

Diocese of Des Moines 2026 CLERGY FORMATION APPEAL

*"The generous heart of Jesus is reflected
in the generous response of these men."*
Bishop William Joensen



His Call. Their Hearts. Your Generosity. OUR FUTURE.

*"As we sow seeds of God's Spirit...we know that vocational seeds to the priesthood and the
dicaonate .. must take root and bear fruit so our local churches might flourish"*
Bishop William Joensen

35 MEN IN
DEACON
FORMATION

13 MEN
IN
SEMINARY

48 MEN
RESPONDING
TO HIS CALL

WILL YOU CHOOSE TO RESPOND GENEROUSLY ?

FORMATION

YEARLY COST

YOUR GENEROSITY

Seminarian

Education, room & board, formation,
health insurance, books, pastoral
formation

\$ 59,500
per seminarian

Deacon Candidate

Education, formation, retreats, spiritual
direction, resources, pastoral experience

\$ 7,600
per candidate

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Thank You!



MEET YOUR SEMINARIANS



Visit the Vocations webpage to
meet each of our Seminarians

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations/seminary>

Pray for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, Beloved Son of the Father, give to the people of our Diocese hearts open to the call of your Holy Spirit to holiness and abundant life. As baptized persons, help us work together to nurture a Culture of Vocations, founded on families where spouses lay down their lives for one another and for their children. Heal the wounds that broken marriages and other weakening of trust and hope can cause.

Inspire our young people to make a glad gift of themselves as they listen, discern and boldly pursue the Spirit's prompting in their hearts. Enable parents, siblings, relatives and peers to rejoice and give thanks when they witness in others a call to directly serve your Church.

May the parishes of southwest Iowa who accompany our young people, support them as they pursue the path to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and lay ministry.

Teach us to help bear and lighten one another's yoke, to embrace poverty of spirit, fortitude in the face of trials, and to know the peace that only Christ can give. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and St. Pius X, patrons of our Des Moines Diocese, pray for us.



Learn more about the Permanent Diaconate
program and a Deacon's three-fold ministry

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations/permanent-diaconate>

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