



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



November 1, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 1-7, 2020, is an annual week-long observance of the Catholic Church in the United States. It is dedicated to foster vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are discerning one of these vocations.

The Diocese of Fort Worth is blessed to have 32 seminarians in various stages of the thorough discernment and formation journey. The Diocese is committed to paying for all of the costs associated with their formation and education so that these men can commit to prayer and formation during their time in seminary, a period which can be between seven and nine years and cost \$50,000 annually.

To conclude National Vocations Week, we are asking you to contribute at Mass next weekend to a special collection for our Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Please respond generously through your parish or donate online by entering [bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections](http://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections) in your web browser.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to next weekend's special collection. Even more so, I ask you to include these men in your prayers and to encourage other young people to consider the reality that Christ is calling them to follow Him as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious. Just as our seminarians have responded to God's call to discernment, we too can respond in prayer and generosity.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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