



**National Vocations Awareness Week
Special Collection
Seminarian Education Fund
November 7-8, 2020
(Rescheduled from May 2-3 due to Pandemic)**

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.



GIVE GENEROUSLY THROUGH YOUR PARISH OR VISIT
bit.ly/DiocesanSpecialCollections
TO DONATE SECURELY ONLINE.

To conclude National Vocations Week, all parishes in the Diocese will take up a special collection on November 7-8, 2020 for the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Please respond generously through your parish or donate online by entering bit.ly/DiocesanSpecialCollections in your web browser.

Funds raised during the **Seminarian Special Collection** remain in the Diocese of Fort Worth and are used for our seminarians. Additionally, a portion of the collection in parishes pastored by religious order priests is sent to support formation programs of their religious orders.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the **Seminarian Special Collection**. Even more so, please include these men in your prayers and 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.

Checklist for Parishes:

November 1-2 Weekend

- Set up your parish online giving portal to accept collections for Seminarian Education Special Collection.

- Display your ***Vocations Awareness Week/Seminarian Collection*** posters in highly visible areas throughout your parish. (shipped directly to each parish)
- Use the copy below in your bulletin and/or your website. Include National Vocations Week in the General Intercessions.
- Read the letter from Bishop Olson during all weekend Masses.
- Promote the collection on parish social media using the social media suggestions below or follow the Advancement Foundation and the Diocese of Fort Worth on Facebook and share their posts.

November 7-8 Collection Weekend

- Use copy below in all parish communications. Include National Vocations Week in the General Intercessions.
- Take up the collection.
- Continue social media promotion on parish social media.

November 14-15 Weekend

- Use the copy below in your parish communications.
- Thank donors on social media with a “thank you” post.

General Information for Parishes:

Collection Date	November 7-8, 2020
Date Funds Due to Diocese	November 30, 2020
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28013
Online Donation Link	https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections

COVID-19 Information

Even though we no longer pass collection baskets, your parishioners may still support this special collection in the following ways:

1. Dropping collections in specially marked baskets or collection boxes in your Narthex clearly marked for parish offertory and/or special collections.
2. Mailing donations to your parish.
3. Using envelopes clearly marked for the special collection.
4. Donating online on your parish giving portal (Faith Direct, OSV, Vanco, ParishSoft, etc.)
5. Using the Diocese of Fort Worth online donation link: <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

Helpful Online Resources:

Vocations in the Diocese of Fort Worth: <https://bit.ly/FortWorthSeminarians>

St. John Paul II Shepherd’s Guild: <https://bit.ly/StJPIIShepherds>

National Vocations Awareness Week: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>

Suggested Promotional Copy

ENGLISH

Bulletin and Website Announcements

Week Before the Collection (October 31-November 1)

National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated throughout the United States November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

Next weekend we take up a special collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Currently, the Diocese is supporting 32 seminarians on their discernment journey by providing funds to cover their education and formation costs and necessities of living. You can participate in this pastoral work and help them on their journey by generously supporting the ***Seminarian Collection***.

Week of the Collection (November 7-8)

Today we take up the special collection for the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Seminarians have responded to God's call and will one day shepherd us on our faith journey. We have an opportunity to be a help to them on their discernment journey by praying for them and by giving generously to this collection. Make your gift today during Mass or online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections.

Week After the Collection (November 14-15)

Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their discernment journey! Your generosity of prayers and financial support during National Vocations Awareness Week will be a help to our seminarians as they continue to study and discern God's call for their vocation. There's still time to give by visiting bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections. For a deeper connection with seminarians consider learning more about the St. John Paul II Shepherd's Guild at bit.ly/StJPIIShepherds.

General Intercessions

For young people in our community that they may respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits if the Lord calls them to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. We pray to the Lord ...

For men and women to be open to God's call to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as priests, deacons, or consecrated persons. We pray to the Lord ...

Sample Social Media Announcements

Posts Before the Collection

The ***Seminarian Education Collection*** supports vocations by funding the education and formation of our seminarians. You can participate in forming men for future service in our Diocese by making a gift on November 7-8 during National Vocations Awareness Week. Please be generous.

You are invited to participate in the pastoral work of supporting and fostering vocations in the Diocese of Fort Worth by donating to the Seminarian Education Fund Special Collection. Please be generous during the special collection at all Masses on November 7-8 during National Vocations Awareness Week. You can also online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections – thank you!

Did you know that the Diocese of Fort Worth has 32 men in seminary formation? These men, God willing, will be priests of Jesus Christ one day. We have an opportunity to support them on their discernment journey by giving to the ***Seminarian Education Special Collection*** on November 7-8 during National Vocations Awareness Week. To learn more about vocations in our Diocese, visit bit.ly/FortWorthSeminarians.

A seminarian's journey to ordination can be between seven and nine years and cost more than \$50,000 annually. The Diocese of Fort Worth fully funds their education so that they can focus on prayer and study. Your gift on November 7-8 during National Vocations Awareness Week will be a help to our seminarians as they pray and discern God's call for their lives. Giving is easy, participate during the special collection in your parish or give online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections.

