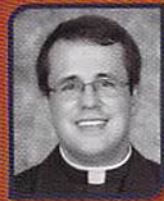
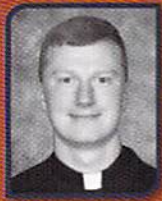


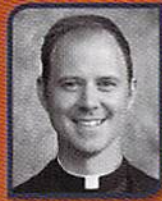
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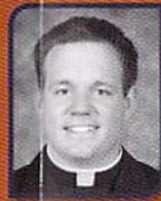
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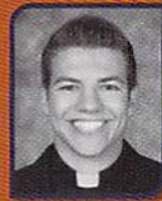
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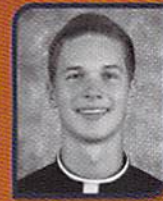
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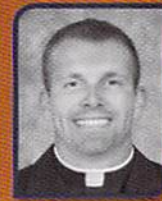
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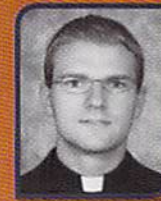
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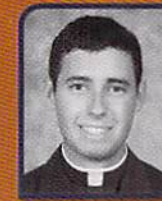
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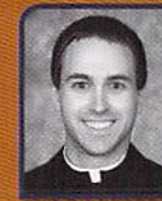
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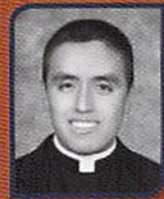
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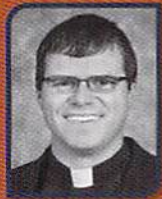
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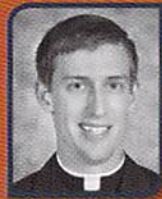
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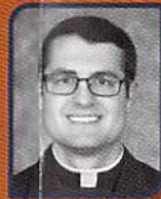
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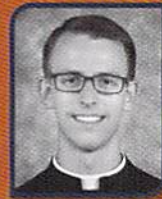
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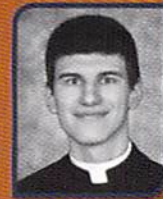
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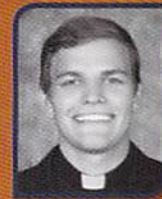
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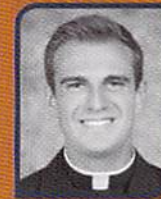
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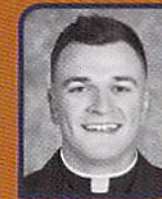
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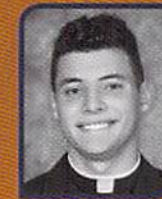
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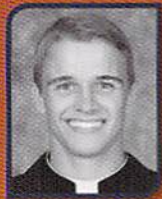
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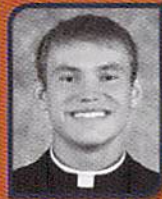
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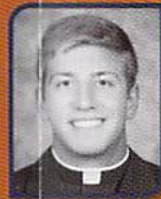
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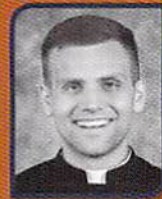
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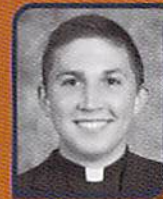
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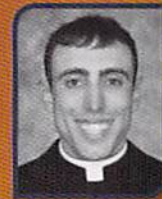
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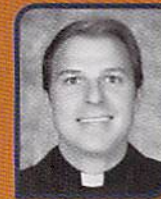
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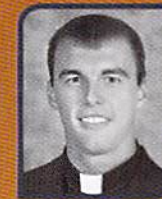
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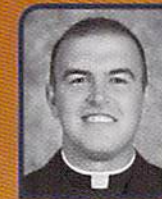
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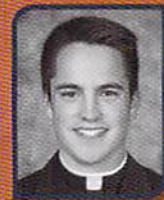
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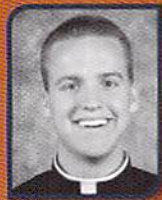
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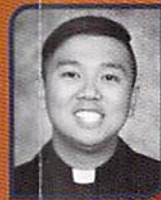
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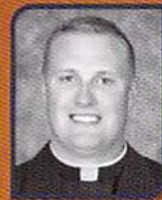
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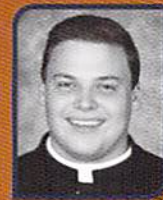
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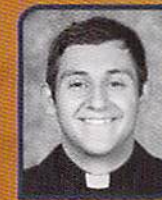
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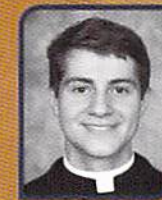
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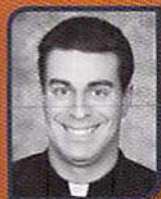
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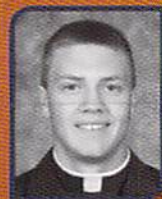
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As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

