



*Cameron in his school photo*

## A family at last for Cameron

February 2012 will be an especially heart-warming month for Cameron, a caring and likeable 13-year-old with a shock of blond hair. That is when he will officially be adopted by his new family, the Conways.\*

LFSVA creates permanency for children in two ways: we train and certify adoptive parents and help them search for children to adopt, and we also recruit families for older hard-to-place children through an agreement with the state of Virginia.

Sometimes, as in Cameron's case, these two activities come together in a wonderful way. The Conways had initially been looking to adopt an infant. When that dream began to fade, LFSVA adoption workers were able to help them consider adopting an older child. It just so happened that our agency had just been asked to find a family for Cam, who had been in foster care since the age of 11. Once the Conways learned about Cam and Cam realized that the Conways could be the active parents he always wanted, the rest happened quickly. Cam went to live with his new family in August 2011 and has settled in nicely with the bike-riding, beach-going, travelling couple.

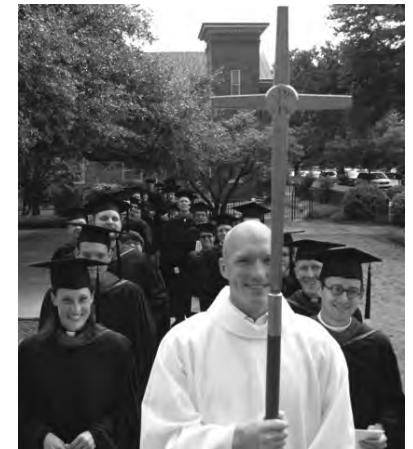
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*—David Walters*



*David Walters prepares to lead the procession of 2011 graduates*

Contributions made through ULA, says President Marcus Miller, "are the source of unrestricted money that helps the seminary to pay light bills, salaries, buy books for the library, maintain the buildings and grounds, provide student services, and much more. These are not glamorous projects but necessary for the functioning of the seminary. You are indeed a blessing to all of us here, and I thank you."

The seminary community is deeply grateful for its long-standing relationship with the Virginia Synod, and for the Synod's faithful financial support.

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