

July 12, 2017



Dear Pastors and Pastoral Leaders:

The kickoff weekend for our annual **Seminarian Collection** is fast approaching. **Last year there was an incredible response to the collection!** Your communication and support at the parish level is the biggest factor to a fruitful campaign. On the Bishop's audio message, you will hear the timeless invitation from Our Lord, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers." (Luke 10: 1-9). When the Lord responds to our requests, we need to match that generosity by providing the necessary resources. Last year's collection reached over \$1,000,000. Please invite the wonderful people of God to equip these laborers, our future spiritual fathers, with what they need. Together we are friends and followers of Jesus. I appreciate your help with this collection. **Remember: The collection is 100% direct mail. Please utilize the bulletin announcements, especially for the kickoff weekend. Even if you do not have a seminarian speaker the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of August, it is imperative every parish highlight the collection during the kickoff weekend.**

The following materials are included in this mailing:

- **Instruction Guide** for Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Parish Personnel, including bulletin announcements.
- **Audio CD** from Bishop Ricken and three of our newly ordained priests, including the script for you to use during Mass on the kickoff weekend of the collection if you do not have a seminarian speaker.
- **Hope for the Future Posters** (If you need additional posters, please contact the Catholic Foundation.)
- **Postcards** featuring our newly ordained priests.
- **Bulletin Announcements** to be printed in your bulletin the weekends before the collection kickoff and during the month of August.
- **Background Information** regarding the collection.
- **Seminarian Collection Promotion Schedule**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **A Website** is available with parish resource materials for you to download at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org). Donations may also be made directly through this website.
- **Envelopes** to be placed around your Church to be taken home after Mass by visitors or parishioners who have misplaced their mailing.

Peace and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Daniel Schuster".

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**For additional materials (posters, envelopes, postcards, CD), or to ask questions, please contact:**

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