

OUR SEMINARY PROGRAM

To be ordained a priest, normally, one needs four years of college and four years of theology. An assessment is done on each individual applying for the seminary before they are placed in a program. Our undergraduates go to Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO and for theology they study at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago, St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN, Sacred Heart School in Hales Corners, WI or The Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Today's seminarians come from a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences. Each is enrolled in the seminary best suited to foster his unique gifts. Our seminarian program includes course work in theology, Sacred Scripture, philosophy, preaching and pastoral care. The program also includes summer internships in parishes, hospitals and diocesan ministries. Our seminarians experience parish life and thus deepen their understanding of the priesthood.

COST OF EDUCATING A SEMINARIAN:

The total budget for the Diocese this year is approximately \$462,000 to educate our men.

\$33,000 for each seminarian

\$2,750 per month

\$635 per week

\$91 per day

Please consider supporting a seminarian for a month, a week or a day.

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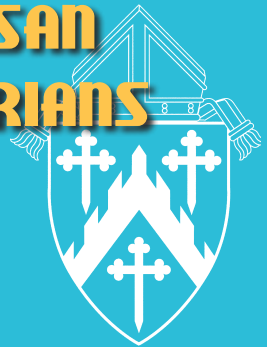


WAYS TO GIVE

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My Dear People,

One of my great privileges as a bishop is ordaining men to the priesthood and sending them forth to do God's work in Southeastern



Iowa. We presently have fourteen men studying at four locations in the U.S. and in Rome.

I meet with the men at least once annually and it is always a joy to see their enthusiasm and desire for the priesthood. I ask that you pray daily for them as they strive to follow God's call in their vocation.

The Diocese is conducting a Seminarian Appeal in all parishes the weekend of April 16-17. April 17 is Good Shepherd Sunday as well as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please consider a gift to the Seminarian Appeal.

You are sharing in one of the most essential works of a diocese: ensuring the quality education of future priests for many years to come.

Thank you for your generosity and know of my prayers as we answer the call of the Gospel.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ *Martin Amos*

Most Reverend Martin Amos
Bishop of Davenport



CHRIS WEBER

"I had sensed the Lord calling me to discern the priesthood at various points in my life, but it wasn't until the persistent witness of some good and holy priests who were visibly happy and fulfilled in their priestly life that I realized

the priesthood might be something that could be for me."

ANDREW RAVENBUEHLER

"Seminary ultimately is a place where I can free myself of other things in order to focus on how God is working in my life."



JOHN LAMANSKY

"Seminary is great because I'm living with a group of men who love God and are pursuing the same goal together. We study, pray, and have fun together. I look forward to parish life and everything that entails."

SCOTT FOLEY

"Thank you for your support. You make it financially possible for the next generation of priests to serve Christ and the people of God faithfully, knowledgeably, and fruitfully."



To meet some of our seminarians and hear them speak of their vocation, go to www.davenportdiocese.org/development/seminaryfund.htm or the QR code here.