



Forward! With hope!

As I begin my fourth year of theology, I remind myself that God loves us so much. He gave himself to us, and He died to save each of us. I am invited to come closer to him and be with Him. And as a human being, I have some happy moments and I have unhappy moments. But God says to me “Don’t be afraid. Keep going forward, you are not alone because I am with you until the end of the world.”

He also invites me to “taste and see His goodness” through the presence and love of his people. From what I have experienced during my previous five years in St. Boniface diocese, especially, through my pastoral year at St. Emile parish, I want to continue my journey to the priesthood with a lot of hope such as the hope for the happiness and holiness of the people of God, the hope for the numerous good and holy priests in St. Boniface diocese, and I sometimes let God surprise me through the love and generosity of His people.



I have just finished my pastoral year at St. Emile parish, Winnipeg in July 2023. This new academic year, I began my fourth year of Theology at St. Peter’s Seminary, London, Ontario. I take five theological courses every semester. This year, I work at a Catholic school once a week, and serve a parish almost every weekend. I am grateful to study at the seminary, and I will bring what I study to practice everywhere go. I know that this year, I am quite busy, but with God’s help and the prayers of God’s people, I will enjoy my academic year. Please keep me in your prayers, and I pray for you too!

The Good Shepherd Campaign helps me in many ways. It helps me to pay for everything that I need at St. Peter’s Seminary. It pays for my tuition and my accommodation. The diocese also gives me an allowance every month, so that I can purchase things that I need.

Most importantly, the funding helps me to focus on my studies. I don’t feel that I lack anything financially. Spiritually, the funding helps me to see how God loves me through the love of His people. I know that there are a lot of people that love the priestly vocation!

Starting with my parents and grandparents. They always pray for me and encourage me to keep following Christ closely. And of course, they pray that I will become a good and holy priest.

Besides my family, I have been encouraged and supported by many people. I cannot count every benefactor here, but I acknowledge your help in many ways. Especially, I received a lot of help and encouragement from St. Philip Minh parish (the Vietnamese parish), St. Emile parish (my pastoral year parish), and many parishes that I have been to during my five years in the archdiocese of St. Boniface. I have gotten many invitations for meals with the people of God. They somehow want to share their families with me because I do not have my family in Canada. Through them, I can see my big family, God's family.

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