



The Lord has done

great things

for us,

and we are

filled with

joy.

— PSALM 126:3

thank you.

It is often said that Saint John Vianney College Seminary and The Saint Paul Seminary are the heart of our local and regional church, preparing future leaders to serve the people of God in their parishes, schools and communities.

Because of your generosity and support of the Joyful Catholic Leaders campaign, you have helped position these beloved institutions to inspire and guide those who will go on to build the Kingdom of God for this generation and generations to come.



You are the Church. And the seminaries are better because of your involvement.

Working together, we strengthened and sustained our priestly formation efforts and built new initiatives at The Saint Paul Seminary to serve our priests, permanent deacons and Catholic school leaders. With your help, we transformed a tired dormitory at Saint John Vianney College Seminary into a facility suitable for today's formation requirements.

There is great hope for our Church. It is alive in the chapels, courtyards and classrooms of our seminaries.

Thank you for playing an integral role in this important work.

+Bernard A. Hebda

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Chair, Boards of Trustees
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OUR CHURCH AND WORLD NEED JOYFUL, CATHOLIC LEADERS.

They will help build and sustain thriving parishes, schools and communities while radiating a deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing and serving Christ.

OUR SEMINARIES ARE PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION.

Saint John Vianney College Seminary and The Saint Paul Seminary are dedicated to providing the best education and formation possible for seminarians, permanent deacon candidates, lay ministers, theologians, Catholic school leaders and clergy.

Since it was founded in 1894 by Archbishop John Ireland, exceptional priestly formation has been at the heart of The Saint Paul Seminary's mission. In addition to priestly formation, The Saint Paul Seminary also offers graduate certificates and Master's degrees for lay leaders, a five-year formation program for permanent deacon candidates, and ongoing formation for ordained clergy.

The highly-respected Saint John Vianney College Seminary, recognized by bishops and vocation directors for providing excellent formation for undergraduate college men discerning the priesthood, is one of the largest college seminaries in the United States.

Together, the two seminaries located on the campus of the University of St. Thomas have more than 1,000 men and women in formation annually.

You make it all possible.

Through your generosity and support of the Joyful Catholic Leaders campaign, you have enriched the future of the Catholic Church.

641

Number of benefactors
who contributed to the
Joyful Catholic
Leaders campaign

\$55 MILLION

Total dollars raised
through the
Joyful Catholic
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YOU BUILT A NEW HOME FOR SEMINARIANS.

Saint John Vianney College Seminary (SJV), which serves college-age men discerning the priesthood from 18 different Catholic dioceses, has renovated its existing facilities and is nearing the completion of a 20,000-square-foot addition that features a brand-new chapel.

Your generosity has made this possible.

“The seminary is more than just a building,” SJV rector Fr. Jonathan Kelly said. “It’s a home where seminarians grow in discipleship and learn to make a sincere gift of themselves to others. The environment where they pray, study and build community is a central part of their formation and discernment process.”

The seminary’s reimagined facilities also include new meeting rooms and residences for the priests who live and work at the seminary. Updated residence halls, floor lounges, kitchen and dining areas and restrooms have already been completed.

Forever in Our Prayers

Benefactors of this project will have their names placed within the altar in the new chapel. These names will be prayed over as a part of every Mass celebrated in this space.

Behold, I make all things new.

— Revelation 21:5



“

We spend two hours a day in the chapel, so we want it to be a place where we can pray well. It should be a place where we prioritize beauty to help us encounter the Lord. If that's truly what's most important, the place surrounding it should reflect that.

”

ALEX THIEL

Seminarian from the Archdiocese of Chicago

59%

of Saint John Vianney College Seminary graduates have become ordained priests since 2004

100

average number of seminarians enrolled at Saint John Vianney College Seminary each year



Construction will be completed by May of 2023.

Follow the construction progress: sjvseminary.org/sjvbuildingproject



YOU HELPED GOOD MEN BECOME GREAT PRIESTS.

