

## BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement for September 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **His Call. Their Hearts. Your Generosity. Our Future**

The diocesan-wide Special Collection for Clergy Formation Appeal (previously the Seminarian Appeal) will be conducted next weekend, September 11 and 12. God is blessing our Diocese with men heeding the call to ordained ministry, not just to the priesthood, but to the Diaconate! We have 13 men in Seminary, 18 men in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Diaconate Formation and 17 men beginning a new cohort (class)! With this blessing comes the need to provide spiritual and material resources that will enable them to focus on their calling. The average yearly cost for a seminarian is \$59,500 and a deacon candidate is \$7,600. This week we ask you to please prayerfully consider how you will support these men.

### Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Today is the diocesan-wide Special Collection for Clergy Formation. Formation. The seeds of God's Spirit are sprouting throughout our Diocese. This past year 400 new members came into the church on Easter weekend. We have 13 men discerning the priesthood. 18 men are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Diaconate formation and for the first time ever, a new cohort (class) of 17 men is beginning. We have much to be thankful for!

With this growth, we have an increased need for spiritual and material resources. The average cost for one year of seminary is \$59,500. The average cost for one year of Diaconate formation is \$7,600. Please pray for our men in formation and prayerfully consider a gift, a gift for the future of our church.

Gifts may also be made online at [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving) or returned directly to the diocese.