



SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
COLLEGE SEMINARY



2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your generous support of Saint John Vianney College Seminary (SJV) throughout fiscal year 2019-2020. While we faced many challenges in our homes, parishes, and dioceses during this time of pandemic and social unrest, the Lord also provided many opportunities to witness God's steadfast love and forgiveness.

We are proud of our seminarians, priests, and staff at SJV who responded with great generosity to change and uncertainty. Semesters were interrupted, classes were moved online, seminarians returned early from the Rome Studies program, and events and rites of passage were cancelled. Together, we took great comfort in our prayers for deliverance from evil, especially in the ancient prayer of the Church: "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Trusting in these words, we look back with gratitude and humility, knowing that God provided all that we needed to form more than 100 men at SJV. Support from friends like you allowed our seminarians to grow in friendship and brotherhood, enabled them to meet the challenges of robust prayer and academic schedules, and encouraged them to serve their brothers and sisters on campus, in local parishes, and on mission trips to India and Honduras.

Our friends and benefactors also provided the resources necessary for our spiritual formators to prayerfully guide our seminarians as they deepened their understanding of God's plan for their lives. We are particularly grateful for several friends who made additional gifts this spring. While we lost significant room revenue when our campus closed in March, these extraordinary and unexpected gifts enabled us to end the fiscal year on June 30 with a balanced budget. *Deo gratias!*

Please take a moment to read the 2019-2020 Annual Report. You will meet Zac Ochsenbauer, a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and learn how he was impacted by the formation at SJV; you will see how we employed our financial resources with prudence and wise counsel; and you will know how we invested in the future of this college seminary by making much needed improvements to the seminary building.

In the coming year, we look forward with hope in the Lord and confidence in the mission of SJV. We unite our prayers with yours as we trust in God's promise of a world without end.

St. John Vianney, pray for us!



Reverend Michael C. Becker
Rector



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



BY THE NUMBERS

2019-2020



22
seminarians
graduated in 2020;
18 continued on to
major seminary.

17
SJV ALUMNI
were ordained to the
priesthood in 2020.



109
men were enrolled
representing 20
dioceses.

20
seminarians
studied in Rome in
2019-2020.



January mission trips to
Kolkata and Honduras
allowed the seminarians
to fall more deeply in love
with Jesus Christ through
service to the poor.

Renovation for Today's Formation



The Saint John Vianney College Seminary building is 40 years old. It has served the seminarians and priests well but needs many repairs, some that can only be made when the building is vacant. That opportunity became a reality when the men moved off campus in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The renovation projects that began in April include:

