

INCREASING VOCATIONS THROUGH CAMPUS MINISTRY

When students first step foot onto a college campus, they hope to find a welcoming faith community. Catholic campus ministries offer a place for students to build friendships, receive spiritual direction and discover Jesus.

“I think the role of campus ministry is to help students explore the possibilities of a vocation in their life. We must first create a community where they feel safe to ask those very important questions about where God is calling them in their lives,” said Sr. Laura Zelton OSF, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Catholic Campus Ministry Director.

Phoenix Catholic is a community centered around Christ. Local campus ministries provide young men and women the ability to quiet the noise around them and pray about where God is leading them.

Phoenix Catholic has accompanied two men who are now in seminary. One of these men is a seminarian for the Diocese of Green Bay. Sr. Laura is also guiding one man who is discerning the priesthood. Phoenix Catholic also has journeyed with several women considering religious life. There are four couples being married in the Church and hundreds of students who have grown closer to the Lord.



RAISING VOCATIONS COLLECTION, HELP THEM SAY YES!

Through your prayers and support of this important collection you support ministries that help young men and women answer God’s call to a holy vocation. Some ministries that will benefit from the Raising Vocations Collection includes college campus ministry, campus ministry at Catholic high schools and other ministries that help increase vocations.

Because of the great need to increase vocations, your generous gift of \$25, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more will make a huge difference now — and for the future of our Church. Thank you for helping them today, so they may say yes to the Lord!

To learn more about vocations to the priesthood, contact Fr. Mark Mleziva, Vocations Director, at (920) 272-8316 or (877) 500-3580, ext. 8316, or email vocations@gbdioc.org.

To learn more about the Raising Vocations Collection, contact Tammy Danz at 920-272-8123 or at catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org.



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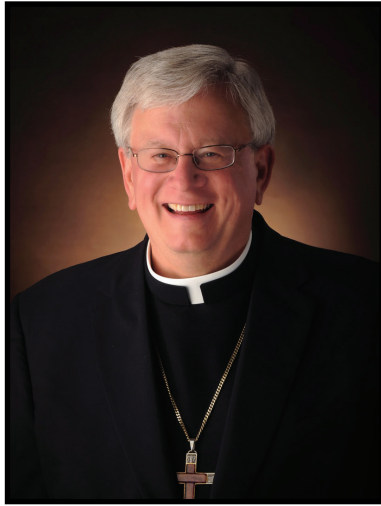
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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RICKEN



"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

- John 15:16

In our Diocese, the Lord is calling many young men and women to a life of service in a religious vocation. When I look back on my life, I see many moments and opportunities where God was calling me.

In the middle of my studies in the seminary, I spent a year at Our Lady of the Assumption Trappist monastery in Missouri. There, I was strengthened by God to continue to answer His call to serve Him as a diocesan priest. Through the prayers of many people, I was able to give a deeper "Yes" to the call.

Through the Raising Vocations Collection, we will be investing in ministries that encourage young men and women to say "Yes" to God's calling to the priesthood or religious life.

This collection will support ministries such as Catholic campus ministries at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. It is here where campus ministers welcome college students to stay connected to their faith and the Church, while they are away from home. Your gift will also support campus ministers in our Catholic high schools and help other ministries that increase vocations.

Please prayerfully consider joining me in supporting the Raising Vocations Collection with a generous gift. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly!

THE VOCATIONS GOAL

By 2025, we will call forth and form 30 seminarians to be missionary leaders in the priesthood.

Having 30 seminarians would mean that in any given year, we would ordain three to five priests, which is what we believe we will need in order to meet the pastoral needs of our Diocese. There is significant work ahead, as we work to build families and communities of discipleship that discover, follow, worship and share Jesus with others.

"We know this is an ambitious goal, but we believe that if we are going to be the church that God intends us to be, we need to be bold."

As Jesus reminds us in the Gospels, the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which starts as the smallest seed but becomes the largest of plants."

— Bishop David Ricken

WHY START THE RAISING VOCATIONS COLLECTION?

As you may remember last year, the Diocese of Green Bay was blessed to receive an anonymous gift through the *one by One* campaign, which covered the costs of our seminarians' tuition, room and board, and the Karios formation year for five years.



After months of prayerful discernment and having consulted with the Catholic Foundation team and the Vocation Director, Rev. Mark Mleziva, Bishop Ricken has decided that every parish in the Diocese will undertake a new campaign called the Raising Vocations Collection.

When you support the Raising Vocations Collection, you are funding ministries that help young men and women hear God's call.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How does your gift to the Raising Vocations Collection support Vocations?

This important collection will help fund ministries that accompany young men and women who are exploring a vocation to religious life. A few ministries that do this critical work are college campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and campus ministry at our Catholic High School campuses.

2. How do I make a gift?

Gifts to the Raising Vocations Collection can be made via check, credit card, debit card, automatic withdrawal, gifts of stock or other non-cash gifts. Checks can be made payable to CF-Raising Vocations Collection.

