

Greetings everyone. This week at the seminary we are making final preparations for our upcoming “Borromeo Weekend.” The name of the event honors St. Charles Borromeo, who is the patron saint of seminarians, and whose feast day we celebrate November 4th. This annual event involves 40 hours of Eucharistic adoration with both St. John Vianney Seminary (SJV, undergraduate) and the St. Paul Seminary (SPS, graduate).

On Friday evening, we have Mass at SJV and their rector, Fr. Baer, will be the main celebrant. Following Mass, we will have a Eucharistic procession across the St. Thomas campus to the St. Paul Seminary, where we will be welcomed by a seminarian playing “*O God Beyond All Praising*” with all the stops pulled on the organ in the St. Mary’s chapel. During the next 40 hours, seminarians sign up for holy hours similar to perpetual adoration at St. Michael, although the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in our main chapel. Throughout the night and weekend, there will be adoration in silence but also celebrations of the *Liturgy of the Hours* and particular devotions such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, and Stations of the Cross. Adoration concludes just prior to Mass on Sunday morning at 10am. Monsignor Callaghan (our rector at SPS) will preside at Mass and I guarantee that we will sing his favorite song, *Our Lady of Knock*, as a communion song. We sing it often and sometimes we roll our eyes a bit when the first notes are played, but it never fails to bring tears to at least some of the visitors. They often comment on how they were moved by the strength of 250 men singing in a chapel with great acoustics. Finally, the event concludes with a great brunch with all the seminarians and priests of both seminaries.

This weekend will be a mini-retreat and a spiritual gift for us. It is also truly a deep experience of fraternity in Christ with our “younger brothers” at the SJV. I will offer my holy hour on Saturday morning at 2-3am for the intentions of the parish and especially for the strength of families at St. Michael. Thank you again for your support and prayers. God bless, Jon Kelly