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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Feast of St. Bernard, 1979

My dear People:

In his first meeting with the clergy of the Diocese of Rome, Pope John Paul II said that no matter what diocese he headed, its diocesan Seminary would always be closest to his heart. In fact, he said that the local seminary should not only be the "apple of the bishop's eye"; it should be treated by the whole diocese with the same special loving care.

As the new Bishop of Rochester, I share the sentiments of the Holy Father with regard to our own diocesan seminaries: St. Bernard's Seminary and Becket Hall. For the past seven years I have been personally engaged in seminary work, and I appreciate not only the rewarding nature of that work but its great importance. Furthermore, as one proud to be an alumnus of St. Bernard's, I am anxious to do all that I can to foster its continued life and growth.

St. Bernard's Seminary reopens its doors this Fall for the eighty-sixth consecutive year. In response to the shifting demands of the post-conciliar Church, our diocesan seminary has been evolving over the past few years into a center of broader theological education. Without, of course, curtailing in any way its primary work of preparing candidates for the priesthood, St. Bernard's has recently welcomed the Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Program; opened theological degree programs to religious and laity; expanded its schedule of continuing education for priests and Sisters, and is pioneering an Adult Education Program in theology for interested lay men and women. Thus, 2260 Lake Avenue is becoming each year an ever-richer resource center for the study of theology and the preparation for ministry.

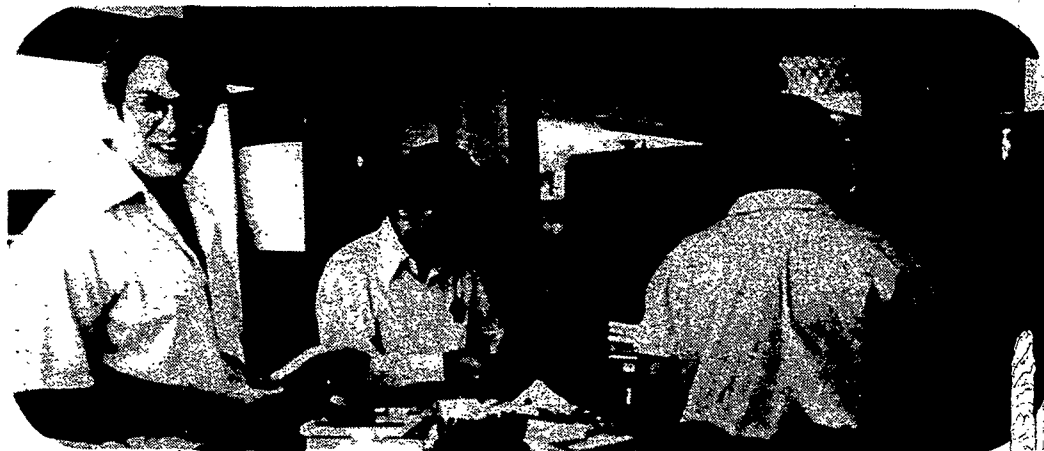
On September 22 and 23, I will turn to you, as other Bishops of Rochester have done over the past century, to request a contribution towards the work our seminaries are doing. May I suggest that each wage-earner give ten dollars for the support of these two institutions: St. Bernard's Seminary and Becket Hall? Your gift will help me form new ministers to serve you, as the gifts of your forefathers, in their day, helped produce Church leaders who have brought you the Word of God and the sacraments. Can there be any doubt that Christ will reward your generosity? For Him, too, the formation of Church leaders, his apostles, was the "apple of His eye." I thank you in His name.

One more favor. There is still a shortage of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in this diocese. Please add to your gift a prayer that the "Lord of the harvest" will send many more laborers into the field.

Your brother in Christ,

+ Matthew H. Clark

+Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester



Phil Cioppa, left, and Charles Galligan purchase supplies from cashier Maribeth Mancini at the school bookstore.

THE SEMIN

Leadership for the Church

The Tradition

"The Seminary will become a central pivot of ecclesiastical work, the home of learned professors devoted to theological studies, a sacred place that in time will grow in the affection of priests and people." — Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid.

Over the 96 years of its history, St. Bernard's Seminary has maintained high standards in its task of preparing leadership for the Church. These include:

1. deep spirituality,
2. high academic performance,
3. professional skills in preaching, teaching, counseling and leadership,
4. selfless service of Church and society.

These values have molded the attitudes and inspired the lives of some

3,600 alumni of whom 1,700 are priests serving the Church in a variety of ministries and some 700 are lay persons occupying positions of leadership in the Church and community.

The Seminary Today

"There is a variety of gifts but always the same spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord."

—I Cor. 12,4-5

Inspired by its tradition of excellence and service, the Seminary remains committed to the formation of pastors to the people of God after the model of Christ, priest, teacher and shepherd and to ever better service of the Church of human needs.

