

Our Seminaricians

We are blessed as a parish community in having two young men from our community studying for the Diocesan priesthood. Let us continue to remember them in prayer:



Robin Mendonca

First Theology – St Peter’s Seminary, London

Thank you for your continued prayers. My year at St. Peter’s Seminary has been off to a great start. This year I have begun my studies in Theology, which are not only eye opening but also quite challenging as there are plenty of assignments, papers and tons of reading. However, I am truly enjoying what I am learning and consider myself very lucky to have this opportunity. In addition to classes, formation is also going well. We have Mass every morning at 7:30 and other activities that keep us extremely busy. My role this year in the house is sacristan which means that I am responsible for setting up for all liturgical functions. This is a great and important responsibility but it also means that I have to be ready to go half hour early for any liturgical event which translates into very early mornings for me. It is without doubt that I am learning to be a morning person! Please continue to pray for me and I assure you of my prayers as well.

Peace,
Robin



Hayden Starczala

First Theology – St Augustine Seminary, Toronto

I wish to thank you for your prayers and support as I have sought to hear and act on God's word, through which He has called me to receive formation for the priesthood. When I arrived at St. Augustine's Seminary in September, I felt a great sense of calm in my heart reassuring me that this is where I am supposed to be. My schedule can sometimes seem rather hectic between liturgy, private prayer, academics, and various community events; yet, I feel strength that comes to me through your prayers. Seminary life has not been a burden, but a great joy. I admire many of brother seminaricians, who encourage me through prayer, word, and deed. The priests also show a loving concern for those who are in their care. In short, God, according to His great mercy, has blessed me greatly by bringing me to the seminary. If it is challenging at times, it is for my good and for the good of those to whom I hope to minister. My only request is that you continue pray for us seminaricians, so that love may reign alone in our hearts.

In Christ,
Hayden Starczala

Prayer for our Seminaricians

God our Father, thank you for calling Robin and Hayden to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Bless them while they study Your Word and the teachings of Your Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!