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Seminarian Collection 2013

Background Information



- ❖ This is the ninth annual collection for the support of our seminarians. Last year, through the generosity of parishioners, more than \$545,000 was given.
- ❖ Fathers Michael Warden and Alvan Amadi were ordained priests on June 1, 2013. Two more men will be ordained priests in the coming year. We anticipate having 23 men in the seminary this fall.
- ❖ Most men are in the seminary for six to eight years, which includes 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 \$850,000 for tuition, room and board, health insurance, summer language, spiritual and pastoral programs, a small stipend, support of the Office of Vocations which invites disciples to consider the priesthood, and other 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. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana
 - 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. Ryan Starks, St. Mary, Marion, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

Rev. Mr. Brian Wideman, St. Margaret Mary, Neenah, Theology IV, St. Meinrad Seminary

Edward Looney, Holy Trinity, Oconto, Theology III, Mundelein Seminary

Michael Thiel, St. Raphael the Archangel, Oshkosh, Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Scott Valentyn, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, Theology II, North American College

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

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

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

Jon Thorsen, St. Augustine, Wausaukee, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

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

Michael Wilms, St. Raphael the Archangel, Oshkosh, College IV, Conception Seminary College

Greg Parent, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Jose Lopez, St. Philip the Apostle, Green Bay, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Nathaniel Binversie, St. Francis of Assisi, Manitowoc, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Connor Schlaack, Most Blessed Sacrament, Oshkosh, College III, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Michael Picard, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay, College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Benjamin Johnson, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh, College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Matthew Faucett, Holy Family, Marinette, College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

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

New Men:

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

Elijah Simmons, St. Mary Parish, Algoma, College I, Immaculate Heart of Mary

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