

Hello OLBS Family,

As many of you have likely heard, I have decided to withdraw from seminary formation. This came after much fervent prayer and wrestling, coupled with good spiritual direction, and while it was not an easy decision to make, I have great confidence and peace knowing this was a good discernment guided by the Holy Spirit.

I thank the Lord for putting the desire in my heart to discern the priesthood. I am also grateful to Mundelein Seminary and the Archdiocese of Chicago for accepting and supporting me in this process. These past three years of formation have been invaluable to my growth in holiness and discipleship, and I know the graces received will serve me well in whatever the Lord calls me to do, even though it was ultimately not to the priesthood.

I also want to thank Fr. Dan, the parish staff, the school teachers (especially those who taught me many years ago!), and the parish community for welcoming and supporting me in my vocational journey. Being the parish and school that I grew up in and had the first seeds of my faith planted, I am grateful to have found a home here at OLBS parish during my time in seminary. It has been a blessing to serve and get to know the members of this wonderful parish community. Know of my continued prayers for you all, and please pray for me as well. While I do not know what is in store for me next, I am confident that the Lord will guide me every step of the way.

Peace,
Joshua Jones



Pictured: Joshua Jones, Fr. Louis and Fr. Dan at the 2024 Queen of the Rosary School Gala. Photo credit: Larry Zabinski