“Indeed, our life, our hope, our strength are derived from the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist in union with the whole Church.”

From Bishop Salvatore R. Matano’s Pastoral Letter:

Year of the Eucharist 2017-2018:

Commemorating the Diocese of Rochester’s Sesquicentennial Celebration

St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry during the Year of the Eucharist
Dear Friends

Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, anticipating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Rochester has declared 2017-2018 the “Year of the Eucharist.”

Already one hundred and twenty-five years old, St. Bernard’s will host a variety of programs and courses to help Catholics understand the inestimable value of our life as a Eucharistic people. Please look through this brochure for the four different programs that St. Bernard’s has to offer during the “Year of the Eucharist.”

- Our graduate school will host a graduate level course (for both audit and credit possibilities) for those who wish to explore the beauty of the Eucharist from an in-depth historical and theological perspective,
- Designed for Parish Ministers and interested volunteers, the Certificate Program will host a four-week course aimed at the practical and theological understanding of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation,
- The annual Otto A. Shults Lecture on Catholic Spirituality will be held on Wednesday December 6th at 4:30 PM (with a light reception to follow). This year’s speaker will be the Right Reverend Gerard D’Souza, 6th Abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee,
- And finally, available to parishes and faith communities throughout the Diocese of Rochester for adult faith formation and enrichment, St. Bernard’s will be “On The Road” with lectures/discussions led by local academic and Church leaders sharing in-sights into the beauty of the Eucharist.

Registration for all of these programs is required. Additional information can be found at our website: www.stbernards.edu.

Fr. George Heyman
1. From the Graduate School:

Fall Course Offering

B/C377 From the Lord’s Supper to the Holy Mass (Heyman) – Half course

This course examines the development of this uniquely Christian ritual meal tracing its roots from the earliest biblical record through its late antique, medieval and modern forms. We will also explore the varied Eucharistic theologies and liturgical expressions evident in contemporary Christian communions today, but special attention will be paid to the theological and historical dimensions connected with Eucharistic practice as evidenced in the Roman Catholic Mass. Video conferencing is available at Auburn, Elmira & Apalachin. Wednesdays: September 6, and 20, October 4, 18 and November 1 and 15 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

2. From the Certificate Program:

Fall Course Offerings

C17 The Sacraments of Initiation—Instructor Fr. Peter Mottola, S.T.L. This course focuses on the theology and practice of sacramental life that flows from Jesus’ command to “Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt.28:19). Through reading, discussion, lectures and on participant’s own ecclesial settings, the course provides a context for examining the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and the issues affecting the life and practice of contemporary Catholics in the United States today. VC available at Auburn, Elmira & Apalachin. Wednesdays September 20, 27, October 4, and 11 from 1:30 - 4:00 pm.

For further information on either our Graduate or Certificate Course offerings, fees and registration process, please visit our website www.stbernards.edu
3. The 41st Annual Otto Shults Lecture in Catholic Spirituality

The Otto A. Shults Lecture Series on Spirituality was born of the dream of Mr. Otto A. Shults, a faithful and generous advocate of St. Bernard’s Seminary, predecessor to St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry.

Following her husband’s death, Mabel Shults vowed to continue the family’s commitment to theological and ministerial education by endowing this Lecture Series, now in its forty-first year.

Speaker: The Right Reverend Gerard D’Souza, 6th Abbot of the Abbey of the Genesee

Title: “Truly You are a Hidden God: Faith, the Contemplative Gaze and the Eucharistic Presence of Christ Jesus”

Date and time: Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 4:30 PM

Place: St. Bernard’s School of Theology & Ministry
       120 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618

The Shults Lecture is free and open to the public, a generous gift from legacy of Otto and Mabel Shults
4. St. Bernard’s *On the Road*

When describing the Eucharist, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1328 indicates that the “the inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it.” We’ve taken these names and each of the following presenters has prepared a 45-minute lecture/discussion that explores both the academic and spiritual insights into the Eucharist. Designed for adult faith enrichment, interested parishes should contact Fr. George Heyman at (Fr.George.Heyman@dor.org) in order to arrange one (or more) lectures during the coming year. There is not a fee for parishes hosting a lecture series. This generous offer is made possible through the Otto A. Shults Lecture Series on Catholic Spirituality. Outlined below and on the following pages, you will find information about each presentation and the presenters.

