



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY



▶ 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

As you read this letter and review the 2018-2019 annual report, more than 100 undergraduate men will have moved into their rooms at Saint John Vianney College Seminary (SJV), started their classes at the University of St. Thomas, and met with their spiritual formators. They will have immersed themselves in the daily prayer and worship life at the heart of the seminary and already benefitted from the fraternity found among their brother seminarians. Life is in full swing at the seminary, and the Holy Spirit is truly alive in the men who are discerning a call to the priesthood.

While we look ahead to the promise of another year of personal and spiritual growth, we also look back at the past year with immense gratitude. In April 2019, we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Former rectors, six bishops, more than 50 priests, and hundreds of alumni and friends gathered to help us commemorate the momentous occasion. It was an ideal time to honor the past, celebrate the present and hope for the future of our college seminary.

We also look back and give thanks for people who gave generously to support the seminary during the past fiscal year. As this report indicates, Saint John Vianney is financially solvent and always aims to be fiscally responsible. Moreover, we continue to make a difference in the lives of the young men who seek God's will at SJV. By making a difference in their lives, we help make a difference in the lives of all those they encounter as they go forth to be witnesses of hope, love and peace. All that is possible because of your generous prayers and support.

As our 51st year begins, we are proud of all that we have accomplished together, and we thank you for making this college seminary one that your bishops and vocations directors trust for the formation of our future priests.

Please know of our prayers for you.

St. John Vianney, pray for us!



Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis



Reverend Michael C. Becker
Rector



BY THE NUMBERS

2018-2019



24
seminarians
graduated in 2019;
17 continued on to
major seminary.

12
SJV ALUMNI
were ordained to the
priesthood in 2019.



98
men were enrolled
representing 19
dioceses.

20
seminarians
studied in Rome in
2018-2019.



More than
500
people celebrated
SJV's 50th anniversary
on April 25, 2019.



A “JP II” Seminarian

Matthew Pohlman

Senior, Archdiocese of Omaha

In 2005, my first grade teacher turned on the television to watch St. John Paul II’s final moments on earth. He was like Superman to me. My Mom and Dad raised me and my four siblings in a remarkably Christ-centered home, and they encouraged me to learn more about St. John Paul II. I credit this great saint and my parents with introducing me to Jesus. As I grew in knowledge of the faith, the Holy Spirit began leading my prayers toward discernment of the priesthood.

Throughout my elementary and middle school years, my siblings acted as my congregation and altar servers as I played Mass in our basement. In eighth grade, our parish priest brought First Friday Devotion to our school. I loved to serve the closing Benediction. To be so near to our Lord and to incense His very presence fanned the flame of my desire for priestly ministry.

My Catholic high school taught me to rely on God’s strength. Every night at the end of musical rehearsals, I would rush to the chapel and let Jesus know I was going to need His help to stay up late and get my homework done. I found great peace as I knelt before His Eucharistic presence.

One experience in particular stands out in considering its impact on my vocation. My high school show choir sang a piece entitled “Not Too Far From Here.” The lyrics tell of people in difficult circumstances all around us. As I sang that song, I felt the Holy Spirit affirm my call to a life of pastoral ministry. I desired to bring Jesus to the broken people around me.

As I enter my final year of college seminary, I ask for the intercession of St. Pope John Paul II who inspired me to become a priest with these words:

“Be not afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ.”

Q&A

with Matthew Pohlman

Q What has been the biggest blessing during your formation at SJV?

A Being involved in a brotherhood rooted in Jesus. These are the same guys with whom I pray, study, and play basketball. We are striving for holiness together.

Q What has been the biggest surprise from your formation at SJV?

A Praying the Daily Examen at the end of each day has helped me to see how the Holy Spirit is alive, not only in the chapel, but in the simple tasks of life: going to class, doing the dishes, and talking with my friends.

Q What will you miss the most about SJV?

A When moving in freshman year, Father Becker said he wanted each of us to become saints. Everyone here takes this seriously, especially the priests. I will miss that so much!

Q What is something practical that you will take with you?

A The way that I spend my free time. SJV has taught me to set aside time for intentional leisure to read, pray or do some activity that is relaxing and enjoyable but meaningful.

Q What is your favorite memory at SJV?

