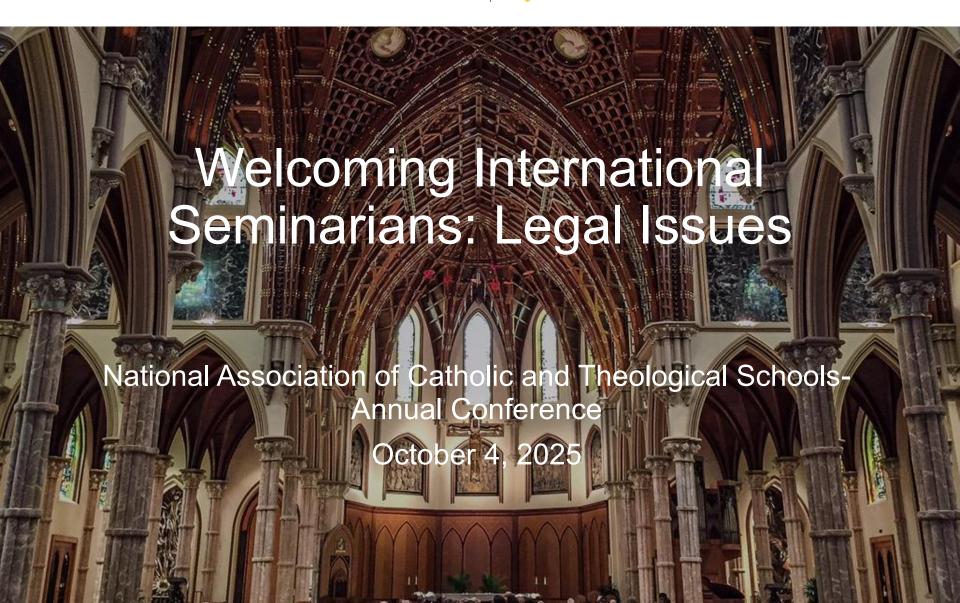
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Great Team

- Designated School Official (DSO)
 - a) Pay for NAFSA. National Association of Foreign Student Advisors
- 2. Have an immigration attorney School or Diocese
 - a) on staff or hire a law firm
 - b) understands F-1, B1/B2, R-1 and H-1B to advise you and the students.
 - c) Make sure no bar to coming to the U.S. criminal or immigration
- 3. Staff/Program to help with acculturation.
 - a) Understand U.S. customs and work expectations. Respond to emails in 24 hours or do not ignore legal advice.

Start before the Seminarian comes

- Plan Ahead
- Type of Visa
- 3. Prepare for the Visa Application and Interview
- Questions for the Audience
 - a) Are more international students getting their visa applications denied?
 - b) Has enrollment of international F-1 students dropped?

Plan ahead

- Timing of the application to school
 - a) Plan 6-9 months ahead of time not 2 weeks before school starts
 - b) I-20 be honest about funding and where will live
- Visa Application
 - a) Form DS-160 must complete all questions and be honest
 - b) Include all social media
 - c) All education since H.S.
 - d) All email addresses last 5 years



Plan Ahead continued

- 1. Visa interview
 - a) must be honest
 - b) Why coming to the U.S.
- 2. Extreme Vetting of F-1 Students by U.S. State Department will delay issuance of F-1. This includes all social media for content Anti-U.S. Administration, Israel, Pro-Gaza- Palestine

Visa Type

- 1. F-1 is for coming to Study
 - a) Can work if on campus or authorized by DSO off campus after been at school an academic year
- 2. B1/B2 tourism- cannot come to study for credit & cannot work
 - a) Should not use if plan all along to study can be accused of fraud
 - b) Cannot use for CPE
- 3. R-1 for Religious workers
 - a) meant to be working full time or part-time- not for studying full time.
 - b) Maximum of 5 years- most seminarians are in school for longer
 - c) 18-year backlog for green card



After the Int'l Seminarian Arrives

- DSO and Immigration attorney have mandatory meeting with F-1 students- include following info:
 - a) Do not work if not authorized-violate F-1
 - b) Do not travel internationally if can avoid it due to constant changes- i.e., travel bans and delays, denials
 - c) Do not listen to their friend's advice if not your attorney or DSO
 - d) This is the U.S. not your home country. Things are done differently here and if they don't comply, can affect if they can stay.
 - e) Do not reduce courseload without checking with DSO
 - f) Talk to DSO/Legal first before do anything. Easier to advise before make a mistake than to fix the mistake



Last Minute Changes in Immigration

- 1. Suspension of F-1's visa interviews.
- 2. Detention of F-1 students based upon 1st amendment speech
- Travel Bans full and partial
- 4. Extreme Vetting
- 5. TCN Visa appts- forget Canada

International Travel Bans

- 1. Full Travel Ban
- 2. Partial Travel Ban
- 3. Possible Travel Ban

Constant Changes

- 1. What I say today can change tomorrow. Why?
- 2. Administration last minute announcements?
- 3. Federal Litigation and stays of changes.
- Best to have the International Students contact DSO and/or Attorney before they do anything – especially – work, travel, courseload.
- Good communication with the International Seminarians is key!

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