July 20, 2012

Diocese of Green Bay



Dear Pastors and Parish Life Coordinators:

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 almost \$465,000 for the education and formation of our seminarians. Thank you! This coming year, we expect to need more than \$700,000 for seminary education, in addition to the costs for the Office of Vocations. Therefore, we need to continue to increase this collection significantly. I appreciate your help with this mission.

Please utilize the bulletin inserts, along with a collection envelope, the weekend prior to the collection. If you choose not to use the flyers as bulletin inserts, please distribute them within your church during the collection period.

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

The following materials are included in this mailing:

- o Instruction Guide for Pastors and Parish Personnel, including bulletin announcements.
- Audio tape and CD 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).
- o Two Hope for the Future Posters (If you need additional posters, please contact the Catholic Foundation.)
- o **Bulletin inserts/parish flyers** to be inserted into your bulletin the weekend before the collection or placed around the church.
- o Background Information regarding the collection.
- o **Envelope** for the return of used envelopes (not money).
- A web site is available with these materials for you to download as well. This web site is <u>www.CatholicFoundationgb.org</u>. Donations may also be made directly through the Foundation web site.

In a separate mailing, you should receive the **collection envelopes** directly from the printer in the quantity you previously requested.

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

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Peace and Blessings,

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