



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY

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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY BEGINS 45<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC YEAR

**Boynton Beach, Florida** – (September 00, 2007) – St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary has begun its 45<sup>th</sup> academic year with an enrollment of 97 students, including 64 seminarians, representing each of the dioceses in the Province of Florida. Five non-resident students are enrolled along with 28 members of the Diocese of Palm Beach who are members of the permanent diaconate program.

“We are pleased with the increase in number of seminarians enrolled,” said Rector/President Msgr. Keith R. Brennan, J.C.D. “It is also noteworthy that we have seminarians from each of the seven dioceses in Florida. That is testimony to the hard work of diocesan vocations directors.”

Brennan noted the seminarians range in age from the early 20s to early 60s “and we have a wonderful mix of ethnicity, which mirrors the church we serve.”

Eleven seminarians are in their pastoral year, residing at and serving individual parishes. The first year class numbers 13, while the second theology class consists of 16 members, 9 are in third theology, and 11 in fourth theology. Four seminarians have a special student classification.

Since its founding in 1963, St. Vincent has granted degrees to nearly 500 priests who have gone on to serve parishes throughout Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and elsewhere. The only bi-lingual, multicultural theologate in the southeastern United States, St. Vincent is also a free-standing, graduate, professional school of theology committed to providing continuing education for clergy, religious and laypersons of all denominations. The seminary is owned by the seven dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church in Florida.