

+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto

Hello Everyone,

Just an update on things here at the seminary, in Cincinnati, but first of all; thank you for your continued prayers and support. Also thank you to all who have supported the, Annual Catholic Appeal, for the Toledo Diocese. For one of the areas this yearly campaign helps to fund, is our schooling here at the seminary. I just ask if you haven't given, please donate something, no matter how small. For the word Catholic means universal, thus one and unified, so we all need to work together to help bring the catholic faith to everyone, and by donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal, along with praying for the Toledo Diocese, is a great way to help the church overall.

Well, the end of the spring semester is fast approaching, and thus almost the end of my first year here at the seminary. Looking back, I see that there were many good days, but also some long periods of rough days, but overall the experience here has been a blessing. As summer approaches all the Toledo Diocese seminarians will be assigned to a certain type of ministry (parish, hospital, etc.) for eight weeks, somewhere back in the Toledo Diocese. As of April 1st, I still have not heard where I will be assigned to for the summer, but I am definitely looking forward to being closer to Glandorf.

Here at school the construction on the new building is still on-going. The exterior stone is being laid and matches the existing building. For it is always important in any building or remodeling project, to take in consideration the designed style it was either originally meant to be, and/or the style of the buildings around it. Also, now as the weather is warming up the school seems to be alive once again; with sports on the front lawn and evening conversations on the front veranda porch. Recently (on Laetare Sunday), the seminarians in the Theology One class, received the Order of Lector, which was administered by Bishop Thomas. The Order of Lector, is just one of the steps along the road towards the priesthood. The picture below is of Bishop Thomas, and the Toledo Diocese seminarians, here at the school after the Mass.

With Easter break coming up, I can't wait to be back in Glandorf for two weeks, to visit with people, and help at some of the liturgies. For no matter what God has planned for me, Glandorf is always going to be a big part of me. You can take the guy out of Glandorf, but you can't take Glandorf out of the guy. You can ask the other seminarians here at the school; I mention the parish, town, and especially the people from home, quite often. For after talking to so many of the guys here at school about their home parishes and towns, none of them can compare to home. For so many of the parishes they belong to are seeing dwindling numbers of parishioners, especially active parishioners; I truly am lucky to come from a parish, so alive with the catholic faith, and where it is lived out day to day. So, please parents and grandparents, continue to instill catholic values into your families, pray for them and with them daily, and stress active volunteerism and a united community. For we all need the support of others to help keep us on the path towards heaven. A strong and active catholic faith, makes for a united, strong, and active community. Cherish and protect what there is in Glandorf, and what it stands for; catholic values and family traditions. This can only happen by passing the catholic faith and these traditions down to the future generations.

All of you are in my daily prayers.

God Bless,

Eric T. Kaufman

P.S. Also, if any groups (Families, Friends, clubs, CRHP, TMIY, CCD, etc.) ever want to visit the seminary and take a tour, just let me know.



Continued Construction – New Addition



Bishop Thomas and the Toledo Diocese Seminarians that attend Mt. St. Mary's Seminary - Cincinnati