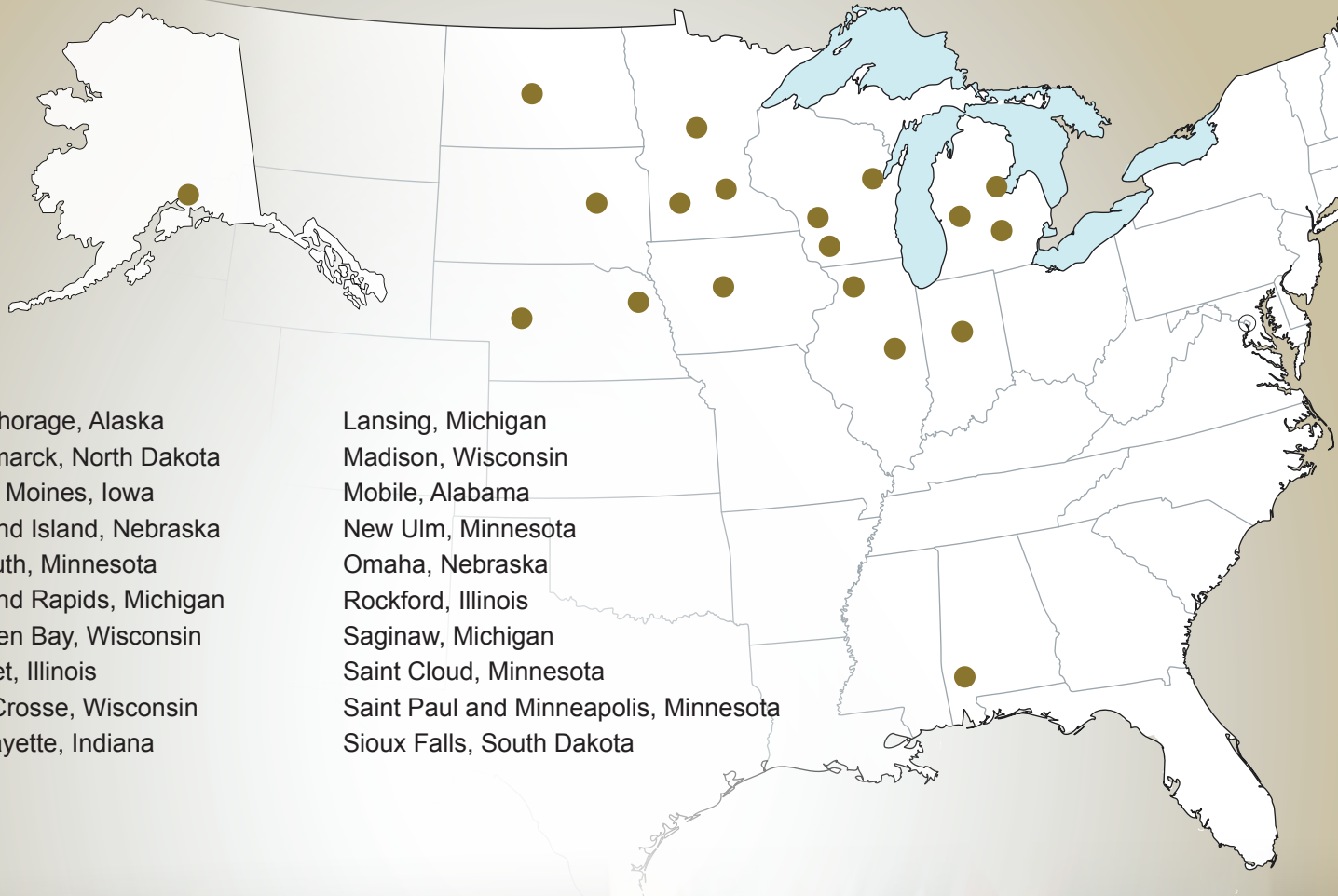
A A fellow seminarian, Alex Lorang, and I played a lot of music in my room last year. I played the keyboard while Alex played the guitar and box drum. Our sessions drew small crowds and were great moments of community that I will never forget!

Q What would you tell a young man thinking about entering college seminary?

A Pray and be open to what Jesus is calling you to do. Keep in mind St. Pope John Paul II's famous line, "Be not afraid." Things in your past shouldn't hold you back. Jesus isn't worried about your past, He is calling you forward.



DIOCESES WE SERVED IN 2018-2019



Anchorage, Alaska
Bismarck, North Dakota
Des Moines, Iowa
Grand Island, Nebraska
Duluth, Minnesota
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Green Bay, Wisconsin
Joliet, Illinois
La Crosse, Wisconsin
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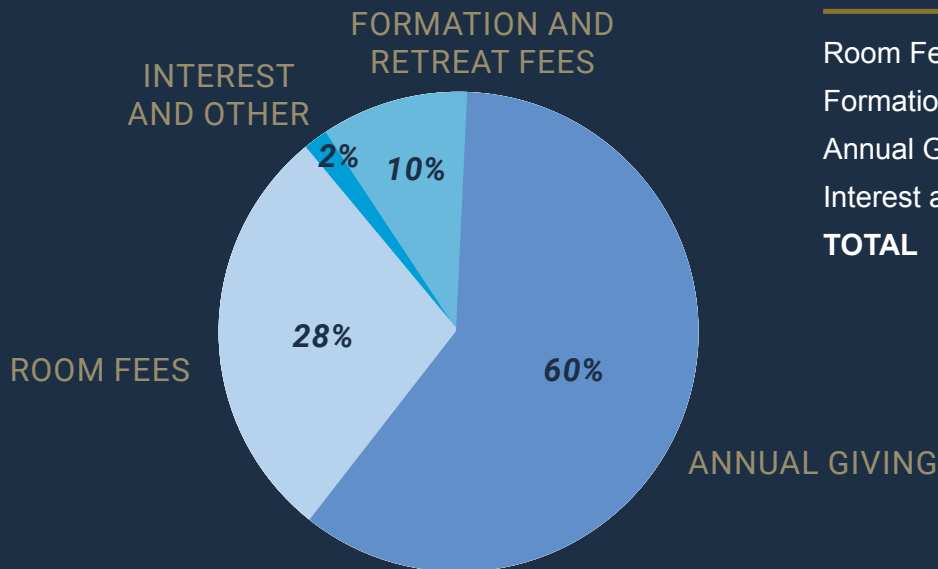
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OPERATING

