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Seminarian Collection 2008

## FACT SHEET

- ❖ This is the fourth annual collection for the support of our seminarians. Last year, through the generosity of our generous parishioners, over \$412,000 was given.
- ❖ Father Dan Schuster was ordained a priest on May 31. Two men will be ordained in 2009 (January 3 and June 6). We anticipate having 15 men in the seminary this fall.
- ❖ Most men are in the seminary for six or eight years, which includes two years studying philosophy, and four years studying theology.
- ❖ With larger numbers of men in recent years comes a significant increase in costs. Seminarians are responsible for their own costs while in their first two years of college seminary. The Diocese pays for their costs for the final six years of school (pre-theology/philosophy and theology).
- ❖ This coming school year, the Diocese of Green Bay expects to spend about \$520,000 for tuition, room and board, health insurance, summer language, spiritual and pastoral programs, a small stipend, and other costs. In addition, money is spent for vocations promotion.
- ❖ Seminarians are currently studying at the following seminaries:
  - St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota
  - St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois
  - St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana
  - Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio
  - Pontifical North American College, Rome, Italy

### Meet our seminarians:

Deacon Jason Blahnik, Stella Maris, Egg Harbor, Deacon Assignment at St. Raphael, Oshkosh  
Bill Brunner, St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, Theology II, North American College  
Deacon Timothy Brandt, St. Anthony, Tigerton, Theology IV, Mundelein Seminary  
José Castañeda, St. Philip the Apostle, Green Bay, English as a Second Language  
Luke Ferris, SS Francis & Wenceslaus, Coleman, St. Meinrad Seminary  
Jason Hawman, SS. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, Theology I, St. Meinrad Seminary  
Ryan Krueger, St. Mary, Menasha, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary  
Brian Romportl, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Green Bay, Theology I, North American College  
B.J. Van Dynhoven, St. John, Little Chute, Theology I, Mundelein Seminary  
Daniel Viertel, St. Raphael, Oshkosh, Theology III, St. Meinrad Seminary  
Daniel Wagner, St. Augustine, Wausaukee, Parish Internship at St. Bernadette, Appleton  
Vincent Wagner, St. Augustine, Wausaukee, College II, St. John Vianney Seminary  
Michael Warden, SS. Peter & Paul, Green Bay, College IV, Pontifical College Josephinum  
Brian Wideman, St. Margaret Mary, Neenah, Pre-theology I, St. Meinrad Seminary