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Fr. Latcovich Gives An Insider's View Into Our Seminaries

"Studies show what keeps a man a priest. If a diocese has its own seminary, a man develops critical support systems not only with his family, but with priests and lay people they come to know," says Fr. Mark Latcovich.

As rector of Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary, he guides seminarians through a process of priestly formation that for some men begins with college courses at Borromeo (including many at John Carroll University) followed by a five-year program on the graduate level in Theology at St. Mary's.



Thanks to the generosity of many faithful people who made donations and pledges to **Rooted in Faith—Forward in Hope**, the Endowment for Priestly Formation has grown by nearly \$5,960,062 as of June 30, 2016.

These funds help to form holy and well-educated men for service in our Diocese.

The Diocese of Cleveland is experiencing increased enrollment in its seminaries. Eighteen freshmen were welcomed to Borromeo and eight new men to Saint Mary this fall. And, eight men began their last year of priestly formation, discerning the Lord's call in preparation for May ordination. "They're very altruistic and want to make a difference in the world. They love and value what the Church offers society," says Fr. Latcovich, who also sees a sense of gratitude among seminarians who appreciate support for room and board, tuition, and mission trips.

Fr. Patrick Schultz, one of five seminarians ordained in May 2016, now serves at Communion of Saints Parish in Cleveland Heights. He expresses immense gratitude to the people "who make herculean sacrifices for us to study in the diocese. It's a very expensive endeavor and expresses the Church's desire to have good and holy priests. We are transformed by the love of Jesus and then go out and serve the very people who supported us."

Transparency and Accountability

The **Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope** Oversight Committee meets semi-annually to review the financial statements and confirm that the overall campaign dollars are being applied to the appropriate case statement components.

This committee convened earlier this month to once again review and ensure that the highest levels of accountability and transparency remain in effect.

We encourage you to visit the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) website at www.catholiccommunity.org for updated financial information about the campaign, its distributions and other important campaign news. In addition, browse our website to view the CCF audit, Board of Directors list, and all current news and events.

OUR PARISH

Every payment you make benefits our parish! As you know, 30% of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. Our parish continues to receive quarterly distributions based upon monies collected from your pledges. Thank you to everyone who makes this success possible.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign but would like to do so, or if you'd like to make an additional gift, please go to www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift. Alternately, you may contact Angie Pavlik at the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 1303.

Rooted in Faith pledge payments can now be made online at www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment. Also, we encourage you to visit www.catholiccommunity.org and browse our website for current news, events, list of Board Directors, or view the annual financial statement.

May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to His Church!