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**Seminarian Collection 2012**  
Background Information



- ❖ This is the eighth annual collection for the support of our seminarians. Last year, through the generosity of our generous parishioners, about \$465,000 was given.
- ❖ Fathers Ryan Krueger and William Van Dynhoven were ordained priests on June 2, 2012. Two more men will be ordained priests in the coming year. We anticipate having about 27 men in the seminary this fall.
- ❖ Most men are in the seminary for six or eight years, which includes two years of 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 \$700,000 for tuition, room and board, health insurance, summer language, spiritual and pastoral programs, a small stipend, and other costs. Additional money is spent for vocations promotion and support.
- ❖ 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 College Seminary, Conception, Missouri
  - St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois
  - St. Meinrad Seminary, 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. Alvan Amadi, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

Rev. Mr. Michael Warden, Ss. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

Ryan Starks, St. Mary, Marion, Theology III, Mundelein Seminary

Brian Wideman, St. Margaret Mary, Neenah, Theology III, St. Meinrad Seminary

Brandon Barlow, St. Mary of the Seven Dolours, Appleton, Theology II, Mundelein Seminary

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

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

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

Adam Bradley, St. John the Evangelist, Antigo, College IV, Conception Seminary College

Bryce Evans, St. Pius X, Appleton, Pre-Theology II, Mundelein Seminary

Tom Holschuh, St. Mary, Greenville, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Mark Mleziva, Immaculate Conception of Mary, Luxemburg, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Matthew Rappl, St. Gabriel, Neenah, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Jacob Rudd, St. Jude the Apostle, Oshkosh, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Jon Thorsen, St. Augustine, Wausaukee, Pre-Theology II, Conception Seminary College

Zachary Weber, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Greenville, Pre-Theology II, St. Meinrad Seminary

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

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

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

**New Men (pending full acceptance):**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zachary Vosters, St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute, College I, St. John Vianney College Seminary

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