

Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!

Raising Vocations Collection 2026

Background Information

- ❖ We want people to know about the collection and how it will support ministries that help young men and women answer God's call to vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life.
- ❖ One new priest was ordained by Bishop Ricken at the end of May. As of the writing of this document, 23 men have been accepted for priestly formation this fall: 20 in seminaries and three men 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 Kairos Year is a yearlong formation opportunity dedicated to helping men who are called to serve Jesus Christ as a priest to begin their formation to the priesthood. The program will help these men become the holy priests our Diocese needs.
- ❖ Seminarians are currently studying at the following seminaries:
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minnesota
 - Conception Seminary College, Conception, Missouri
 - St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin
 - Pontifical North American College Seminary, Rome, Italy

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Meet our seminarians:

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

Dcn. Nicholas Vande Hey, Holy Cross Parish – Kaukauna, Configuration IV, Pontifical North American College

Michael Janczakowski – St. John the Baptist Parish – Howard, Configuration III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Olivier Ndorimana, St. Raphael the Archangel Parish – Oshkosh, Configuration III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

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

Kyle Rohan, St. Clare Parish – Wrightstown/Greenleaf, Askeaton, Configuration III, Pontifical North American College

Nicholas Huza, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish – Greenville, Configuration II, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

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

Nicholas Klika, St. Bernard Parish – Green Bay, Configuration I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Matthew Schumacher, St. Matthew Parish – Allouez, Configuration I, Pontifical North American College

Benedict Wood, St. Thomas More Parish – Appleton, Configuration I, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

David Martens, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral – Green Bay, Discipleship IV, Conception College Seminary

Connor Quick, St. Patrick Parish – Menasha, Discipleship IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Gabriel Walker, Ss. Edward and Isidore Parish – Flintville, Discipleship IV, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Caleb Delsman, St. Clare Parish – Wrightstown/Greenleaf, Askeaton, Discipleship III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Charles Maternoski, Ss. Edward and Isidore Parish – Flintville, Discipleship III, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Nathan Wolf – St. Nicholas Parish, Freedom, Discipleship III, St. Francis de Sales Seminary / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

Noah Vanden Wymelenberg – St. Clare Parish – Wrightstown/Greenleaf/Askeaton,
Discipleship III, Conception Seminary College

Samuel Kurth, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish – De Pere, Discipleship II, Conception
Seminary College

Henry Vande Hey – St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Kaukauna, Discipleship II, Immaculate
Heart of Mary Seminary

New Men in Process:

Three additional men have been accepted to the Kairos Year happening within the
Diocese this fall. We are currently reviewing several other applications as well.