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Seminarian Collection 2014
Background Information



- ❖ This is the tenth annual collection for the support of our seminarians. Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than \$739,000 was given.
- ❖ Fathers Ryan Starks and Brian Wideman were ordained priests on May 31, 2014. One more candidate will be ordained a priest at the end of the coming academic year. We anticipate having 27 men in the seminary this fall.
- ❖ Most men are in the seminary 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 college seminary. 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 more than \$900,000 for tuition, room and board, health insurance, summer language, spiritual and pastoral programs, a small stipend, support of the Office of Vocations and all of its outreach efforts, and other related costs.
- ❖ Seminarians are currently studying at the following seminaries:
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary College Seminary, Winona, Minnesota
 - 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:

Rev. Mr. Edward Looney, Holy Trinity, Oconto, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary
Michael Thiel, St. Raphael the Archangel, Oshkosh, Theology III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
Scott Valentyn, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, Theology III, North American College
Adam Bradley, St. John the Evangelist, Antigo, Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
Mark Mleziva, Immaculate Conception of Mary, Luxemburg, Theology II, North American College
Matthew Rappl, St. Gabriel, Neenah, Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
Jon Thorsen, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology II, Mundelein Seminary
Zachary Weber, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Greenville, Theology II, Mundelein Seminary
Greg Parent, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology I, North American College
Jose Lopez, St. Philip the Apostle, Green Bay, Theology I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
Kyle Sladek, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary
Connor Schlaack, Most Blessed Sacrament, Oshkosh, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary
Michael Picard, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, College IV, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Benjamin Johnson, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh, College IV, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Matthew Faucett, Holy Family, Marinette, College IV, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Jon Hynek II, St. Francis of Assisi, Manitowoc, College III, Conception Seminary College
Samuel Schultz, Holy Spirit Parish, Kimberly, College III, St. John Vianney College Seminary
Stephen Zepp, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Greenville, College III, St. John Vianney Seminary
Elijah Simmons, St. Mary Parish, Algoma, College II, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Branden Timm, Holy Family Parish, Brillion, College II, Immaculate Heart of Mary

New Men in Process:

Andrew Natali, St. Pius X, Appleton, Theology I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary (returning to seminary)
Philip Kuenzi, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Manitowoc, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
Kevin Ripley, Assumption BVM, Pulaski, Pre-Theology I, Mundelein Seminary
Eric Rudd, St. Jude Parish, Oshkosh, College II, Conception Seminary College
Noah Simmons, St. Mary Parish, Algoma, College I, Immaculate Heart of Mary
Aaron Hietpas, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, College I, St. John Vianney Seminary
Nathan Runde, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, College I, St. John Vianney Seminary