Post After the Collection

Thank you for your support of the ***Seminarian Education Special Collection***! Your donations will build the culture of vocations in the Diocese of Fort Worth and provide for our seminarians. If you missed the collection, there is still time to give by making an online donation at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections. Thank you!

SPANISH

Anuncios en boletines y sitios web

Semana Antes de la Colecta (31 de octubre-1 de noviembre)

La Semana Nacional de Concientización Sobre las Vocaciones se celebra en todo Estados Unidos del 1 al 7 de noviembre de 2020. Por favor rueguen a Nuestro Señor por más santos y comprometidos sacerdotes, diáconos y hombres y mujeres consagrados. Que sean inspirados por Jesucristo, apoyados por nuestra comunidad de fe, y respondan generosamente al don de la vocación que proviene de Dios.

El próximo fin de semana haremos una colecta especial para el Fondo Diocesano de Educación para Seminaristas. Actualmente, la Diócesis está apoyando a 32 seminaristas en su viaje de discernimiento proporcionando fondos para cubrir sus costos de educación y formación y sus gastos diarios. Pueden

participar en este trabajo pastoral y ayudarlos en su camino apoyando generosamente la ***Colecta para Seminaristas***.

Semana de la Colecta (7-8 de noviembre)

Hoy tomamos la colecta especial para el Fondo Diocesano de Educación para Seminaristas. Los seminaristas han respondido al llamado de Dios y algún día nos guiarán en nuestro camino de fe. Tenemos la oportunidad de ayudarlos en su camino de discernimiento orando por ellos y dando generosamente a esta colecta. Hagan su donación hoy durante la misa o en línea en bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales.

Semana Después de la Colecta (14-15 de noviembre)

¡Gracias por acompañar a nuestros seminaristas en su camino de discernimiento! Su generosidad de oraciones y apoyo financiero durante la Semana Nacional de Concientización Sobre las Vocaciones será una ayuda para nuestros seminaristas mientras continúan estudiando y discerniendo el llamado de Dios para su vocación. Todavía hay tiempo para donar visitando bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales. Para una conexión más profunda con los seminaristas, considere aprender más sobre el Gremio de Pastores de San Juan Pablo II en bit.ly/StJPIIShepherds.

Preces Generales

Por los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad para que respondan generosamente con el corazón abierto y el espíritu dispuesto si el Señor los llama al sacerdocio, al diaconado o a la vida consagrada. Roguemos al Señor ...

Para que los hombres y mujeres estén dispuestos al llamado de Dios para difundir las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo como sacerdotes, diáconos o consagrados. Roguemos al Señor ...

Ejemplos de Anuncios en Redes Sociales

Publicaciones Antes de la Colecta

La ***Colecta de Educación para Seminaristas*** apoya las vocaciones financiando la educación y formación de nuestros seminaristas. Pueden participar en la formación de hombres para el servicio futuro en nuestra Diócesis haciendo una donación el 7 y 8 de noviembre durante la Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones. Por favor sea generoso.

Está invitado a participar en el trabajo pastoral de apoyo y fomento de las vocaciones en la Diócesis de Fort Worth mediante una donación a la Colecta Especial del Fondo de Educación para Seminaristas. Por favor sean generosos durante la colecta especial en todas las misas del 7 al 8 de noviembre durante la Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones. También puede donar en línea en bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales. ¡Gracias!

¿Sabían que la Diócesis de Fort Worth tiene 32 hombres en formación de seminario? Estos hombres, si Dios quiere, serán sacerdotes de Jesucristo algún día. Tenemos la oportunidad de apoyarlos en su viaje

de discernimiento donando a la ***Colecta Especial de Educación para Seminaristas*** del 7 al 8 de noviembre durante la Semana Nacional de Concientización Sobre las Vocaciones. Para obtener más información sobre las vocaciones en nuestra Diócesis, visiten bit.ly/FortWorthSeminarists.

El viaje de un seminarista hacia la ordenación puede durar entre siete y nueve años y costar más de \$50,000 al año. La Diócesis de Fort Worth cubre los gastos de su educación para que puedan concentrarse en la oración y el estudio. Su donación del 7 al 8 de noviembre durante la Semana Nacional de Concientización Sobre las Vocaciones será una ayuda para nuestros seminaristas mientras oran y discernen el llamado de Dios para sus vidas. Donar es fácil, participen durante la colecta especial en su parroquia o donen en línea en bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales.

Publicación Después de la Colecta

¡Gracias por su apoyo a la ***Colecta Especial de Educación para Seminaristas***! Sus donaciones construirán la cultura de vocaciones en la Diócesis de Fort Worth y proveerán para nuestros seminaristas. Si se perdió la colecta, todavía hay tiempo para donar haciendo una donación en línea en bit.ly/ColectasEspeciales. ¡Gracias!

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Renée Underwood, CFRE, Chief Operating Officer of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-532-7242 or runderwood@advancementfoundation.org.