

Dear Student Care Fund Donors,

Greetings to you in the Name of Our Lord!

My name is Mika Patron, and I am a first-year deaconess student from Newton, Kansas. I want to thank you for your generosity to the students at Concordia Theological Seminary. Your support demonstrates wonderfully how God provides for us through the loving care of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And in particular, your generous gift is enabling me, as a first-year deaconess student straight out of college, to buy my textbooks for the upcoming spring quarter.

The seminary just finished its winter quarter last week. It was a busy quarter for me, with classes covering the Gospels of Luke and Mark, the Augsburg Confession, Theological Ethics, Ministry to the Sick and Dying, and the Hebrew language. In addition, I began visiting shut-ins as a fieldworker of St. John, Bingen, in Decatur, Indiana. It has been a great privilege to serve the saints there. I am very thankful that I have this opportunity to begin applying what I have learned in the classroom to the lives of the saints that I serve at St. John, Bingen.

I am looking forward to continuing my visitation responsibilities in the spring quarter, and I am also excited about the classes that I will be taking in the spring. These classes will focus on the Book of Revelation, the Theology of Mercy, the Large and Small Catechisms, as well as several of the smaller documents in the Book of Concord, and the language of Hebrew.

It is a great joy for me to be studying here at the seminary, from taking amazing and challenging classes to participating in the seminary's daily chapel life to enjoying fellowship with students and faculty outside of the classroom. All of these features of seminary life have been and continue to be instrumental in my formation as a servant of the Church.

I am very grateful to receive your support and encouragement as I study for the office of deaconess.

God's blessings to you!

In Christ,
Mika Patron