

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE: *Help Them Today!*
Seminarian Collection 2015
Background Information – Ten Years of Hope



- ❖ This is the tenth annual collection for the support of our seminarians. Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than \$766,000 was given.
- ❖ Father Edward Looney was ordained a priest on June 6, 2015. Two more candidates will be ordained a priest at the end of the coming academic year. We anticipate having more than 25 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 nearly \$1,000,000 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. Michael Thiel, St. Raphael the Archangel, Oshkosh, Theology IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Scott Valentyn, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, Theology IV, North American College
(To be ordained a Transitional Deacon on October 2, 2015 in Rome, Italy)

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

Mark Mleziva, Immaculate Conception of Mary, Luxemburg, Theology III, North American College

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Picard, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

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

Benjamin Johnson, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh, Pastoral Year, Sacred Heart - Shawano

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

Jon Hynek II, St. Francis of Assisi, Manitowoc, College IV, Conception Seminary College

Samuel Schultz, Holy Spirit Parish, Kimberly, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Stephen Zepp, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Greenville, College IV, St. John Vianney Seminary

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

Branden Timm, Holy Family Parish, Brillion, College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

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

New Men in Process:

Cassian Utrie, St. Pius X, Appleton, Pre-Theology II, Mundelein Seminary

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

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

Michael Koeppel, Holy Family-St. William, Wittenberg, College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary

**26 men in formation as of July 1, 2015*