



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

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Dear Friends in Christ,

With great joy and appreciation I give thanks to God for your prayers and support of the Seminary Burse Fund of the Archdiocese of Miami. Today I invite you to continue your financial support, which directly provides for the formation of those whom God is calling to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis not only speaks of the Church's primary mission of evangelization in today's world, he also reminds us that "vocations are born within the Church, grow within the Church and are sustained by the Church." The Holy Father urges us to pray for our seminaries and to assume our responsibility for the discernment of vocations and the continual support of those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the Gospel.

Your contribution to the annual Seminary Burse Fund collection assists us in continuing to ensure that our seminarians, the future priests of your parish, receive the best formation possible. It is my hope that all our prayers, united to those of St. John Vianney, patron of priests, may raise up many holy men willing to serve the Church and to seek the salvation of souls.

For this reason, I especially encourage you to support the Seminary Burse Fund Collection on the weekend of August 4th and 5th, 2018. Your generosity is a reminder of God's love for His children. Thank you, and may you and your loved ones receive the abundant blessings of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami