

Pausing the Seminarian Collection Frequently Asked Questions

1. What did the money from the Seminarian Collection support?

The annual collection assisted our seminarians with tuition, room and board, books, health care, travel, summer assignments and other related expenses, including the work of the Office of Vocations.

2. Why is the Seminarian Collection being discontinued?

Our Diocese has been blessed to receive an anonymous gift through the *one by One* capital campaign that will cover the costs of our seminarians' tuition, room and board and the Kairos formation year costs for the next five years. Because our young men are generously cared for financially through this gift, the Seminarian Collection is being paused.

3. What will happen to the money that has already been raised for the Seminarian Collection?

The funds that have already been raised for the Seminarian Collection will be used to support any needs the seminarians may have that are not covered by the generous anonymous gift. These funds will also be used to support the Vocations office in their efforts to help more young men answer God's call to a holy vocation.

4. Will seminarians still come to my parish to speak?

Yes! Throughout the month of August, seminarians will be visiting parishes so you can get to know our future priests and give them the experience of telling their vocation story.

5. What else can I do to help the Diocese reach the goal of having 30 seminarians in formation by the year 2025?

Please continue to pray for our current seminarians and for an increase in vocations in our Diocese. If you witness a young man in your life who you think may make a good priest, please encourage, and pray for him to answer God's call to the priesthood.

The Vocations office has also created the Fiat Prayer Society to "bring forth more yeses." This society is a committed group of people who pray daily for vocations, for an outpouring of grace upon the priests and religious serving in our diocese, and our seminarians. This group also offers their holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month for an outpouring of priestly and religious vocations to our diocese. Finally, a share in any sufferings a group member may experience is offered for more young people to say "yes" to the vocations of the priesthood and religious life. There are no fees and it is free to join – just visit <https://gbvocations.org/fps> to learn more.

6. What if I want to continue to support Vocations work with a financial gift?

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay has established a fund in support of ministries that drive vocations for our young people throughout our sixteen counties. Checks can be made payable to CF – Raising Vocations and sent to PO Box 22128, Green Bay, WI 54305. Each year, a distribution will be made to support ministries that drive vocations.

By supporting the work of programs like Catholic Youth Expeditions, Campus Ministry programs at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay and Oshkosh and other ministries, we will be able to help young people say yes to their vocation and raise them up to be the next generation of church leaders.

7. Is there a way to make a gift online?

Yes. Please go to: www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give. Then follow the website's easy and helpful prompts.