

Official Notice:

After extensive consultation with a multitude of church authorities, that has included: our **Vicar of Clergy**, the **Very Rev. Jerry Herda**; the **Very Reverend John Hemsing, Rector of SFdSS**; our **Vocation Director, Rev. Luke Strand**; in communication with **The Most Reverend Jerome Listeck**i, and myself, the **Director of Pastoral Formation at SFdSS**, I am pleased to inform you that

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Racine and St. Louis, Caledonia

has been assigned as your Teaching Parish; and, we trust that this relationship will prove mutually beneficial. You are entrusted to the care of the shared pastor **Rev. Yamid Blanco** an excellent priest who is eager to welcome you. I also see as an additional bonus, the pastoral presence of a multitude of other ministers living into their Baptismal Callings, are assisting both father and the faithful. Please be open and cooperative to the leadership they will afford you in a deep and abiding way. What joy will be both theirs and yours upon the day of Ordination! I have full confidence that **Fr. Yamid** and others are even now assembling a great Teaching Parish Committee or Team to journey with you in your development as a holy priest of God.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Racine <https://stpaulracine.org/> is located at **6400 Spring Street Racine, Wisconsin 53406** (from the seminary 22.3 mi 36 min) Phone: 262-886-0530 ; and, **St. Louis, Caledonia** stlouis@wi.rr.com **13207 County Rd. G., Caledonia, WI. 53018** 262-835-4533

You will want to click on the web-sites afforded and favorite them, for they provide valuable information, including Mass times, plus some of the vast and operative Spirit of this particular church that contributes much to the overall Archdiocese of Milwaukee. A small but special **Teaching Parish Committee** that you will have regular contact with will be made aware of the **Orientation Evening** with you.

Julie O'Connor from Sacred Heart School of Theology will also inform both of us about the for credit course that I will offer to 1T in the Fall, entitled, **Parish as Teacher** with days/time/Room yet TBD. During Orientation I will afford a Course Syllabus for the 1st Semester, electronically and printed. An additional class entitled, **Foundations in Parish Ministry**, that I also offer, follows in spring of 1T. Both of these educational and formational opportunities will shed some further insight into the basics of parish life and human interaction, coterminous with your actual experience. All of this is meant to assist you and everyone

else, in first year, to transition more easily into three major communities this fall: Saint Francis de Sales Seminary; Sacred Heart School of Theology; and, your own Teaching Parish.

In addition to the courses listed above, I will be meeting with you during some of your **Wednesday Formation Sessions** this year for important **“Informal” Integrating Seminars** to touch base with what challenges and blessings you are experiencing at the Teaching Parishes. I will also be coordinating the **multiple evaluations** that will be required, according to proper order and timing, over the years with Teaching Parish Committee Members and Supervising Priest. I will also coordinate the **Societal Ministry** and **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)** Placements that compose two very important aspects of the overall program for the Pastoral Formation. And, from the spring semester of 2T thru 4T, I will be affording you basic to advanced classes in **Theological Reflection**, a fundamental approach to applying all that you have and will learn in your other coursework and life, towards practical application for ministry. It seems like much to accomplish, at first, however, the four years will fly by. Do your best to enjoy these days as a seminarian, in preparation for Ordained Priestly Ministry.

It is, indeed, a tremendous privilege to be with each seminarian as you personally respond to the call of Christ to be of service to the local and universal Church as a “happy, healthy and holy” priest. Again, I am looking forward to being with you this year! If you have any questions and or concerns that I may address, please let me know, preferably through e-mail.

Peace of Christ,

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“Be who you are and be that well!” - St. Francis de Sales