Each year, approximately 90 men come to The Saint Paul Seminary to answer God's call to the priesthood.

They come to grow in holiness. They come wanting to understand God's word more deeply. They come so that they will be prepared to serve you. And they do this without financial burden.

Your generosity has made this possible.

With your commitments, The Saint Paul Seminary will double its endowment. This means each year, long-term, dependable resources will eventually be available to relieve dependence on tuition and annual fundraising and ensure the best formation possible for even more seminarians.

That is significant. It means the priestly formation program has financial stability. And that means we will be here for generations to come — preparing joyful priests ready to serve God's people with mercy, truth and compassion.

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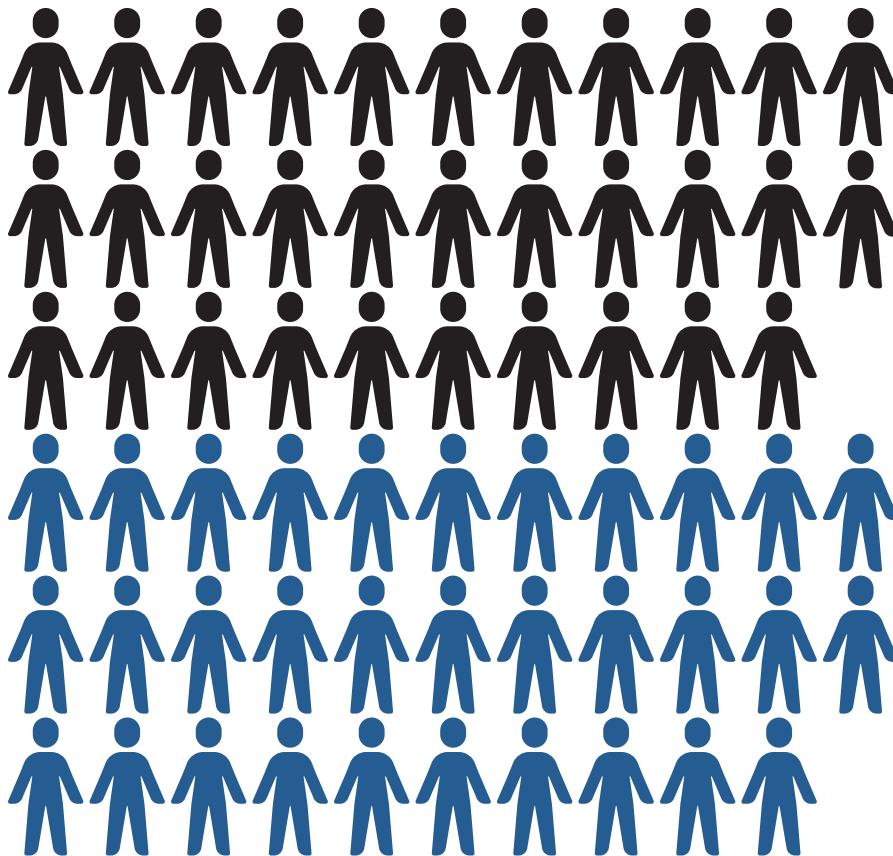
**Complete strangers gave
so I could go to class,
pray and be formed at
The Saint Paul Seminary.
Their gifts have shaped
the future of our Church.**

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FR. JOHN UTECHT

Saint Paul Seminary alumnus and recently ordained priest from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis



Seminarian funding from the endowment prior to the Joyful Catholic Leaders campaign.

Seminarian funding from the endowment after the Joyful Catholic Leaders campaign, including both realized and testamentary gifts.

 = cost of formation for one seminarian

The above graphic is intended to show the impact of the anticipated growth of the seminary's endowment. Some funds within the endowment are restricted for specific purposes.

YOU ENRICHED THE FAITH OF THOSE WHO ARE DEDICATING THEIR LIVES TO ENRICHING THE FAITH OF OTHERS.

