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Dear friends of our seminary, We are quickly drawing near to the start of another school year, and so the pace of preparations for school is picking up. Of course, it is never entirely quiet at the seminary, but the first part of summer does provide a quiet reprieve. Just last week, as Father Anthony operated the annual Camp Saint Joseph for boys, I was able to spend 3 peaceful days in retreat. Our annual retreat is something that all religious appreciate, as an opportunity to pray and read, as we concentrate on the spiritual life.

The boys' camp was a great success with 26 boys in attendance. Father Anthony had the assistance of Rev. Mr. Timothy Geckle and Brother Alphonsus Maria, as well as several laymen. It is important to keep the boys busy, so extra help is always appreciated. The boys enjoyed football, paintball, canoeing, swimming, volleyball, cornhole, zipline, and "Redneck" Olympics!

As we look forward to another year of formation of young men, we recall the great importance of the priesthood. This month we celebrate the feast of the holy Cure of Ars, Saint John Marie Vianney. This great saint had a profound effect on thousands of souls through his simple preaching and the hearing of countless confessions. He is a reminder of the importance of formation for future priests. For

while the need for more priests is great, the most important element is holiness in a priest. A holy priest will do more good than hundreds of priests who do not have the spirit of their vocation. Let us all pray daily for many holy priests!

We appreciate your interest in our seminary and ask for your continued support and prayers, that God will bless our efforts and that He will send forth many holy laborers into His harvest. In return, be assured of a remembrance in our prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Rev. Father Benedict Hughes,  
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## Prayers for Vocations

O Mary Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many and holy priests. Amen (Raccolta #604).

O Lord grant unto Thy Church saintly priests and fervent religious. Amen (Raccolta #605).

Send forth, O Lord, laborers into Thy harvest. Amen (Raccolta #606).



We could not have a boy's camp without our dedicated cooks.



Raising a cross on the mountain is always an important part of our boy's camp.



*The boy's cannot resist using the squirt guns down at the lake.*



*The hot weather makes canoeing and swimming most enjoyable.*



*Flag football is one game that everyone can play.*



*Every day during the week begins with Holy Mass.*



*Everyone wanted a turn in carrying the cross up the hill.*

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