

July 12, 2018

Dear Pastors and Pastoral Leaders:

Thank you for spiritually feeding the people of the Green Bay Diocese. The annual kickoff weekend for our **Seminarian Collection** will once again take place the **first full weekend of August**. As the *Bread of Life* discourse unfolds each weekend in the upcoming Gospels, it is an opportune time to proclaim the ways that the Father feeds the world through passionate disciples of Jesus Christ, especially in the sacramental life and the priesthood. Please help our people make these connections as they consider their annual gift to the Seminarian Collection. Last year's collection reached over \$1,000,000 again! The goal for each parish is never a set number, it is simply to grow the total each year. **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 that every parish highlight the collection during the kickoff weekend through some kind of personal appeal.** If you see fit, please also draw our youth's attention to the fact that we have a new Vocation Director, Fr. Mark Mleziva, who they can reach out to for discernment help.

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,

Rev. Mark Mleziva & Rev. Daniel Schuster  
Vocation Directors  
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**For additional materials (posters, envelopes, postcards, CD), or to ask questions, please contact:**

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