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For the Dedication of the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus,
we should probably refrain from such parodies but that never stopped us before, so...

We at Bernetness-Schriften were
fully expecting...that is, thinking it possible...okay!-hoping for an outside chance to be
commissioned to compose the celebratory "Hymn of Praise".

The Church has long celebrated momentous events with special hymns,
beer, brats, beer, pretzels, beer, oom-pah-pah bands, [hic!] (did we mention beer?),

festschriften, and creeds.

And so...

In this long and august tradition, and in the manner of
the Qucunkwa Vult, the Quickened Jolt, the Cancunke Vault, the Kumbayah Waltz, uh,

the Athanasian Creed, we are proud to present...

the almost authorized, nearly official, quasi-commissioned...

A Seminarian Creed

Whoever will be ordained shall, above all else, attend the seminary.
Which seminary accepts just about anyone to train for parish ministry.
And the seminary training is this, that we study one Theology in three
departments and three departments in one Theology, neither confusing
the departments nor dividing the substance.
For there is one department of Exegesis, another of Systematics,
and another of History.
But the Theology of Exegesis, of Systematics, and of History
is all one: the importance equal, and our studies co-eternal.
Such as Exegesis is, such is Systematics, and such is History.
Exegesis incomprehensible, Systematics incomprehensible,
and History incomprehensible.
And yet they are not three incomprehensibles but one incomprehensible.
So Exegesis is Theology, Systematics is Theology, and History is Theology.
And yet they are not three Theologies, but one Theology, so that all things,
as aforesaid, the Unity in Theology and the Theology in Unity
is to be studied.
He, therefore, that will be endorsed is compelled thus to think of Theology.

Furthermore, it is necessary for Pastoral formation that he also
have Practical experience in the parishes of our Beloved Synod.
For the right training is that he study Theology in seminary and gain practical
experience in the parish, that he be both Theological and Pastoral;
Theological of the substance of his studies, which be-gotten in the seminary;
and pastoral of the substance of his practical experience, born in the parish;
Perfectly Theological and perfectly pastoral, yet he is not too perfect
but one person.
For as the seminary study and parish experience is one pastoral formation,
so Theology and practical training make one pastoral candidate;
Who suffered for his graduation, descended into studies,
and rose again the third year from academic study.
He ascended into vicarage, and sat at the right hand of his Bishop,
Supervisor Almighty, from whence he will return to be judged for placement.
He that has done well will go into parish-work everlasting;
and he that has done poorly, into District and Synod positions.
This is the pastoral formation which, except a man receive faithfully
and completely, he cannot be ordained.

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