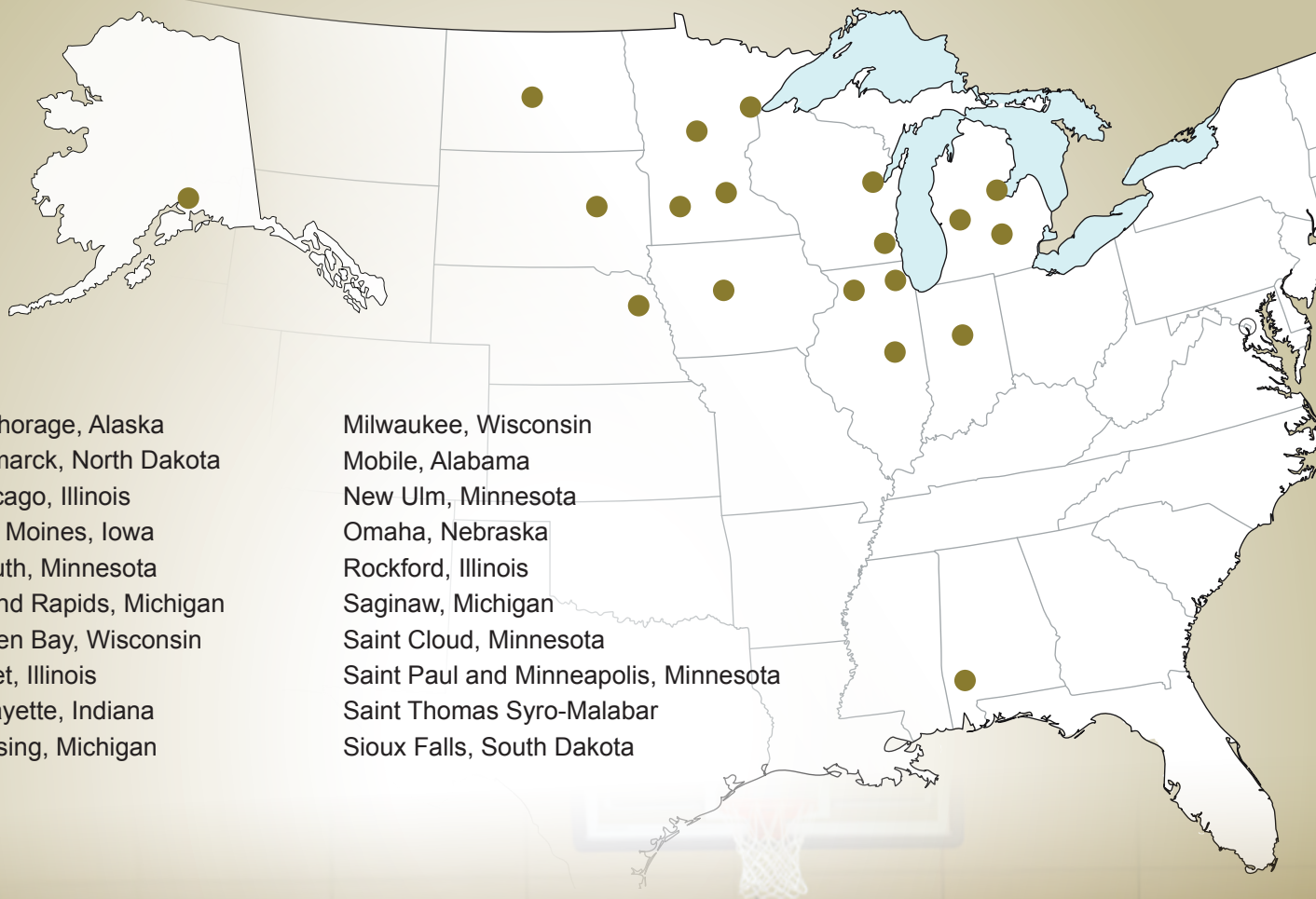
- Updated bathrooms, including the installation of new plumbing throughout the entire building.
- A commercial-grade kitchen, making it possible to host community meals and seminary events.
- Air conditioning throughout the lower level of the building where the dining/multi-purpose room is located.

These improvements are part of an overall strategy to enhance the seminary formation.

Watch for more details in the coming months, and thank you for your ongoing prayers for and support of SJV.



DIOCESES SERVED IN 2019-2020



Anchorage, Alaska
 Bismarck, North Dakota
 Chicago, Illinois
 Des Moines, Iowa
 Duluth, Minnesota
 Grand Rapids, Michigan
 Green Bay, Wisconsin
 Joliet, Illinois
 Lafayette, Indiana
 Lansing, Michigan

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Mobile, Alabama
 New Ulm, Minnesota
 Omaha, Nebraska
 Rockford, Illinois
 Saginaw, Michigan
 Saint Cloud, Minnesota
 Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Saint Thomas Syro-Malabar
 Sioux Falls, South Dakota





Struck to the Heart

by Zac Ochsenbauer
Senior, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

It was spring semester during my sophomore year of high school. I was at a youth group event at my parish, the Church of Saint Peter in Forest Lake, when an older, faith-filled woman who was serving as a chaperone asked me, "Have you ever thought of joining the seminary?"

I was struck to the heart. She did not know that, for almost a year, I had been seriously considering the priesthood. I had gone back and forth with the idea, and at that particular time, I was having some doubts. That day, I believe God used this woman to remind me that He was still with me and had a plan for my life.

Two years later, I received a letter from Father David Blume, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. I had been accepted as a candidate for seminary formation. I was elated and apprehensive. I wondered what seminary would be like.

My questions were put to rest when I moved into Saint John Vianney College Seminary (SJV). God fulfilled all of my desires, and He did so in an amazing manner.

Within weeks, I was befriended by the men who entered seminary with me, as well as the community of returning sophomores, juniors, and even seniors! For any sacrifice I had made to come to seminary, God repaid me with deep friendships 100 times over.

I was fascinated by the camaraderie that existed on the ultimate frisbee field and on the spiritual battlefield. The same men who would spend a breathless hour chasing a frisbee would also spend a breathless hour in the awesome presence of God.

