

## Fourth Year Seminarian Nathaniel Brown's Journey

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! It has been a busy month of change for me, and the month has flown by.

I moved into my room on campus for the upcoming year. It will be a wonderful room, and I am very grateful to be on campus this year. It makes it easy to see people and to get to class quickly. One of the changes that happened on campus this past year is that the front window of the chapel was

replaced. The old window will be put into the entrance of the chapel, but that hasn't happened yet. The new window has plenty of symbolism in it, and I hope that they will explain all of the symbolism to all of the fourth years when we all arrive on campus.



In between moving, I was also blessed to be asked by one of my friends on Vicarage to be the Godfather for his newborn baby. I was honored to, so the beginning of my two week vacation involved a trip to Indiana to be present for the baptism. I have seen plenty of baptisms in my life, but being the sponsor is a different way to witness the

### Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened in her mission.
- For the Seminaries in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be led faithfully.
- For all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and for all people working to protect others through this.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture
- For all graduates that they may be strengthened in faith as they transition into being called and ordained servants of Christ.
- For my professors as I enter my fourth year, that they may continue to be a well of knowledge needed in training future pastors.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me!

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baptism. It is a blessing to be a part of this baptism, but this blessing has helped me to think about each of our baptisms in this life.

St. Peter writes that our baptism saves us, and St. Paul writes that we are baptized into Christ's death and raised as Christ has Risen. This is wonderful for us, and there is no denying that! But another picture of our baptism does flow from our Lord Jesus and His baptism. Jesus was baptized, and immediately afterwards, He was driven by the Holy Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Yes, St. Peter and St. Paul are right, and we should rejoice that our eternal salvation is guaranteed because of the water and the Word that was poured on us. There is another aspect of our baptismal

identity that matters here and now. When leaving the waters of baptism, we still live in this world, and that means that we continue to be in spiritual warfare against Satan, but also against our Old Adam. Our baptism is not just an eternal future, but it is a daily reality that we wake up and we need to resist the temptations that come from the sinful world, the devil, and our old sinful nature. What glorious news it is for us that we do struggle every day, but moreso that we are daily forgiven because of our Lord Jesus, the Word who is the Christ.

Call Day is coming. Next month I sit down with the person in charge of figuring out where all of the fourth years will be called, and this meeting is to debrief vicarage, but also to begin discussing what I would like in my call. I mention this to ask for your prayers, not just for me, but for the whole class, as in a few months, we will know where we in the country we will be called to. Saying that it is Call Day is nine months away makes it seem a bit in the distance, but in saying that next month the conversation begins brings it a lot closer.



God's blessings to all of you this month! My address has changed, and is now **Nathaniel Brown, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105.†**