



## **PRESS RELEASE** — *For Immediate Release*

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### **Diocese of Charleston celebrates new vocations**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is pleased to announce that we have several new seminarians beginning studies this year. These young men are discerning the call to serve God and his Church, and we are excited to see where their journeys will take them.

As a diocese, we are committed to supporting those who feel called to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We believe that the priesthood is a sacred calling, and we provide our seminarians with the education, formation and guidance they need to become effective and holy priests.

We are pleased to report that our renewed efforts to promote vocations and support our seminarians have been successful. Presently, we have 17 men in formation with several new men entering seminary this year. We are confident that they will make lasting contributions to our diocese and to the universal Church.

According to the Office of Vocations, Philippe Dubourdieu, member of Stella Maris Church on Sullivan's Island, will enter second theology at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Colin Doering, who is returning to seminary as a college sophomore, will attend St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami, Florida. Additionally, Marc D'Angelo from Precious Blood of Christ Church in Pawleys Island will enter his propaedeutic year at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. Jack Curtis from Prince of Peace Church in Taylors and John McBurney from the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston will both enter their propaedeutic year at St. John Vianney Seminary.

"The new vocations and seminarians entering our program represent the future of the Church and the shepherds of the flock of South Carolina," stated Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston. "By answering the call to serve God and his people, they are taking an important step in their journey of faith. We are excited to see how they will use their unique talents and experiences to bring the light of Christ to our communities and beyond. Let us pray for them and support them as they prepare for a lifetime of service to others and the Catholic Church."

We ask the state to unite with us in prayer for these young men as they begin this important, lifechanging journey. May they be blessed with wisdom, courage and

perseverance as they discern God's will for their lives and prepare for a lifetime of service to the Church.

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**ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON**

Founded in 1820, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston is comprised of 114 parishes and missions, 32 Catholic schools, and 350,000 people. It encompasses the state of South Carolina.

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