Our parishes, schools and communities thrive under the leadership of those who are committed to the faith and guide others with humility, kindness and courage.

In addition to the priestly formation program at The Saint Paul Seminary, three distinct institutes – for ongoing clergy formation, Catholic school leadership and permanent deacon formation – help prepare leaders who will build up the Kingdom of God.

Your generosity has made this possible.

INSTITUTE FOR ONGOING CLERGY FORMATION

Your support for the Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation helps ordained clergy live out their vocations well.

Growth and learning don't end at the point a man is ordained. In fact, in many ways, that's when the real learning begins, which is why the Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation helps priests and permanent deacons not just survive the multitude of responsibilities they face, but truly flourish in their service to God's people.

Why? Because when they are at their best, they are better equipped to be there for you and your fellow parishioners.



“

It should be a note of pride for the whole Church, all people of God, that we're caring for our priests and wanting them to grow.

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FR. PETER WILLIAMS

*Pastor of St. Ambrose in Woodbury, Minn.,
and Institute for Ongoing Clergy
Formation participant*

INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Your support for the Institute for Catholic School Leadership equips educational leaders to nurture a vibrant Catholic culture, cultivate spiritual and academic excellence, and apply executive management skills to enrich their schools.

Great leaders need to have faith. They need to have training and continual learning. They need to focus on relationships. They need humility. And they need joy.

The children in our Catholic schools require these attributes from their Catholic school principals. They deserve the very best. And with your help, the Institute for Catholic School Leadership is making sure they get it.

INSTITUTE FOR DIACONATE FORMATION

Your support for the Institute for Diaconate Formation prepares permanent deacons to work alongside bishops and parish priests to strengthen our churches and serve those most in need.

Permanent deacons bring their varied skills and experiences from both their professional and personal lives to help create a better faith experience for you and your fellow parishioners. They truly embody Christ's mission to be a servant to all and remind us of our individual responsibility to be of service to others.

That's essential for creating vibrant parishes and communities – and for making this world a better place.



“

To share the resources – not just education, but formation – with my teachers and with my students had an immediate impact. I literally use what I have learned from the program every day.

”

ANDREW LANG

Headmaster at Holy Spirit Academy in Monticello, Minn., and Institute for Catholic School Leadership participant

850

ordained clergy annually participate in ongoing formation at the seminary.

10,000

Catholic school students have been positively influenced by graduates of the Institute for Catholic School Leadership.

33

candidates are currently enrolled in the 5-year permanent diaconate formation program.



TOGETHER, WE ACCOMPLISH MORE.

Every gift really does make a difference.

328

Donors who made a gift of \$1,000 or less

=

**MORE THAN
\$50,000**

in campaign contributions

95

new donors

27

states represented
by campaign
donors

13%

of campaign
donors are
seminary alumni

\$53,000

average
campaign gift

47%

of campaign
gifts are planned
estate gifts



Father of all good gifts,

We praise You, the source of all that we have and all that we are.

Help us to love You above all things and fill our hearts with a true spirit of gratitude.



We thank You for all those who have been formed in faith at Saint John Vianney College Seminary and The Saint Paul Seminary.

We pray that You will raise up more joyful, Catholic leaders.

Let them be a light of truth in a world of darkness.

Help them to be strong in faith so that they may share Your love and mercy with all those they encounter.

Clothe them in a mantle of humility and gentleness like Mary, the mother of Your Son, Jesus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

The Saint Paul Seminary and Saint John Vianney College Seminary are grateful for the leadership and generosity of those who gave significantly of their time, talent and treasure for the success of the Joyful Catholic Leaders campaign and its impact on our parishes, schools and communities.

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*Art by Nicholas Markell of Markell Studios, Inc. Originals will be installed
in the new chapel at Saint John Vianney College Seminary.*

**Thank you for your
support of the next
generation of joyful,
Catholic leaders.**



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