

Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes! Raising Vocations Collection 2023

Background Information

- ❖ We really want people to know about this new collection and how it will support ministries that help young men and women answer God's call to a holy vocation. This shift will help us further our Diocesan goal of calling forth and forming 30 men in seminary formation by 2025.
- One new priest was ordained by Bishop Ricken in early July. We anticipate having 16 men in the seminaries for this upcoming fall, and 4 taking part in the Kairos Year here in the Diocese.
- Most seminarians are in formation for seven to nine years, which includes at least two years studying philosophy and four years studying theology.
- ❖ The Diocese of Green Bay has been blessed by the prayers and generosity of thousands of people. With the help of a beautiful, anonymous donation to the *one by One* campaign, our seminarians' tuition, room and board, and the Karios formation year expenses will be covered for five years.
- Seminarians are currently studying at the following seminaries:
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minnesota
 - St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin / Sacred
 Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin
 - Pontifical North American College Seminary, Rome, Italy
 - St. John Vianney College Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota

(OVER)

Meet our seminarians:

Dcn. Juan-Carlos Altamirano Herrera, St. Therese Parish – Appleton, Theology IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Mark Rydell, St. Mary Parish – Menasha, Theology IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Nicholas Stellpflug, St. Paul Parish – Combined Locks, Theology III, Pontifical North American College

Nathan Budde, St. Mary Parish – Ledgeview, Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Jacob Bovee, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish – Greenville, Theology I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Nicholas Vande Hey, Holy Cross Parish – Kaukauna, Theology I, Pontifical North American College

Joseph Cherney, St. Therese Parish – East Krok/Pilsen/Stangelville, Pastoral Year

Olivier Ndorimana, St. Raphael Parish – Oshkosh, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Robert Reynebeau, St. John Nepomucene Parish – Little Chute, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

John Sparks, St. Agnes Parish – Green Bay, Pre-Theology II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Kyle Rohan, St. Clare Parish – Wrightstown/Greenleaf, Askeaton, College IV, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Dino Piccinini, St. Bernard Parish – Green Bay, Pre-Theology I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Nicholas Huza, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish – Greenville, College III, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Nicholas Klika, St. Bernard Parish – Green Bay, College II, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Matthew Schumacher, St. Matthew Parish – Allouez, College II, St. John Vianney College Seminary

Benedict Wood, St. Thomas More Parish – Appleton, College II, St. John Vianney College Seminary

New Men in Process:

Four additional new men are planning to participate in the Kairos Year happening within the Diocese.