22 February 2021

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

All Yoopers!

Dear Yoopers for Seminarians,

Greetings! We celebrate today the Feast of St. Peter, specifically the Chair of Peter. This is a symbol of St. Peter’s unique role in governing and uniting the Apostles!

Our cathedral is dedicated to St. Peter, and I love this beautiful picture from one of the ordinations in 2019. The beautiful mural of Jesus giving St. Peter the Keys of the Kingdom shines above the presbyterate and diaconate gathered with Bishop John Doerfler and the people of the diocese, all united in the joyful celebration of Holy Orders!

We’re still working out final details, but we anticipate two ordination Masses this spring, one for deaconate and one for priesthood. Please pray for Dcn. Ben Rivard as he prepares for priestly orders, and for Christian Flagstad and Brandon Yanni who prepare to be ordained deacons. These will most likely be invite-only, but we hope to have them livestreamed so everyone can participate!

Thank you very much for your support of priestly vocations in the Diocese of Marquette!
Having completed our second year of Yoopers for Seminarians, we’ve had well over 500 families participate from all over the diocese and beyond. I have been humbled by people’s generosity!

As we enter into this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, I want to invite you to support our seminarians, as well as those discerning the possibility of seminary, in a particularly impactful and accessible way. Please prayerfully consider setting up an online monthly gift!

The men are studying and serving all year round, and the bills come in steadily. Monthly giving provides a similarly steady and dependable stream of financial support. Your prayerful intercession for our seminarians is equally important. I know from my own monthly support of YFS that it is a helpful reminder and outward expression of my interior prayer.

To set up a monthly gift, just go to yoopersforseminarians.org, and use the “Make a Monthly Gift” button. You can also make a monthly gift through the mail. If you need any assistance, please call Terri Gadzinski, our Diocesan Director of Stewardship and Develop: 906-227-9108.

Thank you for your support! Watch for the spring YFS newsletter in the mail soon!

God Bless,

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