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To the Faithful of the Diocese of Charleston,

Greetings in Christ! I pray this letter finds you and your loved ones well and in good spirits.

As the shepherd of this Diocese, it is my responsibility to nurture a response to God's will, and to provide for the complete and well-rounded formation of the men who have entered the seminary in order to discern the call to the priesthood. As part of this request, on Sunday, June 13 2021, we will take up our Annual Seminary Collection to help in the support of the 18 men who are studying to be priests for the Diocese of Charleston. By supporting their formation process, you are helping to provide us with priests for the future who are spiritually, intellectually and pastorally ready to shepherd in Christ's name.

In addition to your financial support, I ask you to pray for more young men to respond to God's call to the priesthood as our needs continue to increase with the growing Catholic population in South Carolina. Keeping in mind Jesus' own words that "the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few" (Lk 10:2), I ask all our people in the Diocese to offer encouragement to young men to consider the priesthood and for young women to consider the call the religious life.

Your generosity will help provide for the spiritual needs of the Church in the Diocese of Charleston. Let us together pray that God will continue to send us good and holy priests to serve his faithful people.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston