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Seminarian Collection 2017

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 \$1,000,000 was given to this collection.
- ❖ 5 new priests were ordained by Bishop Ricken on July 1, 2017. This was the largest ordination class since 1991! 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. José López, St. Philip the Apostle, Green Bay, Theology IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

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

Greg Parent, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology IV, North American College
(Greg will be ordained to the Diaconate on September 28, 2017 in Rome Italy.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick Costello, St. Margaret Mary, Neenah, Theology I, North American College
(Co-Sponsored Seminarian with the Archdiocese for the Military Services – Navy)

Zygmunt (Ziggy) Gross, Good Shepherd, Chilton, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

Eric Rudd, St. Jude Parish, Oshkosh, Theology I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Matthew Colle, St. Mary's Parish, Luxemburg, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Michael Uchytel, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Hortonville, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

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

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

Mark Hawbaker, St. Pius X, Appleton, College III, Conception Seminary College

Jace Scheffler, St. John's Parish, Menasha, College III, St. John Vianney Seminary

Peter Vande Hey, St. Katharine Drexel, Kaukauna, College II, St. John Vianney Seminary

New Men in Process:

Five additional new men are planning to attend seminary in the fall from Kimberly, Appleton, Green Bay, the Manitowoc area, and Shawano.