

I'm thankful for the gift of life and the gift of friendship.

†Emmanuel St. Jean, Archdiocese Miami

This year I am especially thankful for the simple gifts of life – for friendship, laughter, tranquility and mercy.

†Deacon Chris LeBlanc, Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee

I'm grateful to God for my family and their continual good health, and for all the support I receive from the community at Saint Vincent's and from our entire family in Christ.

† Matthew Busch, Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee

As a first year theologian all can say thanks for those who have allowed me a chance to have home for discernment. It is nice to have a chapel with its blue that bathes me as I pray the Office. It is nice to awaken to the landscape as the radiant sky. Last thank you for all who come on Wednesday and make this place not only a home but a parish.

† Randy Allen, Diocese of Orlando

I am thankful for my vocation to the priesthood. I never would have chosen it on my own, but now that the Lord has called me, I cannot imagine a greater gift than being a priest of Jesus Christ. I am thankful especially for the resident priests of the seminary. The bishops have sent them here because they are exemplary models of priesthood, and I will miss having them around when I graduate in the summer.

†Rev. Mr. Kevin McQuone, Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee

I'm thankful for the gift of my family and the joy they are in my life. I'm thankful for the Benefactors who make my life at Seminary better to enjoy. For the priestly calling and the ever service of trying to do God's will, with his loving guidance always around me, helping me through the storms of life and being the calm serenity that never ends. Finally, I am grateful for my life, for coming near death many times and being spared to help others.

† Joseph Gates, Diocese of Venice

I am very grateful for the many blessings we enjoy here at Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. Having transferred from another seminary that was mostly supported by religious communities, I can count the many good things we enjoy here that other seminaries may not have. Everything from the beautiful weather to the spacious grounds, the delicious food to the helpful staff - all these are provided through the gracious support of the Dioceses and the generous support of the Catholic faithful of Florida. For these blessings, I am and will be eternally grateful.

†David Mullen, Diocese of Orlando