ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI



Office of the Archbishop

July 25, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The weekend of August 5th & 6th a second collection will be taken for the Annual Seminary Burse Fund. This fund assists the Archdiocese through an endowment that supports the tuition costs of educating our future priests. This annual collection is timed to take place on or near the feast day (August 4th) of Saint John Mary Vianney, the Cure d'Ars, patron saint of the diocesan clergy.

As the Church in the United States continues to journey through the Eucharistic Revival we thank God for the gift of the priesthood, "To embrace the gift and to enter into the mystery which enables the priest, in communion with Jesus to act in his name and in his sight, as a shepherd of souls, is a step not to be taken lightly." Through their formation in the seminary, the seminarians engage in studies, prayers, pastoral activities, and human growth to assure that the mission of the Church is alive and well and the call of Jesus will continue to be fulfilled.

You may contribute to the second collection taken in your parish on the weekend of August 5th & 6th, or for your convenience you may also donate online by clicking this <u>link</u> or scanning the QR code.

I thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Burse and I ask your prayers that many young people in our Archdiocese will embrace a vocation of service to the Church in responding to the call of priesthood or religious life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski

Archbishop of Miami