



Forward! With hope!

I strive to keep in mind the Second Vatican Council's vision of a "Pilgrim Church". And so, just as the Church is called to adapt and progress in the modern World, I approach my theological studies with an open heart and a readiness to embrace new ideas and viewpoints. The Second Vatican Council emphasized the importance of dialogue and engagement with the contemporary World. This inclusivity reflects the Church's openness to all, fostering hope and unity among different communities.

And just as the Pilgrim Church is on a continuous journey, my current theological studies should be viewed as an ongoing process of formation. I approach my studies with a sense of humility, recognizing that there is always more to learn and understand. This mindset of continuous learning contributes to a hopeful and forward-looking perspective.



A fundamental aspect of this life of study is the nurturing of one's own spiritual life. Moving forward, with hope, means a deep commitment to prayer, reflection, and personal spiritual growth.

My studies in Ecumenism, Anthropology, and Christology have been a transformative experience that has deepened my understanding of Christ's call and how it pertains to both my personal faith journey and my role within the larger Christian community.

I've learned that responding to Christ's call in the context of ecumenism involves breaking down barriers and seeking common ground with fellow Christians, irrespective of denominational differences. This study has reinforced Christ's message of unity and the importance of working together as one body in Christ.

Christology, in particular, has allowed me to delve deeply into the nature and significance of Christ in Christian theology. Studying Christology has strengthened my personal relationship with Christ

and has underscored the importance of following His teachings and example. It has reminded me that responding to Christ's call means striving to emulate His compassion, love, and service in my own life.

In response to Christ's call, as I've studied these disciplines, I've felt a growing sense of responsibility to foster unity among Christians, to respect the unique perspectives of individuals from diverse backgrounds, and to emulate Christ's qualities of love and service in my interactions with others.

My vocation has been nurtured and supported by several key individuals. My parents encouraged me to explore my faith, ask questions, and seek my vocation. Their faith and dedication to our family and the Church have been inspiring, serving as a part of the body of Christ. Fr. Chrysogonus Obinna Agu, the pastor at Christ the King parish, has played a significant role in my vocation journey. His mentorship and spiritual guidance have been invaluable. They provided opportunities for me to become involved in parish activities, enabling me to grow spiritually and gain practical experience in ministry. And the parishioners at Christ the King have been like an extended family to me. Their support and encouragement have made me feel truly at home in the Church community.

The Good Shepherd Campaign plays a crucial role in supporting my studies as well. Knowing that the diocese supports my studies fosters a sense of community and shared mission. It reinforces the idea that my education is part of a collective effort within the Church to deepen our faith and understanding and to serve our community and the wider Church body. The Good Shepherd Campaign supports my efforts and those of my fellow seminarians. In doing so, it supports the Church of St. Boniface.

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