



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice is blessed with many generous and dedicated priests who have followed Christ's call to act in His person in the priesthood. The Diocese is further blessed with vocations to the priesthood, evidenced by our present number of 17 seminarians. Your support of the Annual Seminary Collection continues to be crucial as challenges increase for our future priests.

This Seminary Collection ensures that we continue to educate our seminarians so as priests they can serve you and your family. It enables the Church's mission of cultivating and fostering vocations, supporting the next generation of diocesan priests in their formation and all the accompanying expenses. Programs to invite more men to consider the priesthood must also be organized and funded. Your gift to the Seminarian Collection helps offset these costs.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct this annual collection for Seminary Support the weekend of January 4 and 5, 2020. Your gift provides vital financial support of the Seminary for the future of the Church in the Diocese of Venice.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you my blessings in this New Year. Thank you and may God bless you and your family for the support of our seminarians.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida