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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

We come to that time of the year in which we conduct our September Seminary Drive to go towards assisting students who will be attending Saint Tikhon's and Saint Vladimir's Seminaries in the coming year. This year we have eight students enrolled in seminary study. They are:

Saint Tikhon's Seminary

Deacon John Segvich (1 yr. special student)
Reader Ephrem Tauck (M.Div.)

Saint Vladimir's Seminary

Mark Chenoweth (MTh)
Brian Crivella (M.Div.)
Brittany Lauber (MA)
Aaron Rutz (M.Div.)
Deacon Christopher Moore (M.Div.)
Daniel VanderKolk (M.Div.)

Last year we had five people graduate from Saint Tikhon's:

- Father John Kennerk (M.Div.) and his family have been assigned to Holy Assumption Church in Canton, OH.
- Father Basil Ferguson (M.Div.) and his family have been assigned to Saint Raphael of Brooklyn Mission in Quincy, IL.
- Father Stephan Gresh (1 yr. study) is serving now in the Diocese of Western Pennsylvania under Archbishop Melchizedek.
- Deacon Jonathan & Megan (Haak) Lincoln (both M.Div.) have been assigned to Saint Innocent Church in Olmsted Falls, OH.

We had two people graduate from Saint Vladimir's:

- Mark Chenoweth (M.Div.) was class valedictorian; he is now in the Th.M. program

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- Christopher Stoops (M.Div.) and his family moved to Springfield, MO, where he will be working as a hospital chaplain.

In the three years I have been here, I so much look forward to visiting students at our seminaries each semester. During this time, I have found our students to be of good character, and open to seeking God's will for them in their desire to serve the Church. Your gifts to support their studies are greatly appreciated by me. I know every student has been extremely grateful for the support they have received from our Diocese.

Whatever way you can support our students on a parish level, please do so. The Diocese has budgeted \$20,000 of support for our seminarians. I think if you consider that this is divided between the seminarians and spread out over two semesters, you will agree with me that it is a good start, but, we can do better. Thank you for your generosity.

The Lord's blessing be upon you. With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

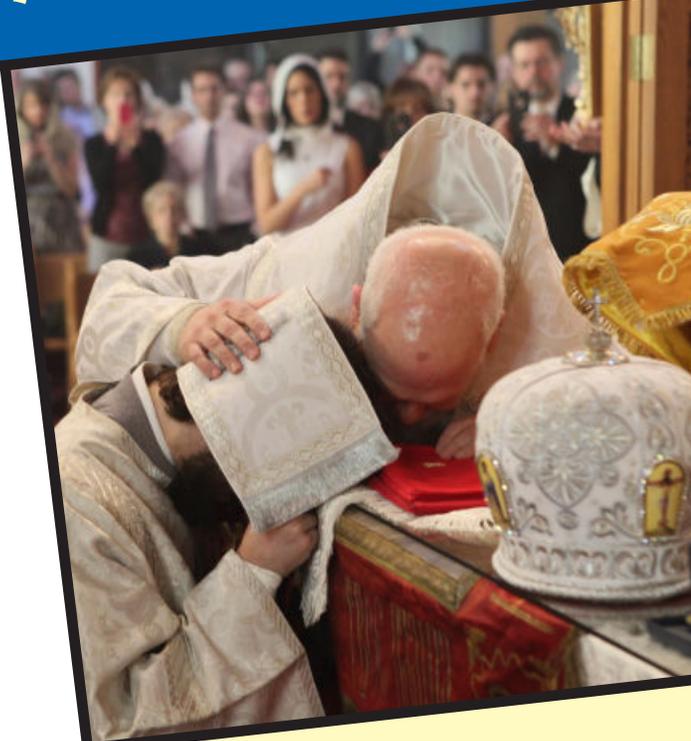
Paul
Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest



Before His Ascension, Our Lord commissioned His disciples to “teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS!

■ While all of God’s People are called to proclaim the Good News, our clergy have been given the special task of “equipping the saints for ministry” by planting the seeds of faith and nurturing spiritual growth. ■ For nearly eight decades, our seminaries have devoted themselves to imparting *information* about our faith while pursuing the *formation* of those called to the ordained ministry. ■ Our growing number of diocesan seminarians have chosen a truly selfless path, especially in terms of funding their studies and related living expenses. ■ **September 2017** has been designated “**Support Our Seminarians Month**” in the Diocese of the Midwest, culminating in “**SOS Sunday**” on **September 24**. Please be **generous** as we join together to help lighten our seminarians’ financial burdens. ■ **All funds will be given directly to our seminarians!**



**SEPTEMBER 24
IS SOS SUNDAY!**

Please send your donations to the Diocese of the Midwest
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Chicago, IL 60610