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Seminarian Collection 2019
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 \$1,046,000 was given to this collection.
- ❖ 2 new priests were ordained by Bishop Ricken on June 22, 2019. We anticipate having 14 men in the seminaries for this upcoming 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
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minnesota
 - 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. Benjamin Johnson, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

Dcn. Kevin Ripley, Assumption BVM, Pulaski, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary

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

Matthew Colle, Immaculate Conception Parish, Luxemburg, Theology II, North American College

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

Andrew LeGreve, St. Agnes Parish, Green Bay, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary

Ben Pribbenow, Holy Spirit Parish, Kimberly, Theology I, North American College

Brandon Lewandowski, Sacred Heart Parish, Shawano, Pastoral Year

Jace Scheffler, St. John the Baptist Parish, Menasha, Spirituality Year, St. John Vianney Theological Seminary

Juan Altamirano, St. Thérèse Parish, Appleton, College IV, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

New Men in Process:

Four additional new men are planning to attend seminary in the fall from Green Bay, De Pere, and Combined Locks.