



Thank you to Archbishop Perez, who initiated the Heart of a Shepherd campaign while Bishop of Cleveland, and Bishop Malesic, who is committed to continuing these efforts.

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We are grateful to Archbishop Nelson Perez, who initiated this important campaign, and under the new leadership of Bishop Edward C. Malesic, we embrace this opportunity to strengthen our Church today and for future generations. Often there is a moment of excitement when a man discovers what the Lord desires for him and follows that call to the priesthood. Today is also an exciting time for the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland – a time to recommit ourselves to our future and present priests who lead us in faith.

Your support is essential to encourage vocations, support our priests, and continue the long history of faith built by those who have come before us. The heart of a shepherd makes sacrifices for his flock. Let us pray, encourage, and be generous to these holy men who serve the Church and to our parishes in need. Thank you.

A PATH TO PRIESTLY FORMATION TAKES NINE YEARS

When a man hears the call of God to the priesthood, his journey often begins with discovery, a conversation with his parish priest, a family member, or a trusted parishioner. Then, with a full heart and persistent desire, he may enter the seminary to discern God's will for his life.

The path of discernment leading to the priesthood can take **9 years**:

- **4 years at Borromeo Seminary** where students study a curriculum of philosophy, science, and the liberal arts, and are assigned an apostolate within the Diocese. College seminarians receive a Bachelor of Arts from John Carroll University.

- **5 years at Saint Mary Seminary** for a graduate theology formation program.

Year 1: Men make a declaration for Candidacy for Holy Orders before the Bishop and are instituted as Acolytes.

Year 2: Seminarians are instituted as Lectors.

Year 3: Seminarians serve in parish internships.

Year 4: Seminarians are ordained deacons and participate in parish life as ordained ministers throughout their final year of study.

Year 5: Seminarians graduate in early May with a Master of Divinity degree and are ordained priests in mid-May.

The Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL) in Wickliffe houses Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Enriching Lives In Northeast Ohio

The Catholic Community Foundation supports the mission of the Diocese of Cleveland by raising funds to provide for the spiritual, educational and charitable needs of the Northeast Ohio community. Established in 2000, the Foundation also makes grants and manages assets on behalf of donors, parishes and Catholic institutions throughout the Diocese.

The Catholic Community Foundation is responsible for the management and administration of the *Heart Of A Shepherd* campaign. All monies from the Campaign will be collected and directed by the Foundation to ensure the funds are distributed according to the Case for Support.

“THESE MEN, EACH IN THEIR OWN WAY, RADIATE THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? TO BE COMPASSIONATE LIKE JESUS CHRIST, TO BE WELCOMING, TO BE FORGIVING, AND TO OFFER GOD’S LOVE ABUNDANTLY TO EVERYONE THEY MEET.”

Rev. Mark A. Latcovich, Ph.D.
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WE STAND OUT AMONG THE FEW

Of the 179 dioceses in the United States, only 30 have their own free-standing seminary. Vocations in the Diocese of Cleveland remain strong, even as national trends show a decline. Currently, there are 81 men in formation at Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary, 58 of whom will serve as ordained priests for service in the Diocese of Cleveland. The remaining 25 seminarians are discerning a priestly vocation for service to other religious orders as well as the Dioceses of Youngstown, Daegu South Korea, and Vietnam. Three-thousand men before have been formed for priesthood at our seminaries.

As a nod to the strong culture of vocations in the Diocese of Cleveland, the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) recently recognized Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary as having one of the highest percentages of home-grown seminarians in the country.

Rev. Eric Garris with his mother, Jenny, at St. Raphael Parish in Bay Village where he serves as Parochial Vicar.



HEART OF A SHEPHERD CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$30 MILLION

PART I: **RENOVATE OUR SEMINARIES - THE HEART OF PRIESTLY FORMATION AND HOLISTIC WELLNESS**

\$20 MILLION

The interior renovation of Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology is long overdue; the building is over 70 years old.

The holistic formation of priests in our Diocese requires renovations to provide suitable physical space for:

- Liturgical worship, prayer, and reflection
- Fostering formation and human development
- Encouraging relational and vocational growth
- Private study
- Inviting social interactions

Renovations will include renovated student rooms for all students with individual bathrooms for graduate students, individually controlled heating and cooling, ADA accessible rooms, faculty and guest suite renovations, new furniture, an upgraded elevator and new elevator connecting all floors, common lounge area and study space, laundry rooms, and an updated Reconciliation Chapel.

Resurrection Chapel, a prayerful space where seminarians gather five times a day for prayer and discern their vocation, will also be renovated with a new double door entryway, installation of a Baptismal font, refurbished pews and kneelers, pipe organ restoration, new lighting, and new liturgical furnishings.



Retired priest, Rev. Thomas O'Donnell.

PART II: **CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS**

\$7 MILLION

In our Diocese, we are fortunate to have 258 active priests and 97 retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving us. Many priests continue to serve our community of faith after retirement, and we are called to do what is necessary to provide them with adequate care. However, the Retired Clergy Pension Fund is not yet fully funded, raising a concern that future retired priests will not receive adequate pensions. To ensure proper care for our clergy, while reducing annual premiums for parishes, this initiative will allocate \$7 million to meet this important obligation.

PART III: **SUPPORT FOR NEWLY-ORDAINED CLERGY**

\$3 MILLION

When seminarians are ordained, many are burdened with financial hardship. A seminarian graduating today may have accumulated between \$8,000 and \$112,000 in education debt, an average of \$38,000. Support is needed to ensure that these priests can dedicate their lives to the Lord and serve our communities without the weight of financial hardship. Our goal is to invest \$3 million in an endowment dedicated to loan repayment assistance for newly-ordained priests.

PART IV: **SUPPORT TO YOUR PARISH**

The many vibrant parishes that comprise our Diocese of Cleveland serve as a pillar of faith, hope, and charity in our communities. In direct response to the challenges set forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, this campaign will provide an opportunity for our parishes across the Diocese to raise funds for pressing local needs. Please refer to the insert with this brochure for more information about your own parish's vision for the future.

Rev. Matthew Byrne with students at Communion of Saints School in Cleveland Heights.

