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- UNITED NOW MORE THAN EVER IN CHRIST -

Through God's grace, **we are united now more than ever in Christ**. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, the Church of Saint Boniface mobilized itself and has since shown resourcefulness. We found many ways of providing spiritual nourishment and guidance, and as possible, access to communion, to mass and to the sacraments, all the while ensuring the safety and well being of all. The Archdiocese and its parishes persist in rising to the challenge by working as a team. I am thankful for the generosity and goodwill of so many!

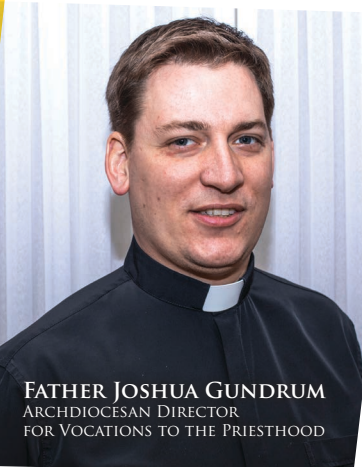
Your gift to the 2020 Good Shepherd Campaign will help the Archdiocese **soften the impact of the pandemic on its parishes** and **support seminarian formation**, a key to our future.



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Archbishop of Saint Boniface

- MEET OUR SEMINARIANS 2020-21 -



FATHER JOSHUA GUNDRUM
ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTOR
FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

As Archdiocesan Director for Vocations to the Priesthood, I journey with the seminarians and act as a liaison between them and the archdiocese, for example by introducing them to the clergy. Given that my ordination is recent, I am familiar with their formation. We are united in our understanding of what it means for a young man to choose a life of priesthood: a life of celibacy, unconditional obedience, and service.

Whether the seminarians are at St. Peter's or at St. Joseph Seminary, their formators are their main source of direction. However, my support role becomes more active during the summer months when they return to the archdiocese. We find time to pray together, to discuss common experiences in the discernment of our vocations, to share meals, to chat about our interests, such as soccer, and so on.

We form a culturally diverse group with different backgrounds and countries of origin. In my mind, all the seminarians are heroes because they joyfully leave behind the life they had before they started on this journey. **They trust in Divine Providence, accepting that they will spend their whole life serving Christ within the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface no matter what mission they are assigned.** I find it noteworthy that all our seminarians are fully embracing their new life dedicated to the Church of Saint Boniface, seizing every opportunity to get to know its people. This is strikingly true for the seminarians from other countries—they develop their English, and some their French, to minister in a foreign language. They discover how to live in a very culturally different environment, often with very hands-on experiences such as ice fishing!

Like all missionary disciples, young priests continue to discern their calling and to deepen their understanding of how to proclaim the Gospel in today's society. The laity's support is of immeasurable value in this ongoing process!



I thank God for my excellent formation which will allow me to serve you.

Deacon Christian Mutombo

Ordained June 5th, 2020



My soul gives thanks to the Lord for His love that I receive through all benefactors who help me on my way to becoming a priest. I desire to be a good shepherd in His pastures.

Peter Tran Thanh Duan



Formation is often painful, but it is through it that I continue to learn how to love. God is my number one formator and the formation I receive through the seminary is invaluable.

Serge Buissé



'To be a saint is to say yes always to God and to his will'. This desire to become a saint constantly moves me forward on the way to the priesthood.

Paul Nguyen



My seminary formation has always been a school of the Gospel where I learn to identify everyone as my friend, brother, sister, parent, and ultimately, as Jesus. In them I see Jesus and bear his mission.

Jean-Marcel Kabongo



**FATHER JEAN-BAPTISTE
NGUYEN**
ORDAINED ON
JUNE 6, 2020



**FATHER
BRIAN TRUEMAN**
ORDAINED ON
JUNE 13, 2020