

Seminarian Collection 2013

****All-Household Mailing****



In mid July, you will receive a packet of publicity information regarding
Hope for the Future: Help Them Today—Seminarian Collection 2013.

The annual Seminarian Collection has been converted to an all-household mailing. The Office of Vocations is working closely with the Catholic Foundation to develop a culture of direct faith-giving in the name of seminarian education. This new format will be more friendly for the parishes and conflict less with other summer collections and parish activities. Please note the following points:

- I. Kickoff Weekend:** August 3-4 will be the kickoff weekend for the collection. Every parish will be asked to prepare the faithful for the arrival of the 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.
- II. Mailing:** The collection letter will arrive in the households during the week of August 5-9, 2013. 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. ONLINE GIVING will still be available.
- III. 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 3-4, 10-11, and 17-18. An audio message from Bishop Ricken and possibly one of 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.
- IV. Spontaneous Gift:** It is our hope that the seminarian speakers will have an impact on the gifts that are made. Please publicize on the kickoff weekend, if the parish will be having a seminarian on one of the future weekends. This will help with impact. Additional collection pledge cards will be sent to your parishes for spontaneous gifts, visitors, and/or additional gifts. This replaces what was formerly a collection envelope.

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. 3-4 _____ Aug. 10-11 _____ Aug. 17-18 _____ 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 23 to:

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