

First-Year Seminarian Attire

Black & Whites: First-year seminarians wear black pants and white shirts to class and to the administration building. One of the best sources for high-quality, inexpensive white, button-down style dress shirts and black pants is Lands End (www.landsend.com). When you first purchase black pants (Lands End, Dockers, etc.), add 1 cup of white vinegar to the first wash cycle—this will help set the black dye and keep them looking black longer. Non-chlorine bleach or Borax added to the wash will keep white shirts looking white and crisp.

The Anteri: You will also need one *anteri* (cassock) for wear in the Chapel over your white shirt and black pants. This should be made of a durable fabric that can stand up to lots of wear (poly-wool has the highest level of durability with tropical-weight wool a close second; poly-cotton is also good, but not as “dressy” as poly-wool and tropical-weight wool). Properly caring for your *anteri* will extend its life considerably. This includes:

1. Have your cassock dry-cleaned about 3-4 times during the school year or more if necessary (stains left on an *anteri* will slowly disintegrate the fabric). Be sure to have the drycleaner re-press the traditional creases in the sleeves and back of the *anteri*, as these creases form guidelines for folding. There is a crease along the center back that should be pressed “wrong sides together” and creases along the top of the sleeves that should be pressed “right sides together”.
2. Learn how to fold your *anteri* in the traditional manner, as this will help protect it during travel and when you are not wearing it (this will be covered at the seminary, or you can visit www.kwvestments.com for step-by-step photos). For everyday use, it can be hung on a sturdy, wide hanger.
3. Move a little more slowly in an *anteri*. This seems a bit silly, but the garment is voluminous, and it is easy to snag a pocket on doorknobs or step on the hem if you are moving at breakneck speed.
4. Keep in mind that if you treat your *anteri* with respect and care, it will last much longer than if you leave it in a heap after chapel!

Purchasing Your Anteri:

The Panagiotis A. Theodoropoulos Co. of Athens, Greece is the exclusive supplier of *anteri* and *raso* for Hellenic College Holy Cross.

Fabricating vestments and textiles for priests since 1907, the Panagiotis Theodoropoulos Co. offers the highest quality tailoring and materials, including polyester, new wool and pure silk.

The Panagiotis A. Theodoropoulos Co. will be on campus to take seminarian measurements at the beginning of the school year. They may also be contacted at +30 210 323 2172 or info@theodoropoulos.gr.

An *anteri* can take months to be completed, so order one as soon as possible. You may attend Chapel in black pants and white shirt until your *anteri* is ready.