

# Knights of Columbus < Diocese of Pittsburgh



## Vocations Support Program

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Worthy Grand Knights;  
Worthy Faithful Navigators;  
Worthy District Deputies;  
Worthy Chapter Presidents;  
Worthy Vocations Chairmen;

We are VERY pleased to inform you that we have nine new seminarians at St. Paul Seminary this year, and a grand total of 34 seminarians studying for His Holy Priesthood for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. There are a total of nineteen at St. Paul Seminary, four at St. Vincent Seminary, four at the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. and seven at the North American College in Rome.

This is the highest number that we have had for over ten years, and shows the strides that we have made since Bishop David Zubik made a commitment to increase the number of vocations in our diocese. These young men need our help and support, both financially and spiritually.

We have attached a complete list of all 34 seminarians along with their home parishes. We are presently gathering personal information on each of them, which we will share with you as soon as it is complete.

We have also attached an update on the Diocesan Vocations Support Program, which we ask that you review and decide how your council or assembly wishes to participate in the program this year, and an updated "Council /Assembly Vocations Questionnaire". We ask you to select the seminarian or seminarians that you wish to support, complete the questionnaire and return it to me as soon as possible, even if you feel that nothing has changed. It is important to the program to make sure that we always have the latest information on file.

In the past we had some councils or assemblies say that they are too small to participate in our program. How can we say we are too small ? Even the smallest of councils or assemblies can still pray for an individual's vocation, you can have your members send him greeting cards or "care" packages.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you prefer, you can respond electronically or by snail mail. If you cannot open the attachments they will also be available on the Pittsburgh Chapter web site.

[www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org](http://www.pittsburghchapterkofc.org) click on "Vocations"

Vivat Jesus,

*Joseph A. Cummings*

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Cc: Rev. Dennis P. Yurochko, Rector, St. Paul Seminary  
Rev. Matthew R. McClain, Diocesan Vocations Director

*Vocations are everyone's Business*