



Seminarian Collection 2014

All-Household Mailing



In mid July, you will receive a packet of publicity information regarding
Hope for the Future: Help Them Today—Seminarian Collection 2014.

Thank you for your support of vocations, and in particular, the Seminarian Collection. Last year the collection raised more than \$734,000 from almost 9,300 families and individuals. Please note the following points:

Kickoff Weekend: August 2-3 will be the kickoff weekend for the collection. Every parish will be asked to prepare the faithful for this direct mailing. This kickoff weekend is fixed and allows every parish in the Diocese to mention the collection in concert with the whole Diocese. It will conveniently work alongside other events happening in the parish, such as the parish picnic or missionary appeal. It is essential that the people hear about the collection on the kickoff weekend. A timeline will be sent to the parishes.

Mailing: The collection letter will arrive in households on or before August 1, 2014. Pledge cards will be returned directly to the Catholic Foundation via mail. If pledge cards end up in the parish offertory or at the parish office, they can be forwarded to the Foundation. People can also make a gift online at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

Seminarian Speakers: You may request a seminarian to speak just before Mass or after Communion on behalf of the collection. This does not replace the homily. Please ask for a speaker, especially if you have not had one the past three years. Seminarians will be available the weekends of August 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17. An audio message from Bishop Ricken and the newly ordained priests will be available for parishes as well. In the absence of a seminarian speaker, it would be good to have the priest-celebrant, or another person who is passionate about priestly vocations, make a verbal appeal for this collection.

Spontaneous Gift: It is our hope the seminarian speakers will have an impact on the gifts that are made. Please publicize the collection on the kickoff weekend and tell your parishioners when a speaker will be coming to your parish. Postcards containing a pledge card and return envelope will be sent to your parishes to be used for spontaneous gifts, visitors, and/or additional gifts. **-Peace! Fr. Daniel Schuster and the Office of Vocations**

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Our parish(es) would like to **request a seminarian speaker:**
(Please rank in order of preference: 1, 2, 3)

Aug. 2-3 Aug. 9-10 Aug. 16-17 No Preference
 No Seminarian Requested

Parish Name(s): _____

Parish City(s): _____

Pastor/Pastoral Leader: _____

Telephone: _____ Parish email: _____

Mass times: Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Other notes: _____

Please return by June 5 to:
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OR
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