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During these first few days of August the seminary is filled with activity, as we hold our annual Boys' Camp. This year's camp has been well-attended, and by the looks of things, everyone is enjoying it immensely. No doubt, when it is over Father Augustine and the seminarians involved will be looking forward to some quiet time!

The construction work on our church continues at a good pace. During the past month the basement walls were poured and coated with sealant. After the forms were removed and the area around the walls filled again with dirt, work began on the flooring and walls of the church. It is a monumental job, and we can look forward with anticipation to the completed project.

Soon we will commence another school year, our 20th at the minor seminary. Over the next few weeks there are many tasks to be accomplished, such as cleaning the carpets and the entire building, as we prepare to welcome our students. You can be sure that the teachers will also work diligently on class preparation. It is most important to begin the year well, and that means attention to the preparation. Please continue to pray for our seminary. May God bless and reward you in return.

— Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI



Some of the younger boys work on their basketball skills.

August Calendar

- 3 – Final Day of Boys' Camp
- 9 – Feast of St. John M. Vianney, patron of priests
- 25-26 – Seminarians arrive; orientation
- 27 – Classes begin
- 28 – Father Augustine's feastday
- 30-31 – Annual outing to Lake Coeur d'Alene



Time for a group photo after erecting the cross.



The hole is dug to prepare to extend the church basement.



Our processional route for the annual Corpus Christi procession, as seen early in the morning.



Fun at the park on the first day of Camp Saint Joseph.



View of the new basement extension after the concrete is poured.



Our vineyard is overflowing with grapes this year.



The church playground is getting plenty of use from the boys at the camp.



We had the park all to ourselves.



Brother Sebastian provided transportation with the bus from the Mount.



Father Augustine leads the Stations as the boys carry the heavy cross.



Riding the zip line at the camp.



The men begin to erect the walls of the church.



Setting up tents in the woods.



Each day begins with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Do You Have a Vocation?

If you are a young man of high school age who has a vocation, then St. Joseph Seminary may be the place for you. Our four-year course of studies offers the regular high school curriculum, with an emphasis on Latin, theology, choir and foreign language. A well-rounded program of daily Mass, prayer and sports complements our academic schedule. For more information, write to the rector of St. Joseph Seminary at the address below.



The Campers thoroughly enjoyed the meals.

Seminary Support Club

If you are not yet a member of the Seminary Support Club and would like to become a member, you may write to the seminary at the address below. Members pledge to pray for the success of the seminary and, if able, to send a regular financial contribution for its support.



A Rosary walk through the woods.

Model for Parish Priests

The feast of Saint John Marie Vianney each August is a reminder to pray for priests. When it comes to the salvation of souls, so much depends on priests. We need many more priests, but we especially need holy priests, especially in these times. And that is why the formation of the seminary is so vital. As the young man is during his years in the seminary, so he will later be as a priest.

If you have never read the life of Saint John Vianney, I suggest you do so. This extraordinary saint was penitential in the extreme. By his prayers and penances he earned the graces to bring thousands of souls back from sin. His labors in the confessional were astounding, yet he was emaciated from fasting. Surely, grace sustained this holy servant of God, who remained the Cure of the small town of Ars, France, for many years.

Let us pray to Saint John Marie Vianney for our priests and that more young men will respond to the call of God to serve Him as Another Christ. Your daily prayers and sacrifices for these intentions are most important. Through them, you will have a share in that most important work of the salvation of immortal souls.

Prayer to Know One's Vocation

O my God, Thou art the God of wisdom and good counsel, Thou who readest in my heart a sincere desire to please Thee alone and to direct myself in regard to my choice of a state of life, in conformity with Thy holy will in all things; by the intercession of the most holy Virgin, my Mother, and of my Patron Saints, grant me the grace to know that state of life which I ought to choose, and to embrace it when known, in order that thus I may seek Thy glory and increase it, work out my own salvation and deserve the heavenly reward which Thou has promised to those who do Thy holy will. Amen. (indulgence of 300 days, once a day).