



Letter to be published or read in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Las Vegas Seminary and Clergy Education and Development Collection. This Second Collection to be taken on the weekend of July 20 and 21, 2024.

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The annual second collection for Seminary and Clergy Education and Development takes place on the weekend of July 20 and 21. This collection helps offset the high costs of tuition, housing, and the education of our Seminarians. It also supplements the ongoing education of our priests.

Our Seminarians are studying at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, and St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California.

This past May, I had the distinct honor to ordain our two newest Priests, Father "AJ" Sales and Father Michael Williams. As our new Archdiocese continues to grow, we are thankful for all our Priests and Seminarians, and those discerning the call to Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

This summer, the Seminarians are engaged in on-site learning at our Parishes, Chancery office, Catholic Charities, and local hospitals. Others are learning Spanish in Mexico. These experiences embody Pope Francis' call for a Church that listens, discerns, and serves all, most especially those who are vulnerable or poor.

We are blessed in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas to have so many Priests who give entirely of themselves in their ministry among our people. Their commitment to the parishioners, their fidelity to the Gospel, and devotion to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council make our Presbyterate second to none.

Your generous support of this collection conveys your appreciation for our Seminarians and Priests. I thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

Assuring you of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Archbishop of Las Vegas