



Dear Friend:

You have found your way to the St. Mark Seminary website. I want you to know that I am very proud of the seminarians and faculty at St. Mark. They take prayer, study, discernment and formation seriously. At the same time, there is a healthy and joyful atmosphere among the students. I say this from experience, since my office is in the same building and I interact with them frequently.

In addition to my own seminarians, I am happy to welcome seminarians sponsored by the dioceses of Altoona-Johnstown, Buffalo, Greensburg and Rochester. We are fortunate to work closely with Gannon University, a diocesan Catholic University, which provides solid academics and other significant learning experiences, all within a healthy Catholic environment.

The Catholic priesthood is a great gift to the Church. For the man whom God is calling, St. Mark Seminary is a place where that call can be explored in an atmosphere of fidelity, prayer, virtue and joy.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your vocation director, or to Father Kesicki or Father Rouch.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence T. Persico". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a small cross symbol.

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

