

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, in Glandorf and one in Miller City. I was so happy to have had the chance to visit with so many people, and thank you for your continued prayers and support. Please support this years' Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. No donation is too small. Thank you in advance for your support of our local church.

Well, the spring semester is into its sixth week, and so far, things are going well. As for classes for this semester, they consist of: Contemporary Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, Catechism: Moral Life in Christ, Philosophical Anthropology, Music/Voice, and Advance Latin II.

This school year, my volunteer work is at the Pregnancy Center on the westside of Cincinnati. There, we seminarians are tasked with visiting with the clients, mainly the dads that come along - talking with them about having faith and trust in God and also the importance of choosing life. Earlier in the year, another seminarian and I were talking to each other about how we will probably never get the chance to experience the ultrasound of a baby. Then a few weeks later, the ultrasound technician on hand asked us if we would like to sit in on an ultrasound since the mother gave the ok. That was such a fantastic experience to be able to see a living human being at one of the earliest stages of life. The ultrasound technician said next time she would try to get us in when the heartbeat could be heard. I can't wait! It truly gives me a stronger love for the pro-life movement. It is not a choice; EVERY LIFE MATTERS!

Back in January, sixty-five of us seminarians had the chance to attend the March for Life, in Washington D.C. For me, this was my first time to Washington D.C. and thus also my first time to the March for Life. It was a great and powerful trip; the first day was my birthday, so I had fun time seeing some of the memorials with friends, and the March for Life the next day was just amazing. So many young people, standing up for the unborn. It truly gives hope that someday hopefully very soon, the sin abortion (the murder of the innocent) will be illegal in the U.S.A.

The approximate number of babies killed due to abortion, just in the United States, since Roe vs. Wade in 1973, is: sixty million (60,000,000). I know for many people that is only a number, so just imagine this; think of sixty people in your life; kids, grandkids, parents, friends, etc. Now imagine those sixty people as having never existed. All those memories you created with them; the laughs, the tender moments; all never happened. Now imagine each one of those sixty-missing people from your life represented one-million people in the nation. It makes it easier to picture how big of an impact abortion has had. We are actually missing one-third of the last generation, all due to the murder of unborn children.

A few weeks ago, about twenty-five of us seminarians, went downtown to the Cincinnati Music Hall. Just like last year, the building was beautiful, and the experience amazing. The Cincinnati POPS orchestra, played music by American composer, George Gershwin.

Looking ahead, several of us seminarians are taking a weekend ski trip to Michigan (this will be my first-time skiing). Two of us are going back to Washington D.C. for a short spring break trip, and then also back to the Music Hall for another concert. Don't worry there is plenty of prayer, homework, and reading also coming up, but before we know it Lent will be here, then Easter, and then the end of another school year.

As always, please feel free to come to visit the seminary for a tour. It can be a great way to help promote priestly vocations.

God Bless,

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Left: March for Life Seminary banner, Bishop Thomas and some of us Toledo Diocese seminarians, and some seminarian friends and myself at the National Mall.

Right: Cincinnati Music Hall