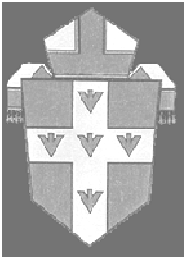


Seminarian Thank You Notes for Care Packages:



Dear St. Mary's Parish,
I cannot thank you enough for the care package you sent me. Being so far from home, we often forget that there are people back home thinking about us. It is truly a blessing. Thank you for your prayers and support and please know that I am praying for you all. Have a great fall season and may God bless you most abundantly.
Your in Christ,
Andrew Horn

Dear St. Mary's Parish,
Thank you all for the care package. It was by far the best care package I have ever received. I could tell that a lot of thought went into it. Thank you all for your prayers and support. I will give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you.
In gratitude,

To the members of my diocesan family at St. Mary's, I am so very grateful for your generosity and your love. There are many times in seminary when one begins to second-guess or hesitate regarding the pursuit of the priesthood. But, as I have found so often, those moments are met by those at home, with their words of encouragement and their prayers. Rest assured of my prayers for you all. May God bless you and the great state of Oklahoma!
In Christ,

Aaron Foshee

Dear Congregation of St. Mary's,
I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all of you in the parish for your gift and prayers.
I will keep you in my prayers too.
Thank for your generosity and love.
In Christ,
Linh Bui

To the beautiful St. Mary's Parish in Ponca City, OK,
Thank you for all the snacks and the Wal-mart gift card (*with which I bought coffee*). It may not all exactly help my studying but certainly makes it more delicious. Thank you also, and primarily, for the thoughts and prayers. They mean a lot to me and the other seminarians. You are in mine as well. With prayers and blessings,
Kelly Edwards

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,
Thank you so much for the care package and the gift card! It really means a lot to get packages from home since you can start feeling isolated from Oklahoma in another diocese. Your support of the seminarians is very greatly appreciated and I look forward to visiting your parish someday. Your use of your time, talent and treasure in supporting the seminarians is a great testament to the love you have for Christ, which is returned by good works such as this. Please be assured that you are all in my prayers and please remember to pray for me and all seminarians! Thanks again!
Sincerely in Christ,
Carson Krittenbrink

To all the parishioners of St. Mary's, Thank you so very much for your care package. Chips, skittles, homemade mixes, a toothbrush and soap—both needed and gratefully appreciated—all of these gifts were great! It can be hard to make it to Wal-Mart or even a gas station weekly. Your package with so many pleasant things is one of the best things we have received because with each item we can see the through and care. The transition to the seminary has been quite painless due to God's steadfast grace and the Archdiocese great support. I hope to be able to stop in with Colby during one of our breaks. Thank you again for your care package.
Yours in Christ,
Bryan McCaffrey

To my Dear Home Parish,
St. Mary's,
Thank you for the great care package and Wal-Mart gift card! Your thoughts of basically everything I could possibly need or want. I am really enjoying my time here at Conception and I greatly appreciate your support.
Sincerely in Christ,
Colby Cantillon

Dear St. Mary's Parish,
Thank you so much for the wonderful care package. It is very great to be assured of the prayers and support of people back home. I especially liked all the cool stuff from the Ponca City Tourism Department. Please continue to pray for men, and be assured of my prayers for your parish.
In Christ,
John Paul Lewis

St. Mary's,
Thank you for the care package! The trail mix and Oreos that were included have been a party of my family tradition of snacks since I was very little. It has been a great reminder of home while eating the delicious snacks. I am grateful for your generosity, for the support that you have given me, and for your support of vocations in our Archdiocese.
God Bless,
Matt Thomason

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Thank you all so much for your very generous gift package. It was completely unexpected and very much enjoyed. Such a bountiful gift had to be shared so several other seminarians got one or two goodies. They send their thanks as well. A good friend of mine wondered if the bar of soap was meant to be a hint. In all seriousness, thank you. You've saved me a trip to the store and the gift card is extremely helpful. We've survived our first round of exams here at Saint Meinrad Seminary. Those of us who have been here for a few years are back into our routine. Most of the Oklahoma City seminarians will be returning to our home parishes for the week of Thanksgiving. But, until then we have much work to do both academically and spiritually.
Thank you all again for your generous gift. The support we get from parishes and individuals means so much to us. God bless you all and May God continue to bless the works of your parish,
Sincerely and Gratefully,
Lance A. Warren
1st Theology

St. Mary's, Thank you so much for your generous gift. It's just what I needed! I appreciate your prayers and generosity at this time in my vocational discernment. You will be in my prayers.
Sincerely,

Dear Fr. Ratterman & St. Mary's Parish,
I would like to express my gratitude for the care package you sent to me. Quite a few of my favorite snacks were included. Thank you for the kindness and thoughtfulness behind the package. Hearing from our Archdiocesan family back home is very encouraging.
In Christ's Peace,
Jerome Krug

To the parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church: I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the wonderful, surprising and much appreciated "care package" of goodies as well as the Wal-Mart gift card (those always come in handy). Most meaningful of all is the support and prayers for me as this is my first year in the seminary. I shall always fondly remember St. Mary's Catholic Church in my daily prayers, please continue to pray for me as I journey through the formation process and God will reach ordination. Again, thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness. It is greatly appreciated.
Respectfully In Christ,
Edwin R. Nalagan, Jr.

Dear St. Mary's Catholic Church,
I want to take this opportunity to thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and kindness. I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. You folks bring a great big smile to my face. Thank you so very much. School is going well. It is hard to believe that October is almost here. I love the month of October.
Take care and God Bless You All.
Tim Ruckel

The Faithful at St. Mary's,
Thank you so much for the box of goodies! We love food! It definitely brightened my week! The semester has started off well and I'm enjoying my classes. Thanks again for your support and most of all your prayers!
Alex Kroll