

October 2022

TO: All Pastors, Parochial Administrators and Parish Life Collaborators

FROM: Mike Murray, Director of Stewardship and Mission Services

The 2022 Seminarian Education Fund Collection will take place throughout the Diocese of Covington on the weekend of October 29th and 30th, 2022.

For those answering God's call to the priesthood, both conversion and patience are an essential element in their response. These men are developing a heart for God's people and dedicate their lives to missionary discipleship. To ensure we are giving these men the foundation necessary to understand and freely embrace their vocation, and to effectively carry out their apostolic ministry, we must invest in their education and formation. The 2022 Seminarian Education Fund Collection will help supply the resources our seminarians need on their journey toward a priestly vocation.

The enclosed Handbook includes materials to help you promote the 2022 Collection. Please process The Seminarian Education Fund Collection as you do all other special collections.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated. If you have further questions, please contact me by phone at (859) 392-1543 or by email at mmurray@covdio.org.

May God continue to bless you for your ministry!

P.S. The 2022 Seminarian Education Fund Poster will be available for pick-up at the 2022 Seminary Ball on Friday, October 21 or mailed by the Vocations Office the following Monday. If you have any questions, please call Shannon Barnes at (859) 392-1587.

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON

Seminarian Education Fund Collection 2022



**SEMINARIAN
Education Fund**

Diocese of Covington

“Every High Priest is Taken from Among Men.” (Hebrews 5:1)

Parish Collection Handbook
October 29 and 30, 2022

Office of Stewardship and Mission Services
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SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION

October 29 and 30, 2022

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**HANDBOOK MATERIALS CAN BE FOUND ON
THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE:**

WWW.COVDIO.ORG

CLICK ON SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND LINK

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Collection Calendar

PRE-COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

- Thursday, October 13** Collection handbook e-mailed to all parishes.
- Monday, October 24** Collection packet including letter from Bishop Iffert, brochure, prayer card and Diocesan remittance envelope mailed to all registered households.
- Friday, October 28** Collection information appears in the *Messenger*
Parishes display posters in visible locations.

AWARENESS WEEKEND

- Saturday/Sunday,
October 22 and 23** Bulletin Insert, Pulpit Announcement,
Prayers of the Faithful

COLLECTION WEEKEND

- Saturday/Sunday,
October 29 and 30** Bulletin Insert, Pulpit Announcement,
Prayers of the Faithful, Collection taken up in all Parishes

FOLLOW-UP AND APPRECIATION WEEKEND

- Saturday/Sunday,
November 12 and 13** Bulletin Insert, Pulpit Announcement,
Prayers of the Faithful
- Ongoing** Diocesan envelopes indicating credit card gifts and EFT's are mailed to the Stewardship Office. See News Flash

POST COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

- Friday, December 9** Deadline for returning reporting form and parish check representing collection receipts.

NEWS FLASH

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

October 29 and 30, 2022

- ✚ Seminarian Education Fund Parish Handbooks will be e-mailed to all parishes on Thursday, October 13.**
- ✚ Diocesan Remittance Envelopes are included in the mailing with Bishop Iffert's appeal letter and brochure. If parishioners would like to make a gift or a pledge via credit card or EFT to be paid over 10 months starting November 2022 through August 2023, please direct them to the website at www.covdio.org. The inclusion of a Diocesan remittance envelope has helped increase gifts significantly at a time when additional funds are vital.**
- ✚ If Diocesan Remittance Envelopes are dropped into your parish offertory collection, please forward them immediately to the Office of Stewardship and Mission Services so that we can process the gifts.**

THANK YOU!

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**Awareness Weekend
October 22 and 23, 2022**

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Diocese has been blessed with a number of men who have accepted the call to discern and prepare for priesthood. Next weekend you have the opportunity to assist in their formation by giving to the Seminarian Education Fund Collection. We ask that you be generous in your donation and pray for those who are studying to become priests in our diocese. See the bulletin for additional information.

BULLETIN INSERT

“Every High Priest is Taken from Among Men.” (Hebrews 5:1)

The Seminarians for our Diocese are preparing, through prayer, education, and service to others, to become the future priests of our Diocese. They have dedicated themselves to follow the Lord and have the heart of the Good Shepherd. As the Lord has called them, so too are we called to support them on their journey. Please be generous in your gift and in your prayer for them.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all parents, that God will inspire them to promote vocations to the priesthood ...
Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have made a commitment to pray intensely for vocations, that their intercessory prayers for an increase in candidates to the priesthood in our Diocese will be fruitful for our local Church and that they will be blessed for their efforts ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

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**Collection Weekend
October 29 and 30, 2022**

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our seminarians have heard God's call deep in their hearts, and are courageously following where He is leading them. Their response to the Lord has led them to the seminary where they have entered into an extraordinary journey of faith. Please give generously today to the Seminary Education Fund to assist with the cost of tuition, room and board, retreats and health care for our men studying for the priesthood, and please remember them in your prayers.

