

July 15, 2021



Dear Pastors and Pastoral Leaders:

The kickoff weekend for our annual **Seminarian Collection** is fast approaching. Year after year, the generosity shown to this important collection continues to grow, for which the seminarians and I are profoundly grateful. We aim to continue to provide for our young men so they have the resources necessary to help prepare them to be shepherds of souls for our wonderful parishes.

Your support and promotion of this collection ensures this will continue to happen for years to come. Last year's collection reached over \$1,193,000, and we strive to achieve that once again. I humbly ask you to help make this collection a continued success. In order to do so, please take a look at the resources enclosed. As always, we encourage you to remind the faithful that **the collection is done exclusively by direct mail. Please utilize the bulletin announcements, especially for the kickoff weekend this year on August 7 and 8. Even if you do not have a seminarian speaker this weekend, it is imperative every parish highlight the collection during the kickoff weekend.** Thank you in advance for your continued help in providing hope for the future by helping them today!

The following materials are included in this mailing:

- **Instruction Guide** for Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Parish Personnel.
- **Audio CD** from Bishop Ricken and our newly ordained priest, 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. Spanish posters available or included if you have a Spanish Mass.)
- **Brochures** featuring our newly and recently 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** (Spanish available or included.)
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **A Website** is available with these materials for you to download. This website is [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. (Spanish available or included.)

Peace and Blessings,

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