from the holidays
Tue-Thu	26-28	Rector’s individual talks with the seminarians
Mon	25	Repentance Day – No Class. (open for the suggestions)
Tue	26	Third Term Begins
Sat	31	Town Day
September		
Mon	1	Formation Session – Rector /6
Fri/Sat	5/6	Recollection Day /5
Mon	8	Formation Session – Vice-Rector /7
Sat	13	Seminarians Council Meeting
Mon	15	Formation Session – Spiritual Director /6
Tue	16	Independence Day: No classes. No alcohol please!
Thu	18	Staff meeting 8:00 p.m. – proposal of the candidates to study in Rome
Sat	20	Seminary Community Meeting

Mon	22	Formation Session – invited person /3
Sat	27	St. Vincent de Paul Feast
Sat	27	Town Day
Mon	29	St. Michael the Archangel
October		
Tue-Thu	1-31	Prayer of the Rosary with Marian reflection by seminarians
Fri/Sat	3/4	Recollection Day /6
Wed	22	Seminary Episcopal Board Meeting
Sat	25	Town Day
Fri	31	Conclusion of the Rosary; Last day of classes
November		
Sat	1	All Saints Day – Mass at the War Cemetery / Written Comprehensive Exam
Sun	2	All Souls Day
Mon-Fri	3-7	Third Term Exams
Tue	4	Oral Comprehensive Exam
Sat-Mon	8-10	Annual evaluation of the seminarians by formators
Sat-Mon	8-10	Spiritual Director’s individual talks with seminarians
Mon	10	Written evaluation of the year by the seminarians
Tue	11	Marks meeting
Wed	12	HSS Eucharist and Formal Thanksgiving Dinner
Thu-Fri	13-14	Rector’s individual talks with the seminarians
Sat	15	Graduation
Mon	17	Cleaning and ordering of the rooms and compound
Tue	18	Departures for Christmas holidays