Priestly Ordination of Rev. Garrett Braun, St. Benedict Cathedral, June 2021
From the Vocation Director

Each year, men from parishes across our diocese depart from their parishes and families to head back to seminary. And each year some new men also join them. Praise God, so many people ask about our seminarians: What are their names? How are they doing? How can I support them? If I want send them something, how do I do that? This booklet will hopefully meet the need of our people to support our men.

In the following pages, you will meet the men who have heard a call to discern priesthood – and who have had the courage to give the Lord and His Church time to listen. These men are good men, and they are our men. Small and large parishes from both city and countryside, they represent our diocese. Perhaps you might know of someone else who might join them next year.

Please print, read and share this booklet as you would like. Let us all also continue to pray for and encourage men to be open and generous in responding to the call of Jesus Christ to priesthood.

– Father Tyler Tenbarge

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel, D.D., S.T.L.
Fr. Tony Ernst, Associate Vocation Director
Our Seminaries

Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary
2500 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222

House Residents visiting our Seminarians at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, Spring 2021
Our Seminarians

2nd Theology ('24)
Phillip Rogier
Christ the King Parish, Ferdinand
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Caleb Scherzinger
St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, Celestine
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Tyler Underhill
Our Lady of Hope Parish, Washington
North American College

1st Theology ('25)
Nick Biever
Annunciation Parish, Evansville
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Bradley Gehlhausen
St. Mary Parish, Ireland
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Keith Hart
St. Peter Parish, Montgomery
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Aaron Herrenbruck
St. Clement Parish, Boonville
Saint Meinrad Seminary

Clint Johnson
Holy Cross Parish, Fort Branch
North American College

1st Philosophy ('27)
Nathan Folz
Good Shepherd Parish, Evansville
Saint Meinrad Seminary

College Junior ('27)
Chase Riecker
St. Isidore Parish, Celestine
Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary
& Marian University

College Sophomore ('28)
Jacob Schneider
Corpus Christi Parish, Evansville
Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary
& Marian University

Bishop Siegel with Seminarians and their Pastors, August 2021
Get to know the Seminarians

We asked them their basic information
- Name
- Parents
- Siblings
- Home Parish...

But also things like...
- Schools they have attended
- Snack food of choice
- Favorite Movie
- A favorite Bible Verse
- Favorite Sport to play
- Preferred Set of Mysteries of the Rosary
- Patron Saint(s)
- and YouTube Channels & Podcasts frequented...

*IN HONOR OF THE "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH," WE INCLUDED THEIR FATHERS ON EACH PROFILE*
Phillip Rogier

PARENTS
David & Ann Rogier

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Elizabeth (& Adam) Hobson
Marc (& Abby) Rogier

FAST FACTS

2nd Theology (’24)
Christ the King Parish, Ferdinand
Saint Meinrad
Caleb Scherzinger

PARENTS
Chuck & Karen Scherzinger

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Cole Scherzinger
Kari Ann Scherzinger

FAST FACTS

2nd Theology (’24)
St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, Celestine Saint Meinrad
Tyler Underhill

PARENTS
Clint Underhill
Sarah Underhill

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Clayton Underhill
Presley Underhill
Gwendolyn Underhill

FAST FACTS

2nd Theology (’24)
Our Lady of Hope Parish, Washington North American College
PARENTS
Richard & Mary Biever

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Liz (& Michael) Adler

FAST FACTS
Homeschool and USI - Ski, Pretzels, & Steak - The Lord of the Rings - 1 Peter 5:8-9 - Ultimate Frisbee & Warzone - Sorrowful or Joyful - St. Simon Stock, St. Joseph, St. John Vianney, & St. Therese of Lisieux - "Bishop Barron," "Pints with Aquinas", & "Sensus Fidelium"

1st Theology (’25)
Annunciation Parish, Evansville
Saint Meinrad
Bradley Gehlhausen

PARENTS
Gerald “Jerry” & Lisa Gehlhausen

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Benjamin “BJ” Gehlhausen
Bridget (& Nathan) Hanselman
Brayden Gehlhausen

FAST FACTS
St. Mary's Preschool & Elementary, Jasper Jr & Sr High, & Purdue - Marian University - PB&J on a tortilla - The Shawshank Redemption - Romans 12:2 - Ultimate Disc - Glorious - Patron in Heaven: My Mom - Agadmar's Chess Channel - "Word On Fire" & "Life is Worth Living"

1st Theology ('25)
St. Mary Parish,
Ireland
Saint Meinrad
Keith Hart

**PARENTS**
George "Bud" & Anita Hart

**BROTHERS & SISTERS**
Matthew (& Alison) Hart
Nathan (& Ashley) Hart

**FAST FACTS**
Barr-Reeve Community Schools - Marian University - Pringles - movie Alien - John 6:53 - Soccer - Glorious - St. John of the Cross - "History of Rome"

