

Seminarian Fund Appeal 2019

Would you be willing to make an investment in the future of the diocese by helping support the men who will bring the sacraments, priestly presence and spiritual guidance to you, your children and grandchildren?



Because more and more men are

answering God's call, the opportunity to be educated in the best seminaries relies on the help of the laity they will one day serve as priests.

This appeal provides a tangible way to give to those men who have chosen to give their lives to the Church. The average annual expense associated with the cost of educating one seminarian in formation for the priesthood is more than \$40,000.00 per year - this year we have 14 Seminarians. .

With your prayers and response to the 2019 Seminarian Fund Appeal, the affirmation of the people of God is invaluable to the training of the future priests of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Another seminarian for our Local Church.

ELLIOT ZAK at Mundelein Seminary, is traveling to Honduras this summer to perfect his Spanish, along with assisting in helping provide the Sacraments to the poor and sick. He believes opportunities like this would not have been available had he decided not to pursue priesthood.

"This particular summer there was an opening, and I wanted to work on it (his Spanish) in a ministerial setting. It's right what I was hoping for and to be formed by the poor in that way," Zak said. "You receive these experiences based on who you are, so as you enter into this identity as a priest, it's received in a different way as well. I've found that people tend to speak more honestly and open their hearts to you, even as a seminarian, which at first can be kind of scary.



"Even just encounters with people you wouldn't get the same moment with them if you weren't studying to be a priest," he continued. "It's a different experience to go on pilgrimages with other seminarians in your brotherhood than it would be if you were going with friends. I think the experiences take a different light in that sense."

St. Francis goal: \$247.00; YTD \$305.00 St. Joseph goal: \$1,409; YTD \$122.00
St. Peter goal: \$2,032; YTD \$785.00

Congrats to St. Francis for making goal on the first weekend!!! God Bless everyone for their contributions.