



An aerial view of St. Bernard's Seminary.

**ST. BERNARD'S
Founded 1893**

WHAT IS ST. BERNARD'S?

St. Bernard's Seminary is a four-year graduate-level school of theology providing theological education, professional training and spiritual development to seminarians preparing for ordained priestly ministry and to qualified individuals who wish to study for and work in the area of professional pastoral ministry. The Seminary was founded in 1893 by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, the first Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

HOW HAS ST. BERNARD'S SERVED THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE?

More than 3600 students have attended St. Bernard's. Of these alumni, 1500 are now serving the Church as priests in a variety of ministries. More than 700 lay alumni also occupy positions of leadership, either in the Church or in the community. The majority of the priests in the Diocese of Rochester, including (most likely) your own parish priest, studied at St. Bernard's. Nineteen of the alumni have become

bishops and three, archbishops. Alumni bishops living today number eight. In addition, St. Bernard's has played an important role in the intellectual life of the Church through its faculty and alumni.

HOW IS ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF TODAY'S CHURCH?

From its foundation, St. Bernard's has been committed to the education of candidates for ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. Ministry in the Church, prior to Vatican II, was thought of primarily as that of ordained priests. Now that the concept has been officially expanded, St. Bernard's serves a more diversified body of students. Besides preparing seminarians for ordained priestly ministry, St. Bernard's is committed to the preparation of candidates for the permanent diaconate, the preparation of men and women for professional pastoral ministry within the Church, the continuing professional development of those involved in pastoral ministry, and the offering of educational opportunities to qualified individuals who wish to enhance their knowledge of theology.

WHAT OTHER

SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT ST. BERNARD'S?

The Center For Continuing Education provides education opportunities for clergy and laity (men and women) to participate further in theological study and to further their effectiveness for ministry.

The Center also offers accommodations for 23 visitors, a lounge for meetings and a chapel for prayer. (These facilities are likewise available to outside groups, such as parish councils, for workshops or retreats.)

The Library has more than 80,000 volumes, 500 periodicals and an important collection of 1,000 cassettes on subjects pertaining to theology, pastoral ministry and religious education. The Library is also the depository of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Archives, founded to house the invaluable writings and radio and television tapes of Archbishop Sheen. St. Bernard's Library is open to the public. You are welcome to make use of all its facilities and services.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO EDUCATE A STUDENT AT ST. BERNARD'S

The full cost of

educating one student for one year is \$7,726, which is comparable to the average cost of graduate schools in the United States. Tuition, board and lodging fees for one year are \$3,890. As is usual for graduate schools, these fees cover only 52% of the total cost. The balance must be raised through gifts and contributions.

**BECKET HALL
Founded 1965**

WHAT IS BECKET HALL?

Becket Hall is a residence for undergraduate seminarians who are progressing to a decision for priesthood while completing their studies at St. John Fisher College in Rochester. Becket Hall was opened in 1965.

The Becket student has a unique opportunity to ascertain the validity of what he feels may be his call to the priesthood. He is associated with what might be termed "Both worlds" — the spiritual and material. He receives spiritual formation, while being able to participate in college life. At the same time, Becket students engage themselves in some form of apostolic activity including participation in religious education in

**Bishop Hogan's
Letter On
Vocations**

My dear people,

It has been a number of years since you have heard about our diocesan seminaries in your parish. But St. Bernard's Seminary and Becket Hall have been quietly doing their job of educating and forming people for pastoral leadership. Our seminaries are a priceless heritage that have produced many blessings for the Church of Rochester and the universal Church.

The Roman Catholic Church has changed during the past 15 years; your parish has changed during the same time. Our diocesan seminaries have also changed as they continue to meet the needs of leadership in the Church today. But amidst all of these changes, there is still a need for our seminaries to educate and form those called to leadership in the Church.

We have just begun a season of joyful expectation. Advent calls us to actively prepare the way of the Lord. We do just that when we give our support to the work of our seminaries, as they form new ministers of His message.

During the Mass next weekend, we will once again take up a specifically designated seminary collection. This money will be used for the annual operating budget of the seminaries, as well as for the building up of the seminary endowment fund. The Lord will certainly reward you for your sacrifice.

Thanking you for your continued support of our priests and seminarians, and wishing you a joyful Advent, I am

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan

Most Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.

parishes or working with social agencies that serve the poor, the elderly, or youth.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST A STUDENT AT BECKET HALL?

The cost of educating

one student for one year is \$5,547, which is comparable to the average cost of undergraduate private colleges in the United States. Annual income constitutes 75% of the total cost. The balance must be raised through gifts and donations.

**Your Chance To
Participate**

HOW CAN YOU HELP FOSTER CHURCH VOCATIONS?

You can help foster Church vocations through your prayers and by increasing the level of awareness for vocations in your parishes and home. There are potential candidates for the priesthood and church ministry in every Catholic home and parish and in every age group. Families who are alive with the spirit of faith, love and reverence serve as a kind of introductory seminary and motivation. Parishes in whose pulsing vitality young people themselves have a part are also major sources of church vocations.

HOW CAN YOU

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIES?

Your gift on December 9-10 will enable St. Bernard's and Becket Hall to continue the task of educating leaders of the Church for tomorrow and insure that the pastoral work in our parishes will go on without interruption.

ARE THE SEMINARIES ACCESSIBLE TO PARISHIONERS?

They certainly are! You are welcome to visit St. Bernard's not only on our annual "Open House Day" but any time. We invite you especially to join us during the school year for Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. and for Sunday Vespers at 5:00 p.m.



Becket Hall