



St. Paul the Apostle Chosen as a Teaching Parish

St. Francis Seminary moved to a Teaching Parish model of Priestly Formation in 2008 and this year, St. Paul the Apostle has been selected to be part of this exciting program. This program offers consistent and comprehensive participation for the seminarian in one parish for four full years, with a different focus each year. During these years, our seminarian will be attending classes and growing in his vocational ministry. For the parish, it is an opportunity to form a new priest in the way of parish life and community.

We have been assigned a young man named Michael Wolfe, as “Our Seminarian” for the next four years. We are blessed by his presence and participation here. Please take time to get to know Michael, to make him feel welcome and to encourage his participation in all aspects of prayer, worship and parish life.

Michael is originally from Waukesha, attended St. William Parish and graduated from Waukesha West High School. He then went to study at UW-Madison where he finished a degree in Spanish Literature and Culture. During those studies, he traveled to the Dominican Republic to the Archdiocesan sister parish, La Sagrada Familia, for a semester-long immersion and service experience.



It was in the Dominican Republic that Michael met the Community of Saint Paul, a small missionary group based out of Milwaukee, whose members are currently working in La Sagrada Familia. After a few months with them, Michael decided to join them. He came back from this experience in the Dominican Republic in May of 2006 and finished his degree as quickly as possible. In January of 2007, Michael moved back down to the Dominican Republic, where he lived for over five years. During these years, Michael worked in various programs of the parish and took part-time Philosophy studies, necessary to study theology.

In February of 2012, Michael applied to Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. Once accepted into the seminary, Michael moved to the Community of Saint Paul's house in Racine in May and began his full time studies at the Seminary in August. Michael is working towards ordination to the priesthood in 2016. Please keep Michael in your daily prayers as he travels this journey of discernment and discovery.

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