

Dear Pastors and Pastoral Leaders:

Thank you for your support of our annual **Seminarian Collection: *Hope for the Future, Help Them Today!*** Last year, through your support and the generosity of thousands of parishioners, we raised more than \$545,000 for the education and formation of our seminarians. Thank you! This coming year, we expect to need more than \$850,000 for seminary education, and support of the Office of Vocations which invites disciples to consider the priesthood. Therefore, we need to continue to increase this collection significantly. I appreciate your help with this mission.

- **Please remember that this year's collection is 100% direct mail!**
- **Review the materials that have been provided so the transition to the new format goes smoothly. Please utilize the bulletin inserts, and pulpit announcement especially for the kickoff weekend.**
- **Even if you do not have a seminarian speaker the 1st weekend of August, it is imperative that every parish highlight the collection during the kickoff weekend. We want all of the people to be prepared for Bishop Ricken's letter to arrive in their mailboxes so they may discern how they can make an impact.**

Please read carefully the enclosed materials for specifics regarding how to carry out the collection.

The following materials are included in this mailing:

- **Instruction Guide** for Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Parish Personnel, including bulletin inserts.
- **Audio CD/Cassette Tape** from Bishop Ricken and our newly ordained priest(s), with script, for you to use during Mass on the weekend the collection is being taken (if you do not have a seminarian speaker). If your parish needs a cassette tape of the audio, please call Tammy at 920-272-8123 or email tdanz@gbdioc.org.
- ***Hope for the Future* Posters** (If you need additional posters, please contact the Catholic Foundation.)
- **Bulletin Inserts** to be inserted into your bulletin the weekends before the collection kickoff and during the month of August.
- **Background Information** regarding the collection.
- **A Website** is available with these materials for you to download as well. This website is www.CatholicFoundationgb.org. Donations may also be made directly through the Foundation web site.
- **Return envelope** to send in donations dropped off at the parish to the lockbox.
- **Seminarian Collection Promotion Schedule**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**

Thank you again for your support of vocations, and in particular, your support of this collection. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Peace and Blessings,



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For more materials (posters, envelopes, bulletin inserts, CD), or to ask questions, please contact:

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