+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to say thank you for your continued prayers and support, as I continue to discern my call to the priesthood. Also thank you for supporting all the seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo, by contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal. For it might not seem like much, but by giving to the ACA, you truly help provide not just for the education of seminarians, but you are helping to pass on the catholic faith to the future of our diocese.

Overall, things are well here at the seminary. The new addition (30 new dorm rooms) is set to be dedicated sometime this fall, the house (school) is full of people, and classes are in full swing. There are definitely some rough days, but that is life and you just keep pushing on. Turning to prayer and trusting in God.

My classes this fall semester consist of: Epistemology, Catechism Liturgy, Natural Theology, Modern Philosophy, Latin II, Music/Voice, and The Church and the Civil War.

Before classes began a couple of us seminarians took some time to see some churches and visit some restaurants in the Cincinnati/Covington-Newport area. Some of the churches we saw in Cincinnati were: St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Monica-St. George. Over in Covington we saw the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption and Mother of God. These two in Covington were absolutely beautiful. The cathedral basilica is in the same design as Notre Dame in Paris and the Mother of God church was actually decorated by the same artists that also did the Apostle murals and other work in Glandorf, St. John's. Along the way we stopped at several wonderful restaurants. The best being Hofbräuhaus in Newport, Ky (to satisfy our German food craving), and Montgomery Inn in Cincinnati (which was a great meal – probably one of the best meals I have ever had). If you are in Cincinnati sometime, definitely make a stop there.

Lastly, thank you again for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. They are truly appreciated. Please also continue to pray for more priestly vocations, for our diocese, and the Catholic Church.

God Bless!

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P.S. If you are ever in Cincinnati and would like to visit, please do.

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Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption

Mother of God

St. Francis Xavier