

Good Day to my fellow parishioners!

Father David and the Vestry asked me to put together a brief synopsis of where I am in the discernment process. As you all are aware I have taken up the call from God to be a Parish Priest. I have had this calling from the time I was a child watching Father Gregory. I knew I wanted to be a Priest. Well I am finally at a place in my life where I am able to pursue this goal.

I entered the Diocese of Fon du Lac Circles of Light program in the spring of 2013. This is a process of three "Circles" of discernment. The first circle I defined and renewed my commitment to the calling. In the second circle I met with a group of volunteers from St. John's and the Diocese to locally define and accept my calling. Thank Vickie and all the volunteers for taking on this task. We completed this portion and the next step is to meet with the Commission on Ministry to be officially listed as a Postulant in the Diocese of Fon du Lac. This meeting is scheduled for October 2016. Once a postulant I will be attending seminary. That takes us to today!

Amy and I are currently looking at seminaries to attend. After meeting with the Bishop we have whittled our choices to three options. This coming fall and winter we will be visiting the seminaries to decide which one I will attend starting in the school year 2017/2018. In no particular order they are:

Nashotah House: Nashotah, Wisconsin I have a planned visit in November 2016.

Virginia Theological Seminary: Alexandria, Virginia Tentative planned visit in September 2016.

Seminary of the South West: Austin, TX Tentative planned visit in November 2016.

Amy and I will be moving to one of these seminaries for 3 years while I complete my Master of Divinity. Thank you all so much for your support in this endeavor a large part of the formalization of my calling came through the fantastic people of St. John's. Amy and I are truly blessed to have all of you in our lives. You are in our prayers, and thank you!

God Bless,

Erik Evenson