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Dear Pastors and Pastoral Leaders:

The kickoff weekend for our annual **Raising Vocations Collection** is fast approaching. This collection will support ministries that help young people discover Christ and accompany them on their vocation journey. I humbly ask you to help make this collection a 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 articles, especially for the kickoff weekend this year on August 1 and 2. Even if you do not have a seminarian speaker this weekend, it is imperative that every parish highlight the collection during the kickoff weekend.** Thank you in advance for your continued help in Raising Vocations for tomorrow!

The following materials are included in this packet:

- **Instruction Guide** for Pastors, Pastoral Leaders, and Parish Personnel.
- **Audio CD** from Bishop Ricken including the script for you to use during Mass on the kickoff weekend of the collection if you do not have a seminarian speaker.
- **Posters** (If you need additional posters, please contact the Catholic Foundation. Spanish posters are available or included if you have a Spanish Mass.)
- **Brochures**
- **Background Information** regarding the Collection.
- **Promotion Schedule** is included in this packet. (Spanish is available or included if you have a Spanish Mass.)
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **A Website** is available with these materials for you to download. This website is www.catholicfoundationgb.org. Donations may also be made directly through this website.
- **Envelopes, Blank Pledge cards, and Called by Name cards** are to be placed around your Church to be taken by visitors or parishioners who have misplaced their mailing. (Spanish materials are available upon request or included if you have a Spanish Mass.)

In Christ,

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