

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT-BONIFACE 2016-17



**ARCHBISHOP
ALBERT LEGATT**

ARCHBISHOP OF
SAINT-BONIFACE

*"As a priest and now as a bishop God has
blessed me in so many wonderful ways."*



FR. KEVIN BETTENS

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*"Being a priest has brought me such joy!
I couldn't imagine doing anything else."*



SERGE BUISSÉ

UNDERGRADUATE
THIRD YEAR PHILOSOPHY

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY

HOME PARISH:
ST. BONIFACE CATHEDRAL,
WINNIPEG MB

*"My heart is in the Archdiocese
of Saint-Boniface. I would like to
become a priest to help people meet
and love God."*



PAUL NGUYEN

PRE-THEOLOGY

ST. PETERS SEMINARY

FROM: BINH GIAO-
CHUPRONG, VIETNAM

*"My priestly formation reveals
countless gifts from God and I am
happy to serve others as a priest."*



BRIAN TRUEMAN

FIRST YEAR THEOLOGY

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY

HOME PARISH:
CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR,
STEINBACH MB

*"Growing deeper in my faith
and knowledge of Christ brings
joy. I love being at the service
of others."*



**CHRISTIAN
MUTOMBO**

FIRST YEAR THEOLOGY

ST. PETERS SEMINARY

FROM: MBUJIMAYI,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF CONGO

*"I find happiness in giving my
life to the service of others as
Jesus gave himself to the world."*



**JEAN-BAPTISTE
NGUYEN**

SECOND YEAR
THEOLOGY

ST. PETERS SEMINARY

FROM: KONTUM,
VIETNAM

*"I want to conform myself
to Jesus the Good Shepherd
in order to express faithfully
God's love and joy to everyone."*



PETER LE VAN NGU

PASTORAL INTERNSHIP -
STS. MARTYRS
CANADIENS

FROM: THUA THIEN HUE,
VIETNAM

*"The call of God echoes in my
heart. I desire to bring the
love of God to everyone."*



**DEACON
VINCENT LUSTY**

FOURTH YEAR THEOLOGY

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY

HOME PARISH:
ST. BERNADETTE,
WINNIPEG MB

*"To serve God and God's people
is the greatest joy. For in service
I am answering God's call."*



**DEACON
JOSHUA GUNDRUM**

FOURTH YEAR THEOLOGY

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY

HOME PARISH: ST. MARTIN
OF TOURS, SWAN LAKE MB

*"What I look forward to most in
becoming a priest is being able to
journey with people in faith; through
the times of trial in life and through
the blessed times of life."*



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JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD

DID YOU KNOW... *that the Archdiocese of St. Boniface has seminarians in priestly formation at two Canadian seminaries? St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton Alberta & St. Peters Seminary in London Ontario.*

FOUR PILLARS OF SEMINARY FORMATION

- 1** **HUMAN FORMATION** : enables the student to grow in their maturity; personal gifts; understanding of self and relationships, fostering an ability to work creatively and constructively with others; and understanding of sexuality with respect to their celibate vocation.
- 2** **INTELLECTUAL FORMATION** : an undergraduate degree in humanities (Arts) with an emphasis on philosophy. Philosophy is considered important both because it sharpens the mind and because the language and concepts of philosophy form a good starting point for the study of theology. After the first degree, a graduate degree is achieved in theology (*spirituality, history, canon law, sacraments, scripture, liturgy, moral and systematic theology and ecclesiology.*)
- 3** **SPIRITUAL FORMATION** : helps the student deepen their life of prayer and relationship with God.
- 4** **PASTORAL FORMATION** : helps the student develop the skills required for parish ministry; to be compassionate listeners, leaders, preachers and servants in the faith.

Our seminarians are supported through their formation process by their teachers, spiritual advisors, the Archbishop, local priests, family, friends and our community.

SEMINARIAN JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD

YEAR

- 1 TO 3** Undergraduate degree in humanities (Bachelor of Arts) with an emphasis on philosophy taken at a post-secondary institution.
- 4** **PROPAEDEUTIC/SPIRITUAL YEAR** : Designed so the priestly candidate may enter into a quiet space and reflect over his relationship with Christ. It is essentially a year of self-discovery.
- 5 & 6** Graduate studies in theology.
- 7** **PASTORAL INTERNSHIP**: spent in a local parish with a mentoring Pastor and parish community. The student immerses himself in parish life and learns about parish administration. Often this year is completed with the ordination to the transitional diaconate.
- 8** Final year of theology.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD +

ARCHDIOCESAN DISCERNMENT GROUP

Every six weeks, individuals from across the Archdiocese meet to discuss various topics concerning a possible vocation to priesthood. Presently there are thirteen men from our Archdiocese who are inquiring about priesthood through the Vocation Discernment Group. For more information, contact Fr. Kevin Bettens.

"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community.... This is why Jesus said: 'Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest,' that is, God the Father, 'to send out laborers into his harvest' (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."
-Pope Francis

*** | You are invited to pray for our seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life! | ***

