

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE SEMINARIES (NACS)

*SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – NOVEMBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2023*

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

- Fr. Jonathan Kelly, President (elected 10/2022); Rector of SJV College Seminary, MN
- Fr. Pachomius Meade, OSB, Secretary; Vice Rector Conception Seminary, MO
- Fr. Christopher Murphy, Treasurer; Rector, Our Lady of Providence Seminary, RI
- Fr. Steven Beseau, Rector, Pontifical College Josephinum, OH
- Fr. Joseph Holcombe, Director of Propaedeutic Year, St Joseph's Seminary, NY
- Fr. Carter Griffin (joined 8/23), Rector, St. John Paul II in Washington D.C.

### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER 2022 THROUGH OCTOBER 2023

- **Greater clarity for NACS mission.** Our executive committee believes that NACS can add greater value for college seminaries by creating the vehicle for increasing communication and collaboration as we implement PPF 6 in our own situations, especially regarding the propaedeutic stage which has a very distinct character for college seminaries as compared to major seminaries.
- **2023 Annual Conference** hosted at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN
  - On May 23-25, 2023, 35 seminary personnel representing 20 college seminaries and institutions attended the conference titled, "Moving from PPF 5 to PPF 6."
  - Bishop Andrew Cozzens was our keynote speaker and led a reflection the first evening and the main talk on the second morning. Archbishop Hebda presided at the main Mass.
- **Responding to CCLV requests.** Conducted surveys of college seminaries for feedback on 1) Seminarian reapplication to seminaries, 2) Guidelines for psychology in seminary admissions, 3) Participation in the Eucharistic Congress, and 4) Seminary visitations.
  - Regarding #4, we believe that NACS is more of a collaborative organization than an evaluative organization. We would be open to conducting "peer reviews" but do not believe that we are equipped to perform systematic visitations.
- **Committee Update.** Fr. Jonathan Kelly was elected president of NACS in October 2022 and Fr. Carter Griffin was added to the Executive Committee in August 2023.

### GOALS FOR 2024

- Create and adopt bylaws for NACS – set term limits for executive committee, etc.
- Plan and host National Conference at St. JP II in Washington D.C., May 28-30, 2024.
- Determine how we can participate in the Eucharistic Congress most effectively.
- Increase membership to include all college seminaries. (~17/24 are currently members)
- Continue to increase communication and collaboration within college seminary rectors and staff by fostering relationships through the national conference.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Fr. Jonathan Kelly, NACS President and Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary