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Dear Friends in Christ:

Each year, the generosity shown to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal provides inspiration and motivation for our seminarians, students, and faculty members. This year is no exception. Through your financial support and abundant prayers, you hold a crucial role in our formation process. Without you, we could not fully prepare priests and pastoral leaders for the coming generations. Not only have you supported the seminary community, but you have helped build the Faith for future generations.

Though this past year brought along many challenges, the generosity to our seminary has been exceptional. Nearly 22,000 supporters came together to raise over \$3 million for the 2019-2020 Appeal. For this, I am eternally grateful. This dedication serves as a positive affirmation for our

students and seminarians. Your kindness shows them that they are not alone on this journey ~ they know that they have the confidence and support of thousands.

On behalf of the entire seminary community, thank you for your continued encouragement and involvement. It is especially appreciated in these trying times as our seminarians face many of the same unusual circumstances that the pandemic has created for each of us.

I am humbled and ever grateful for your kindness. Please continue to remember our seminarians, candidates for the permanent diaconate, graduate students, faculty, and staff in your prayers. Please also know that the entire community at St. Charles always remembers you and your loved ones in our prayers.

May God bless you always!

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior  
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia  
Rector, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

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**PRIESTLY FORMATION | RYAN NGUYEN, III THEOLOGY**  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

"After my conversion experience in December 2012, I asked the Lord, "What are you asking of me?" God's voice was never audible, but I could see his guiding hand. In my previous job, I could not freely bring God into conversations with my friends and co-workers. Subsequently, I felt like a caged bird. Yet, that interior question kept popping up: "What are you asking of me?" St. Charles is the place that is greener on the other side of the cage. Truly, I can discern God's voice by building my "nest" here. Thank you for your financial support and for helping me to better appreciate this teaching of Jesus: "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the *birds*."



**NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST | FATHER LOUIS J. MONICA,**  
PAROCHIAL VICAR, SS. Peter and Paul Church

"Having spent nine years of spiritual and intellectual preparation in the seminary, I was eager to finally be ordained a priest. Now that several months have passed since I have begun my assignment at Saints Peter and Paul Church in West Chester, I am confident that this is undoubtedly the life that Jesus has chosen for me. I will be forever indebted to the faculty, staff, and students of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for helping me to ascertain God's plan for me and to have the courage to respond to his loving call with zeal."



**SCHOOL OF DIACONAL FORMATION**  
TOM STROHMETZ

"As I continue my faith journey through the Diaconate Program towards ordination in May of 2022, the ever-increasing importance of our relationship with God continues to deepen and strengthen. "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13. My gratitude for His grace, mercy, patience, and love grows with every passing day. With a senior in high school, a freshman, and a 6th grader, as well as 2 grandchildren now, and continuing to work & study through COVID-19, the Lord is my constant guide as I live each day. The seminary has been extremely accommodating, responsive, and flexible during the Coronavirus situation, recognizing the challenges which the Diaconate students face as they continue to work and raise families. The Diaconate Program and Masters' Theology Program continues to be a blessing."



"I am deeply grateful for the support you've shown to the 2019-2020 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. As I enter my second year as Chairperson of the Development Committee, I am inspired and energized by your commitment to our seminary. Your generosity provides for the future of our Church and our Faith. On behalf of the Seminary Development Committee, please accept our appreciation. We are thankful to see our faithful contributors unite to support these young men in formation. Please keep these seminarians, and all who are discerning, in your prayers."



Scott Johnson, Chair, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Development Committee

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**2019-2020 SEMINARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal	\$3,066,755
Estates/Bequests	\$1,337,602
Priest Alumni Appeal	\$47,720
Seminary Golf Classic	\$461,832

**2019-2020 TOTAL RAISED \$4,913,909**



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  - Saint John Baptist Vianney – Gladwyne
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel – Southampton
  - Saints Peter and Paul – West Chester
  - Corpus Christi – Lansdale
  - Saints Philip and James – Exton
- 46 PARISHES RAISED \$20,000 OR MORE TO SUPPORT THE SEMINARY APPEAL.
  - 66 PARISHES RAISED \$10,000 OR MORE TO SUPPORT THE SEMINARY APPEAL.