



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

July 31, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the feast of Saint John Vianney I thank you for your prayers and support of the Seminary Burse Fund of the Archdiocese of Miami. Today I ask for your continued support of the work of the seminary and the seminarians, our future priests, by contributing to this year's Burse Fund which will be held the weekend of July 31 and August 1. As we continue to recover from so many hardships happening in our world your contribution will aid the men discerning their vocation to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has designated this year as the year of St. Joseph where we are invited to journey with Joseph into the mystery and joy of fatherhood. We read in the Holy Father's letter *Patris Corde*:

“Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice.”

I encourage you to generously support the Seminary Burse Fund collection by either using the envelope in your parish or contributing [online](#). I also ask that you commend the seminarians of the Archdiocese to the intercession of St. John Vianney and St. Joseph that they may be good shepherds and good fathers, the very best priests ready to give of themselves to you, their family, as a gift.

Thank you for your generosity, and may the Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski
Archbishop of Miami