It was during the communal Holy Hour each morning when I learned the greatest lesson. Silently, God taught me about His love for me, which is unconditional, infinite, and astonishingly merciful. It is this treasure, the revelation of God's love, that has been worth any sacrifice in the seminary.

After I graduate, I will be able to tell others about this infinite love I experienced in the presence of God at SJV. God willing, I will do so as a priest.

Q&A

with Zac Ochsenbauer

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

A The best part about SJV is learning how to pray. I used to worry about creating the perfect holy hour, but through spiritual direction and formation, I have learned to simply let God love me. It also helps to be surrounded by more than 100 brother seminarians praying alongside me.

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

A I was surprised how helpful my spiritual director has been. He reminds me why I am here and that God will always provide me the grace I need. Every time, I leave with more joy and certainty about the path I am on.

Q What will you miss the most about SJV?

A The brotherhood. The culture is so powerful, and it has overflowed into my own life. At SJV, you are free to be yourself because we are all brothers in Christ. I don't have to put on a show. I am loved for who I am.

Q What would you tell a young man considering the seminary?

A Don't be afraid. Take the leap of faith because God is never outdone in generosity. If you do His will, you will be rewarded. Being at SJV has been the most joyful time in my life. The Lord totally delivered. He provided way more than I could have ever imagined.

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

A Confidence to live a healthy life, to socialize with people, and own up to who I am. I am not perfect. I am a work in progress. The Lord will continue to work with me.

Q What is your favorite memory at SJV?

A During my second year, I attended an eight-day silent retreat at Broom Tree in South Dakota. I remember the retreat leader was very direct with us young seminarians. At the same time, he reminded us of the love the Father has for us. That made a huge impact on my life.

Q Is there anything else you want to share?

A I am really thankful for all who have sacrificed for me to be at SJV through their prayers and donations. It has been a huge blessing. I don't have the words to describe how grateful I am.



OPERATING

FINANCIAL REPORT

2019-2020

REVENUE

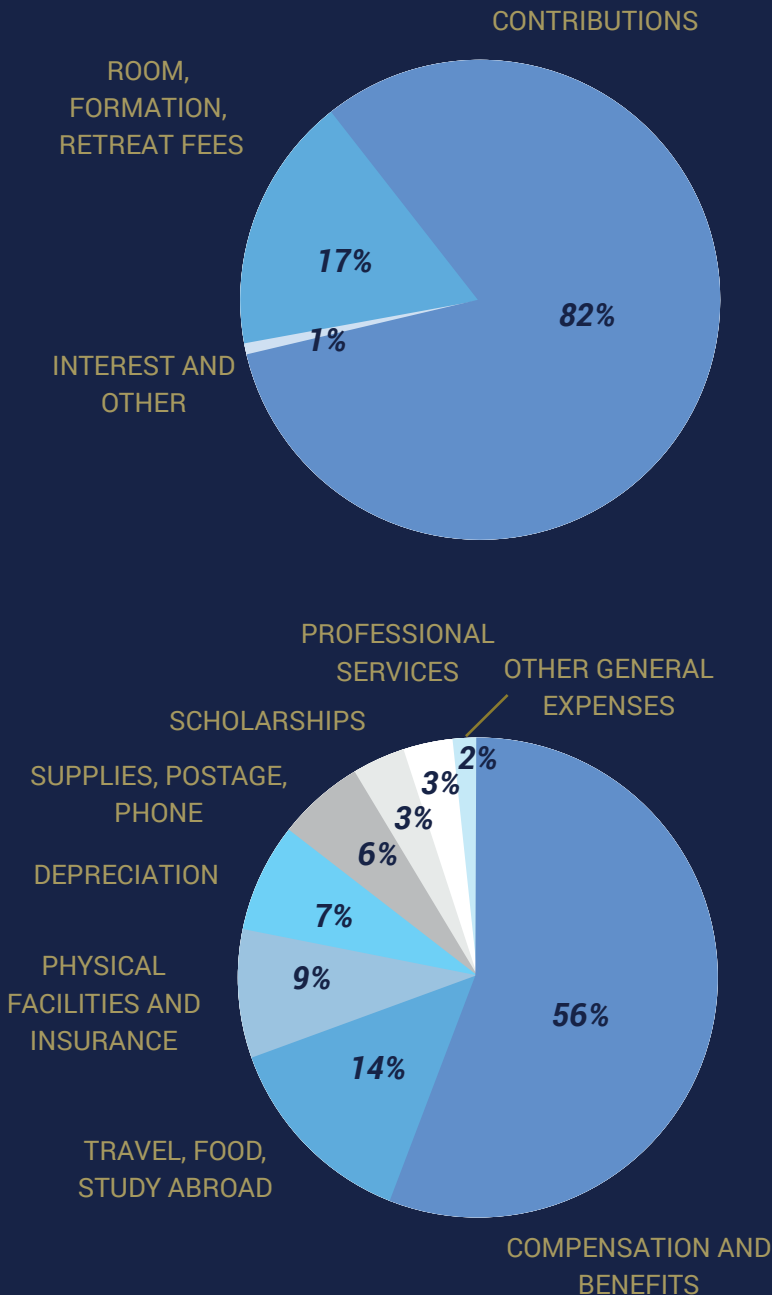
Room, Formation, Retreat Fees	\$679,973
Investment Earnings	(\$18,934)
Contributions*	\$3,054,720
Interest and Other	\$29,351
TOTAL	\$3,745,110*

*Includes \$2.013M in funds raised toward the Joyful Catholic Leaders capital campaign.

EXPENSES

Compensation and Benefits	\$1,021,000
Physical Facilities and Insurance	\$158,625
Supplies, Postage, Phone	\$107,727
Professional Services	\$62,551
Travel, Food, Study Abroad	\$247,862
Other General Expenses	\$31,670
Depreciation	\$134,607
Scholarships	\$65,700
TOTAL	\$1,829,742

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$1,915,368**



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2020

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,882,568*
Contributions Receivable and Other	\$195,736
Investments and Beneficial Interest in Trust	\$5,045,829
Property Held for Sale	\$850,000
Property and Equipment, Net of Depreciation	\$1,631,519
Total Assets	\$11,605,652

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	\$658,923
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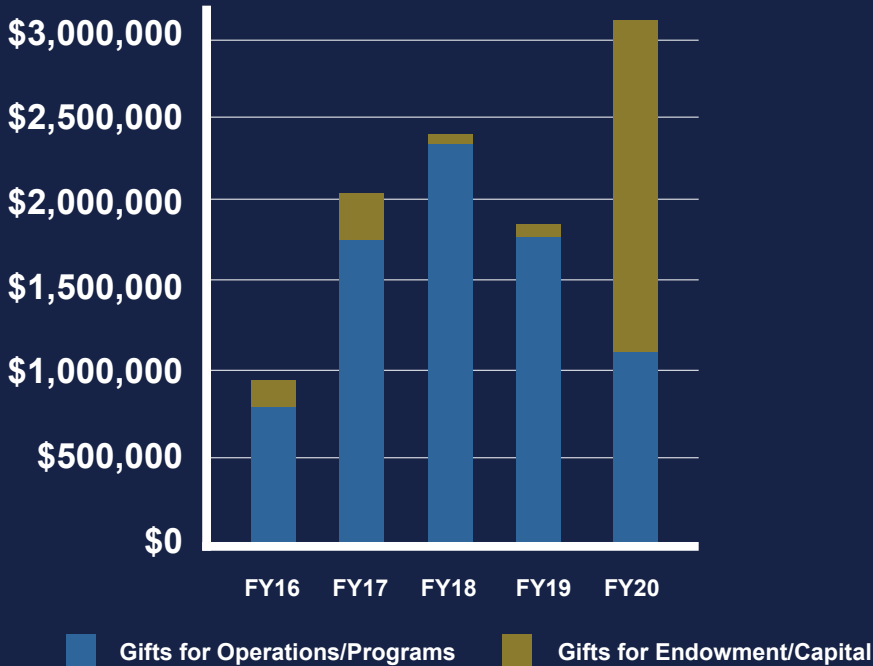
NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$7,651,517
With Donor Restrictions	\$3,295,212
Total Net Assets	\$10,946,729

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$11,605,652
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*Includes \$2.5M raised for the SJV building campaign.

GIVING BY YEAR



ENDOWMENT BALANCE

Beginning Balance	\$1,346,749
Contributions	\$25,000
Investment Gains (Losses)	(\$17,153)
Ending Balance	\$1,345,596

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 4.9%. The Board of Trustees provides regular oversight of the seminary endowment.

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