Today's Seminary is also committed to respond to the Church's:

1. Effort to make people aware that all are called to assist in ministry. The Seminary aims to serve men and women, young and old who see themselves through baptism as "in their own way made sharers in the priestly prophetic and kingly functions of Christ."

2. Call to live as and to be a faith community.

Your Diocesan Seminaries:

1. Prepare candidates for the priesthood;
2. Serve the diocesan program for the permanent diaconate;
3. Make theological degree programs available to religious and laity;
4. Extend continuing education opportunities to priests and sisters;
5. Offer education in theology to lay men and women.

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



Members of St. Bernard's Seminary: George Norton, Bob Ring, Miller, Tim DeTraglia, and others.

Report on 1978 Seminary Collection

Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 847.88	St. Cecilia	788.00	Sacred Heart — Auburn	653.75
Blessed Sacrament	1,395.00	St. Charles Borromeo	1,375.03	St. Aloysius — Auburn	178.00
Christ the King	1,450.40	St. Francis of Assisi	—	St. Alphonsus — Auburn	1,691.00
Church of the Annunciation	124.00	St. Francis Xavier	172.00	St. Francis of Assisi — Auburn	452.72
Corpus Christi	—	St. George	76.28	St. Hyacinth — Auburn	397.83
Guardian Angels	519.00	St. Helen	1,560.75	St. Mary — Auburn	110.00
Holy Apostles	711.20	St. James	770.00	St. Patrick — Aurora	86.00
Holy Cross	510.72	St. John the Evangelist — Greece	929.55	St. Agnes — Avon	419.00
Holy Family	510.50	St. John the Evangelist	890.48	St. Mary — Bath	405.00
Holy Ghost	782.00	St. Jude the Apostle	453.48	St. Stanislaus — Bradford	65.00
Holy Name of Jesus	760.50	St. Lawrence	1,137.00	Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary — Brockport	850.00
Holy Redeemer	267.00	St. Margaret Mary	2,219.50	St. Columba — Caledonia	530.25
Holy Rosary	1,077.00	St. Mark	1,242.00	St. Joseph — Campbell (Mission)	—
Immaculate Conception	201.29	St. Mary	1,317.09	St. Mary — Canandaigua	1,110.02
Most Precious Blood	225.75	St. Michael	586.00	St. Joachim — Canisteo	155.02
Our Lady of Good Counsel	899.00	St. Monica	307.00	St. Francis — Catatank (Mission)	454.05
Our Lady of Lourdes	730.00	Ss. Peter and Paul	216.60	St. Patrick — Cato	90.05
Our Lady of Mercy	961.00	St. Philip Neri	381.00	St. Joseph — Cayuga	109.31
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	—	St. Pius Tenth	1,454.00	St. Christopher — Chili	267.57
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	284.00	St. Salome	1,187.75	St. Vincent De Paul — Churchville	538.10
Our Lady Queen of Peace	499.00	St. Stanislaus	1,149.00	St. Felix — Clifton Springs	195.00
Our Lady of Victory/ St. Joseph's	718.40	St. Theodore	1,112.00	St. John the Evangelist — Clyde	388.42
Our Mother of Sorrows	1,491.46	St. Theresa	204.00	St. Pius V — Cohocton	137.30
St. Ambrose	1,255.67	St. Thomas the Apostle	1,000.00	St. Margaret Mary — Conesus (Mission)	38.00
St. Andrew	1,063.45	St. Thomas More	3,351.00	St. Mary — Corning	1,303.00
St. Anne	718.00	St. Catherine of Siena — Addison	404.00		
St. Anthony of Padua	110.00	St. Margaret Mary — Apalachin	460.00		
St. Augustine	381.35	Holy Family — Auburn	610.50		
St. Boniface	640.00				
St. Bridget	—				

St. Patrick — Corning
St. Vincent — Corning
St. Mary — Dansville
Holy Cross — Dryden/
Freeville
St. Andrew — Dundee (Mission)
St. John Fisher — East Bay (Mission)
St. Bridget — East Bloomfield
St. Jerome — East Rochester
Our Lady of Lourdes — Elmira
St. Anthony — Elmira
St. Casimir — Elmira
St. Cecilia — Elmira
St. John the Baptist — Elmira
St. Mary — Elmira
St. Patrick — Elmira
St. Peter and Paul — Elmira
St. Charles Borromeo — Elmira Heights
Assumption Church — Fairport
Church of Resurrection — Fairport
Church of St. John of Rochester — Fairport
St. Isaac Joques — Fleming (Mission)
St. Mary — Geneseo
St. Francis De Sales — Geneva
St. Hilary — Genoa (Mission)
St. Anthony — Groton
Holy Name — Groveland (Mission)