

+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto

Hello Everyone,

Here is just an update on life here at the seminary, but first of all; it was great to have been able to help at the Christmas Masses, and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Well, the spring semester has begun, and so far, it has been challenging and exciting. As was last semester, there are good days and rough days; but Christ is always there to pull me back in. To start the semester some of us went to Old St. Mary's, in the Over-the-Rhine area of Cincinnati, and attended a Sunday Mass in German. We enjoyed it so much, that we are trying to find time to go back again. As for classes for this semester, they consist of: Medieval Philosophy, Catechism Doctrine, Natural Philosophy, Metaphysics (the study of being, essence, and existence), and Latin II.

A few weeks ago, I had the chance to serve for a Low Latin Mass here at school. Serving for the Latin Mass is something several of us have been practicing since last fall. It was an amazing experience, especially kneeling right beside the priest at consecration. It just felt like you were transported back in time, to Mt. Calvary, and you were there kneeling at the foot of the Lord's cross. The Latin Masses are definitely something that I look forward to continuing to learn, practice, and serve. For I feel it will help me grow in reverence and love for Jesus; especially in the Eucharist. I invite everyone to try and go to a Latin Mass sometime, or at least take time to learn about it.

Back at the end of January, about thirty-five of us seminarians, went downtown to the Cincinnati Music Hall. The building was beautiful, and the experience amazing, especially when they played Mozart's Requiem (Funeral) Mass.

Lastly, with the help of the Knights of Columbus, the seminary was able to host the relic of the, incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney (the rest of his incorrupt body is located in Ars, France). It was another amazing experience; just to be able to pray to St. John Vianney (patron of parish priests), and ask for his intercession and prayers, while kneeling right before his heart. A heart that was overflowing with love for Jesus, the Catholic Church, and his parishioners. For more information do some research on St. John Vianney, and all the saints.

God Bless,

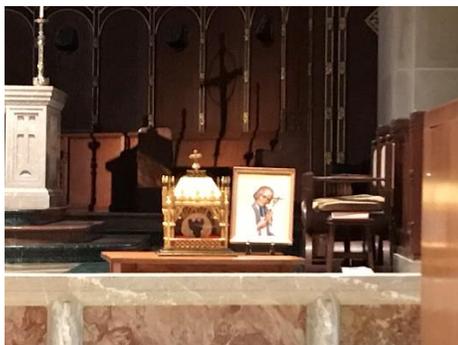
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Old St. Mary's Church



Cincinnati Music Hall



Incorrupt Heart of St. John Vianney