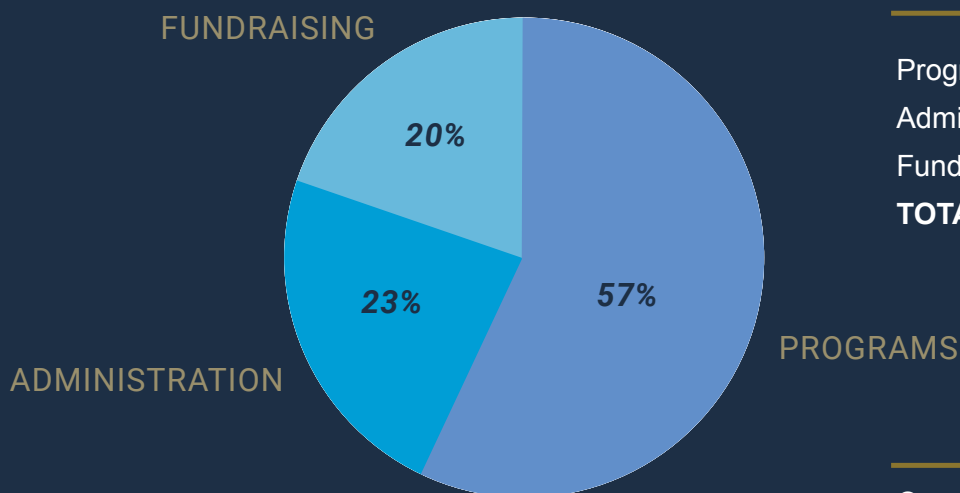
FINANCIAL REPORT

2018-2019



REVENUE

Room Fees	\$569,890
Formation and Retreat Fees	\$201,750
Annual Giving	\$1,200,614
Interest and Other	\$32,783
TOTAL	\$2,005,037



EXPENSES

Programs	\$1,026,627
Administration	\$418,192
Fundraising	\$354,611
TOTAL	\$1,799,430

Operating Net Income	\$205,607
Less Capital Expenditures	(\$80,773)
Increase in Operating Cash	\$124,834



“His calling is a declaration of *love*. Your response is *commitment, friendship,* and love manifested in the gift of your own life...”

- St. John Paul II

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2019

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,060,580
Contributions Receivable and Other	\$125,358
Investments and Beneficial Interest in Trust	\$5,064,394
Property and Equipment, Net of Depreciation	\$1,031,943
Total Assets	\$9,282,275

LIABILITIES

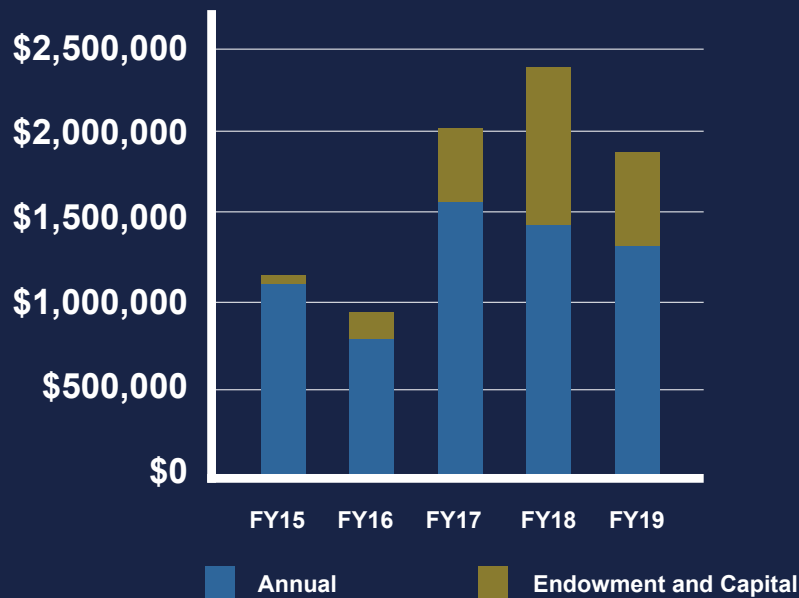
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	\$250,915
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NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$5,947,365
With Donor Restrictions	\$3,083,995
Total Net Assets	\$9,031,360

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$9,282,275
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GIVING BY YEAR



ENDOWMENT BALANCE

Beginning Balance	\$1,280,048
Contributions	\$25,000
Investment Gains	\$41,701
Ending Balance	\$1,346,749

Saint John Vianney College Seminary invests its endowment assets at the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. The current five-year-average rate of return is 4.5%. The Board of Trustees provides regular oversight of the seminary endowment.

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