BULLETIN INSERT

“Every High Priest is Taken from Among Men.” (Hebrews 5:1)

A vocation to the priesthood is an answer to Jesus' call to participate in His work. Christ is the One who calls. The Diocese of Covington has been blessed to have a number of men who have responded to Christ's call. These men will need the love and support of the community to complete their journey. Estimated Diocesan cost for providing our seminarians with tuition, books, room and board, health insurance, living allowances and retreats for the coming year will amount to more than \$58,000 per seminarian. You can help by making an immediate gift to the Seminarian Education Fund. Please pray daily for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For our seminarians that they may know the support and love of our faith community as they grow in self-awareness and continue to discern God's call ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For our seminarians and priests who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, especially within our Diocese ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

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**Follow-up and Appreciation Weekend
November 12 and 13, 2022**

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of Bishop Iffert and our Diocesan seminarians, thank you to all who invested in our Church, our Diocese, and our seminarians by making a gift to the Seminarian Education Fund. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood. If you have not made your gift to the Seminarian Education Fund, please do so today.

BULLETIN INSERT

“Every High Priest is Taken from Among Men.” (Hebrews 5:1)

Thank you to all who contributed to the Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund. Our parish family generously donated _____. These gifts will provide funds for tuition, room and board, books, health care and retreats for our seminarians. Your investment in our seminarians is a prayerful commitment to your Church and to your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have not made your gift, please drop your envelope into the offertory basket today or next weekend. Please continue to pray for our seminarians, for members of our clergy, and for vocations to the priesthood.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For all those asking God to direct them in their choice of a vocation ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For those responsible for guiding the spiritual growth of our seminarian and candidates that they will witness the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in their lives ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

For all those who serve the Church ... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

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SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION October 29 and 30, 2022

ACCOUNTING & REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. Open all Seminarian Fund Collection Envelopes, both parish and Diocesan, which have been dropped into the parish offertory baskets and record each gift.
2. Do not send unopened envelopes to the Diocese.
3. If a donor completes a Diocesan Remittance Envelope and indicates a gift by credit card or EFT via on-line, send the envelope to the Stewardship Office. SEE NEWS FLASH!
4. Complete the attached Seminarian Education Fund Parish Contributions Reporting Form and forward it with a parish check representing the amount received in the Collection to the Office of Stewardship and Mission Services by Friday, December 9, 2022. Please make checks payable to: Seminarian Education Fund Collection

PLEASE NOTE: Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund envelopes do not replace the parish Seminarian Education Fund envelopes which are part of your envelope order. The Diocese includes a remittance envelope with the Appeal letter as a convenience for members of our Diocesan family. Many Catholics do not attend weekly mass; many others do not use parish envelopes. The inclusion of a Diocesan remittance envelope has helped increase gifts significantly at a time when additional funds are vital.

*Thank You for Your
Assistance!*

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**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTING FORM

Contact Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

\$ _____ is our parish financial offering for the 2022 Seminarian Education Fund Collection.

PARISH CONTRIBUTION

A check in the amount of: _____

_____ Is enclosed

_____ Other

Please return the following items by December 9, 2022:

- Parish Contribution Reporting Form
- Parish check made payable to: *2022 Seminarian Education Fund Collection*

Send to:

**Diocesan Stewardship & Mission Services Office
Cathedral Square
1125 Madison Avenue
Covington, Kentucky 41011-3115**

*Thanks
You!*



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Dear Friends in Christ:

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, every one of us is called by God to lead a holy life. We are especially grateful for our clergy and their ongoing ministry here in the Diocese of Covington. We are so blessed that our priests have chosen to walk alongside God's people in the everyday circumstances of life, in our best moments and our deepest struggles.

I'm sure you are aware that we are in-need of many good priests who will lead others in holiness and to witness the fullness of the Gospel in a spirit of sacrificial service. I want to personally express my gratitude to the priests of our Diocese for their courage and generosity in accepting the call that our Lord has made by serving Him and His people here in the Diocese of Covington.

cannot do this alone. A seminarian's journey is long and very demanding. It is also an expense that the Diocese underwrites for each of the men in our program.

As we approach the annual Seminarian Education Fund Collection, which will take place on the weekend of October 29 and 30, I ask once again that you prayerfully consider making a generous gift in support of those who have answered the Lord's call to priestly ministry. Your gift will go a long way in providing our Diocese with good and holy priests well into the future.

As St. John Vianney once shared, *"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."* I ask you to continue praying for our future priests, for an increase in vocations to the Church and for a positive response to our Seminarian Education Fund Collection.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John C. Iffert
Bishop of Covington