What is a gift?

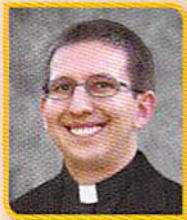
It is something freely offered to another without cost. True gift giving is a desire to will the good for another in order that they may have happiness. This is precisely what God wills for us when He offers us the gift of our vocation. For myself, receiving gifts has always been hard since I wanted to pay back what has been given to me in order not to become dependent upon the other. "How shall I repay the good that God has done for me? I will raise the chalice of salvation" (Ps. 116:13). It was a struggle in high school for me to accept God's calling to the priesthood because I knew I could never measure up to the infinite greatness of such a gift. Yet, Christ freely offered a sharing in His ministry to men who knew their own sinfulness only too well. In the same way, Jesus Christ calls upon a new generation to, "Come follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt. 4:19)

At the same time this wondrous gift is a mystery of divine election, "You did not choose Me but I chose you..." (Jn. 15:16). As a lad, I remember thinking there was something different about the priest. What he did was not a job or a career, but something transcendent. This divine quality stirred up my young heart and prepared me to receive Christ's calling. I am truly grateful to the Diocese of Lincoln for aiding me to discern this calling to the priesthood. Thank you to everyone who makes it possible for others to discern God's call through your prayers and support. May God bless and keep you!

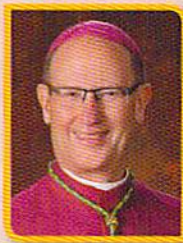
In Christ,

Fr. Luke Fleck

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Ordination Class of 2018



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Dear Brothers and
Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend will begin the Diocese of Lincoln's **Bishop's Appeal for Vocations**, which annually raises money for the expenses of our seminarians' education. This year's theme is "**Gift and Mystery.**" Before our Lord ordained the Apostles, He prayed saying, "Father, they are your gift to me" (Jn. 17:24). Christ has called our seminarians to make a gift of themselves in the priesthood, and He calls each one of us to make a generous gift of our resources to support the mission of the Church. Please consider giving generously to the **Bishop's Appeal for Vocations**, in thanksgiving for the generosity of Jesus Christ and His Church.

This year, it will cost the Diocese of Lincoln 1.4 million dollars to fund the education of our 42 seminarians. I am asking for your support to raise \$800,000 for our seminarians. Your generosity is essential to training the young men who will become our future priests.

Thank you again for your continual prayers and support. Be assured of my continued prayers for you as well, that all of us may continue to remind our world of the Merciful presence of our Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+The Most Reverend James D. Conley
Bishop of Lincoln



*Celebrating the Eucharist
is the most sublime and most sacred
function of every priest.*

The Bishop's Appeal for Vocations is dedicated to the awareness and support of our seminarians. The generosity of the laity is essential. Help these seminarians bring Christ to the People of God today and tomorrow through your prayers and financial contribution to the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations.

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