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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, more than ever, we need compassionate and knowledgeable priests who will accompany us on our life journey, sharing in our joys and sorrows and guiding us through its challenges. The young men who are currently enrolled at both the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota, are the priests of tomorrow who will walk with us through life.

We are truly blessed to have these selfless, young seminarians step forward to minister us, our children and our grandchildren. We are grateful for their willingness to dedicate their lives to Jesus, the Church and each of us.

As a show of our gratitude, we take a moment this weekend to pay our respects by making a gift to their education. At Masses throughout the archdiocese this weekend, we ask for your encouragement and prayers for our seminarians. We also seek your financial support to help cover the cost of their preparation, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

These young men are giving their lives to us, and I ask that you to match their generosity by making a sacrificial gift as we take up this collection. Not only will you be investing in them, but also in the future of the Church.

A remittance envelope has been placed in your pew or at the back of the church for your gift. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for "Seminarian Education," or you may make a gift online at [archchicago.org/seminarianfund](https://archchicago.org/seminarianfund).

In addition, you can also support vocations in the archdiocese by encouraging young men in your acquaintance to consider discerning the priesthood. Many current priests credit their vocation to personal conversations with loved ones and friends who recognized this potential in them.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blase Card. Cupic".

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