



Forward! With hope!

At the moment, I am studying Theology II at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. My coursework encompasses subjects that guide me in responding to Christ's call, including the Synoptic Gospels, Sacraments of Initiation I, Doctrine of God, and Ecumenism, among others. Through my theological studies, I have come to a deeper understanding of Christ as my Savior, and His sacrificial act



on the cross offers redemption and a path to reconciliation with God. Moreover, I feel a profound calling to a life of discipleship, which involves the study of Sacred Scripture, the emulation of Christ's teachings, and the sharing of His message with others.

Theological studies have helped me profoundly experience God's call. It is a continuation of a journey that began when I was a child and first felt God's calling in my life. My studies assist me in understanding and discovering who Jesus is and how He calls me. Moreover, over time, I have drawn closer to God, feeling His presence within my heart, and developing a strong desire to serve Him through His people. I believe that theological studies are a crucial part of my faith journey. Through a deeper understanding of theology, I aim to better serve and spread the message of hope and love that Christ represents.

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counsel has been a guiding light, providing essential perspectives on how to confront trials and tribulations.

Above all, the prayers and words of encouragement flowing from the hearts of my family members have been priceless as I navigate the challenges and joys of theological studies. Their unwavering belief in me has bolstered my determination to continue moving forward on this meaningful journey.

Of course, the Good Shepherd Campaign has played a pivotal role in facilitating my pursuit of my studies. It provides crucial financial support for tuition, books, and other academic expenses, which can be quite substantial. Without this support, I might not have had the opportunity to embark on this path and respond to the call I feel from Christ.

Education is a transformative process, and diocesan funding not only helps me afford tuition but also enables me to reside at St. Peter's Seminary, creating an optimal environment for study and prayer. Moreover, it assists me in accessing the necessary textbook resources that are vital for my journey towards becoming a dedicated priest in the future.

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