



WHY DO WE?

Promote Vocations so much?

Because without the Eucharist, the Church does not exist. (Pope Benedict XVI)

How: Father Byrd started praying for vocations from his parish. He is awed by the response to the call.

Who are our seminarians?

- Bobby Vogel, St. Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary
- Kristopher Garlitch, St. Meinrad
- Aidan Hauersperger, St. Meinrad
- Nathan Thompson, Bishop Simon Brute Minor Seminary
- Noah Sherman, Bishop Simon Brute
- Alex Lindberg, Bishop Simon Brute
- Matthew Maples, Bishop Simon Brute

Prayer for Vocations

Come, Holy Spirit. Come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your beloved spouse. God, our Father, please send us holy priests. All for the Sacred & Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. All for the Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph.

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PRAYING FOR PRIESTS



PRAY FOR THE LORD TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST

God is still Calling

SEVEN MEN FROM THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
JENNINGS COUNTY ARE IN SEMINARY FORMATION



Left to right, back row: Alexander Lindberg, Kris Garlitch, Bobby Vogel and Noah Sherman. Front: Aidan Hauersperger, Matthew Maples and Nathan Thompson. (Photo credit: Randy Schneider)

“I just started praying for vocations,” said Father Jerry Byrd. “Then God answered.”

The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare* which means “to call.” Every baptized Christian is called by Jesus to follow Him in a unique way, and those who are called to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life are called to a unique life of service in the Catholic Church.

Father Byrd is asking all parishioners to pray three Hail Mary’s every day for our seminarians. “Pray for our guys,” he said.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis interviewed five of these men (the other two—Matthew Maples and Aidan Hauersperger—will be interviewed upon entrance into seminary this fall.) Please see the links on the back page of this newsletter for these beautiful stories of God’s call.

A Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, by the Precious Blood which You shed in the Garden of Olives, take pity on all aspirants to the priesthood who, through the temptations of the evil one, or dread of the responsibilities of the sacred ministry, are in danger of losing their vocation. Impart to these young men sufficient courage to make the sacrifices by which the Eucharistic Chalice must be purchased; and in return for their generosity, let them find strength and courage through the Blood Which in heaven shall be their eternal source of delight. Our Lady of the Precious Blood, *watch over the living chalices of the Blood of Jesus. Amen.* (Dominican Sister's prayer)

OUR JENNINGS COUNTY SEMINARIANS



Kristopher Garlitch

[▶ Seminarian Kristofer Garlitch](#)



Noah Sherman

[▶ Seminarian Noah Sherman](#)



Bobby Vogel

[▶ Seminarian Bobby Vogel](#)

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OUR JENNINGS COUNTY SEMINARIANS (CONTINUED)



Nathan Thompson

[▶ Seminarian Nathan Thompson](#)



Alex Lindberg

[▶ Seminarian Alexander Lindberg](#)



Aidan Huersperger

[▶ Seminarian Aidan Huersperger](#)



Matthew Maples

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