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**The Lord's Supper**

Fr. George Heyman  1 Corinthians 11:18-26

The early Church gathered for a simple meal. Meals, and the ritual components of sharing *bread and wine*, have long possessed an abundance of meaning and value for participants. This lecture/discussion, based on the Scriptural texts, helps us understand the origins of the Eucharist as a covenant meal, steeped in its Jewish roots as a saving banquet for us today.

**The Breaking of Bread**

Fr. Peter VanLieshout    Acts 2:38-47

The early followers of Jesus recognized Christ’s real presence as they broke bread together. The Church has long understood the brokenness of our human condition and the healing brought about by the saving death of Jesus. This lecture/discussion helps us understand the radical healing brought about by the Eucharist in our lives.
4. St. Bernard’s *On the Road, continued.*

Holy Communion
Fr. Peter Mottola  1 Corinthians 10:16-21
St. Paul told us that “our blessing cup is a communion in the blood of Christ.” What does it mean to be “in communion” with our Lord and with each other? This lecture/discussion will help us understand the nature of Holy Communion itself, for us and for our non-Catholic friends.

The Bread of Angels
Fr. Matthew Jones  Hebrews 12:18-24
When the Feast of *Corpus Christi* was established in 1264, St. Thomas Aquinas penned the now famous hymn *Panis Angelicus*. He said of the Eucharist: “Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living Bread from heaven” (*Sacra Solemnis*). This lecture/discussion focuses on the Eucharist as the foretaste of the heavenly banquet and what that means for Catholics today.

We Remember We Celebrate
Dr. Matthew Kuhner  2 Peter 3:1-2; 8, 13
The Second Letter of Peter reminds us that we should remember the words of the Prophets and the commandment of our Lord and Savior. This lecture/discussion focuses on Eucharistic Catechesis and the challenges of presenting to our young people a faith that is, at its core, Eucharistic and life giving in the midst of the competing voices being heard by our youth today.
The Holy Sacrifice
Fr. George Heyman  1 Corinthians 5:6-8
The Church has long understood the death of Jesus to be a sacrifice and the Eucharist to be a “sacrificial banquet.” This lecture/discussion helps us to understand the nature of the sacrifice of the Mass, and the differences between Catholic and non-Catholic understandings of the Eucharist.

The Most Blessed Sacrament
Dr. Ella Johnson  John 6:25-29
Signs and symbols convey meanings that simply cannot be expressed using human words. The Eucharist, as both sign (Latin: *sacramentum*) and reality (Latin: *res*) forms the basis for our understanding of the Real Presence of Christ. This lecture/discussion helps us understand what the real presence of Christ means for Eucharistic people today.

The Holy and Divine Liturgy
Mr. Marko Pranic   Matthew 26:26-30
The Second Vatican Council called the Eucharist “the source and summit of the Christian life.” (*Sacrosantum Concilium* #47). Each and every day the Eucharist or Holy Mass is celebrated throughout the world. This lecture/discussion focuses on the Eucharist as a liturgical act – the worship of the Church as a mystical body of Christ on earth.

The Bread of Life
Fr. David Tedesche   John 6:44-51
Jesus told us (John 6:53) that unless we eat the of flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood (we) will not have life (within us). He also added that those who do will have eternal life. This lecture/discussion focuses on the witness of Jesus to become bread for each of us and what the gift of eternal life promises for all believers.
St. Bernard’s Seminary Bell, 1893. Recently restored and permanently placed in the Spiritual Garden at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry.