



ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Office of the Archbishop

July 1, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, August 2, our parishes will take up the annual second collection for the Seminary Burse Fund, which supports the formation and education of the future priests of the Archdiocese of Miami. This collection is held each year just before the Feast of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, on August 4, reminding us to pray for our priests and to encourage generous young men to respond to the Lord's call.

In his recent message to priests, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every priest is called to remain united to Christ and to become a witness of the tenderness of the Good Shepherd. A priest's heart is gradually configured to the Heart of Jesus through years of prayer, study, pastoral formation, and faithful accompaniment. This sacred work begins in the seminary, where men discerning the priesthood are formed to know Christ more deeply and to serve His people with humility, fidelity, and love.

Your generous support of the Seminary Burse Fund makes this formation possible. By your prayers and financial sacrifice, you help prepare the future priests who will proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and accompany God's people for generations to come.

I sincerely thank you for your generosity in supporting the Seminary Burse Fund. I also invite you to continue praying "One Hail Mary a Day for Vocations," asking the Lord to raise up many holy priests, deacons, religious sisters, and brothers to serve His Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski
Archbishop of Miami