1st Theology ('25)
St. Peter Parish, Montgomery
Saint Meinrad Seminary
Aaron Herrenbruck

PARENTS
Keith & Christy Herrenbruck

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Kyle Herrenbruck
Lindsay (& Colin) Thompson
Alex Herrenbruck

FAST FACTS
Chandler Schools - Castle North & High School - Purdue - Reeses, Pretzels, & Peanut M&Ms - Super Troopers- John 17: 17-23- Basketball (& all sports) - Joyful Mysteries - Saint Padre Pio - ”NBC Sports” (during the Olympics)

1st Theology ('25)
St. Clement Parish, Boonville
Saint Meinrad
Clint Johnson

PARENTS
Roger & Angie Johnson

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Jamie (& Jason) Baehl

FAST FACTS
Sts. Peter & Paul & Holy Cross Schools - Fort Branch Community & Gibson Southern - Ball State - Washington University (St. Louis) - Saint Meinrad - Cheez Itz - Inception - Mt 25:40 - Soccer - Sorrowful - St. Christopher (patron) & St. Dismas (the good thief)

1st Theology ('25)
Holy Cross Parish,
Fort Branch
North American College
Nathan Folz

PARENTS
Donald & Mary Folz

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Lacie Folz
Nicholas Folz
Paul Folz

FAST FACTS
Good Shepherd, Memorial High School & Murray State - White Cheddar Cheez-Its - The Emperor’s New Groove or War Horse - Lk 12:32-34 - Volleyball - Joyful - St. John Neumann - “Godsplaining”

1st Philosophy (’27)
Good Shepherd Parish, Evansville
Saint Meinrad
Chase Riecker

PARENTS
Bryan & Gina Riecker

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Jasmine (& Nathan) Clark
Cameron Riecker
Ty Riecker
Cassidy Riecker
Destin Riecker

FAST FACTS
Homeschooled - Northeast Dubois Jr & Sr High - Scrambled Eggs - The Lord of The Rings - Jn 10:11 - Basketball - Sorrowful - Saint Francis de Sales - “Sensus Fidelium”

College Junior (’27)
St. Isidore Parish,
Celestine
Bruté & Marian
Jacob Schneider

PARENTS
Thomas & Karen Schneider

BROTHERS & SISTERS
Cooper Schneider
Anna Schneider

FAST FACTS
Corpus Christi School, Mater Dei & USI - Bagel with coffee - The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King - The Luminous Mysteries - St. George - “Kings and Generals”

College Sophomore ('28)
Copus Christi Parish, Evansville
Bruté & Marian
Our House Residents

Keith Hart
St. Peter Parish, Montgomery
Formation Semester at Holy Redeemer

José de Jesus “Chuy” Lara
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale
Working in Evansville

Jacob Greulich
Corpus Christi Parish, Evansville
USI Freshman

James Wassmer
Resurrection Parish, Evansville
USI Junior

Blaise Kelley
St. Wendel Parish, St. Wendel
USI Freshman

HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT
2701 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
VOCATIONAL STATISTICS

ORDINATIONS / YEAR
1.2
SINCE 2000 A.D.

# OF SEMINARIANS
72
SINCE 2000 A.D.

SEMINARIANS / YEAR
11.5
SINCE 2011 A.D.

DIOCESAN STATS
45 Parishes
72,206 Catholics
44 Active Priests (30 "Senior")

# OF SEMINARIANS
11
2021 - 2022

SEMINARIANS : PARISHES
1:4.1
2021 - 2022

SEMS : ACTIVE PRIESTS
1:4
2021 - 2022

SEMINARIANS : CATHOLICS
1:6,564
2021 - 2022

St. Francis Xavier Basilica & Parish, Vincennes
SEMINARIAN STATISTICS
SINCE 2000 A.D.

TOP PARISHES
5 Holy Cross, Fort Branch
   Our Lady of Hope, Washington
4 St. Francis Xavier, Vincennes
   St. Isidore the Farmer, Celestine
   St. Mary, Ireland
3 Good Shepherd, Evansville
   St. John the Baptist, Newburgh
   Sts. Peter & Paul, Haubstadt
   St. Wendel, St. Wendel
2 Corpus Christi, Evansville
   Holy Family, Jasper
   Resurrection, Evansville
   St. Clement, Boonville
   St. James, Haubstadt
   St. John the Evangelist, Daylight
   St. Martin I, Chrisney
   Sts. Mary & John, Evansville
   St. Philip, Mount Vernon

TOP HIGH SCHOOLS
Mater Dei 9
Gibson Southern 8
Homeschool 5
Jasper
Reitz Memorial
Castle 4
Northeast Dubois
Washington Catholic

36 parishes
38 seminarians

9 parishes
34 seminarians

SINCE 2000 A.D.
20% of our parishes have produced 47% of our seminarians
18 parishes have produced 2 or more seminarians
66% of parishes produced at least one seminarian