

2024 Raising Vocations Collection

Frequently Asked Questions

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

This important collection supports ministries that help young men and women discover Christ and accompany them on their vocation journey. The collection is supporting ministries and is sending youth to events like Steubenville Conferences, Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Day, SEEK conferences, and even more.

2. Why is the Diocese starting the Raising Vocations Collection?

The collection will support young people as they encounter Jesus. This collection will help us reach our Diocesan goal of 30 men in seminary formation by 2025.

3. 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, IRA or other non-cash gifts. Checks can be made payable to CF-Raising Vocations Collection. Gifts of stock, IRA and other non-liquid assets, including real estate, should be made by contacting the Josh Diedrich, Catholic Foundation Executive Director at (920) 272-8197. Gifts are subject to acceptance policies of the Catholic Foundation. Gifts to the collection are tax deductible as allowed by law.

4. Who will be asked to support the Raising Vocations Collection?

Every family in the Diocese of Green Bay will be asked to participate in this collection through direct mail.

5. What is the Called by Name card?

The intention of this card is to have individuals fill out the card with the name(s) of someone they believe would make an excellent priest or religious. Cards can be returned in the yellow return envelope with your gift.

6. How should we handle gifts placed in the collection basket?

Although this is a direct mail appeal, sometimes responses end up in the collection basket. If any gifts end up in the parish offertory, they can be forwarded to the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc. PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI 54305-3001.

7. Are the dates of the Raising Vocations Collection flexible?

The kickoff weekend is August 3-4. The dates are not flexible because of the complexity of the all-household mailing. There will be a timeline published that will help keep the focus of the Collection centered on the arrival of the mailing, and if applicable, the speech given by a seminarian.

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8. Should I request a seminarian speaker?

Fr. Mark Mleziva, the Vocation Director, highly encourages you to request a seminarian. This practice inspires people to have hope for the future, introduces them to their future priests, and allows the seminarians to share their vocation experience.

9. What if my parish has a Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal (MCP) taking place during the kickoff weekend?

Although this is not an ideal situation, the two events may coincide. If your parish has a visiting Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal speaker, we suggest your parish still mention during the announcements that parishioners should expect a letter regarding the Raising Vocations Collection from Bishop Ricken. Then share with them that more information on the Collection will be presented next weekend.

10. Should my parish produce Raising Vocations Collection envelopes to be inserted with our regular parish collection envelopes?

No. Most people will be receiving a direct mail appeal. Additional materials, including additional pledge cards and envelopes will also be sent to parishes so they can be made available to visitors and those who are not on the mailing list. Those materials should be visible during the month of August and beyond. Please do not put the envelopes out early since we need to focus on the mailing.

11. Will my parish get regular updates on how much has been collected?

The Catholic Foundation will send regular updates to parishes letting them know how the collection is going. Updates are posted weekly to the Catholic Foundation website.

12. Is there a goal for my parish?

No. There is no set goal for any parish. As a Diocese our goal is to have 30 men in seminary by 2025 and beyond. For our Diocese to be successful in this goal we will need to support these ministries that help support vocations in a significant way.

13. 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.