

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE: *Help Them Today!*
Seminarian Collection 2016
Background Information



- ❖ We really want people to know that our efforts to renew vocations are working! Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than \$865,000 was given to this collection.
- ❖ Fr. Scott Valentyn and Fr. Michael Thiel were ordained priests on June 25, 2016. We have more help on the way. We anticipate having 25 men in the seminaries this fall.
- ❖ Most seminarians are in formation for six to eight years, which includes at least two years studying philosophy, and four years studying theology.
- ❖ With larger numbers of candidates in recent years comes a significant increase in costs. Seminarians are responsible for their own costs while in the first two years of formation. The Diocese pays for their costs for the final six years of school (pre-theology/philosophy and theology).
- ❖ This coming school year, the Diocese of Green Bay expects to spend nearly \$1,000,000 for tuition, room and board, health insurance, summer language, spiritual and pastoral programs, a small stipend, support of the Vocation Office and all of its outreach efforts, and other related costs.
- ❖ Seminarians are currently studying at the following seminaries:
 - St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
 - Conception Seminary College, Conception, Missouri
 - St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois
 - St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, WI / Sacred Heart, Hales Corners, WI
 - North American College Seminary, Rome, Italy

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Meet our seminarians:

Dcn. Adam Bradley, St. John the Evangelist, Antigo, Theology IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Dcn. Matthew Rappl, St. Gabriel, Neenah, Theology IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Dcn. Jon Thorsen, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

Dcn. Zachary Weber, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Greenville, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

Mark Mleziva, Immaculate Conception of Mary, Luxemburg, Theology IV, North American College
(Mark will be ordained to the Diaconate on September 29, 2016 in Rome Italy.)

Greg Parent, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology III, North American College

José López, St. Philip the Apostle, Green Bay, Theology III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Kyle Sladek, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, Theology III, Mundelein Seminary

Connor Schlaack, Most Blessed Sacrament, Oshkosh, Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Matthew Faucett, Holy Family, Marinette, Theology II, North American College

William Evans, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Benjamin Johnson, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

Kevin Ripley, Assumption BVM, Pulaski, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

Jon Hynek II, St. Francis of Assisi, Manitowoc, Theology I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Samuel Schultz, Holy Spirit Parish, Kimberly, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

Patrick Costello, St. Margaret Mary, Neenah, Pre-Theology II, Mundelein Seminary
(Co-Sponsored Seminarian with the Archdiocese for the Military Services – Navy)

Zygmunt (Ziggy) Gross, Good Shepherd, Chilton, Pre-Theology II, Conception Seminary College

Eric Rudd, St. Jude Parish, Oshkosh, College IV, Conception Seminary College

Aaron Hietpas, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, College III, St. John Vianney Seminary

Nathan Runde, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, College III, St. John Vianney Seminary

New Men in Process:

Five additional new men are planning to attend seminary in the fall.