



**THE DIOCESE OF YAKIMA • PASTORAL OFFICE**  
**LA DIÓCESIS DE YAKIMA • CENTRO PASTORAL**

July 11, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you are in good spirits and health! In times like this, we are reminded of how interconnected we all are. Thank you for being part of our Church family in Central Washington.

The upcoming Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Special Collection is scheduled to take place the entire month of July. If you're able, please make a donation to the Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Special Collection. If you are unable to donate at this time, there are many other ways you can support us! You can continue to keep our senior priests and seminarians in your daily prayers. You can advocate and share with your family and friends on your social media.

It has been your generosity and kindness that continues to give new life to the senior priests who have faithfully served our local Church so generously for so many years. It is also in your spiritual and financial support of those studying for the priesthood that we see the seeds of future servants of our diocese sowed and nourished.

Your continued support of those priests who have served for many years, as well as those men seeking to serve the local Church in the future was manifested most clearly in your generosity last year. In 2019, your marvelous response to the *Special Collection for Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education* resulted in the Church collecting a total of **\$235,565** towards funding these two most important needs. God has indeed blessed His Local Church with generous hearts!

We expect the tradition of fine men responding to the call of the Lord, to serve the Church, to continue as we prepare for up to **13** men to be in study for the priesthood in the fall of 2020. The education and formation of men for the priesthood involves annual funding at the level of **\$50,600** per year, per seminarian. With so many men studying for or discerning the priesthood in the fall, the total cost to the local Church is projected to be **\$657,900** for the coming school year. The future of the leadership and priestly ministry and service for the Church depends in great part upon your continued generosity, as in years past, to this vital need.

---

*“I’ve received 15 years of formation... this is the beginning of a lifetime as a priest.”*

*– Fr. Edgar Quiroga, ordained to the priesthood in May 2020 at St. Paul Cathedral, Yakima.*

---

In closing, while I realize that these are difficult financial times for families and individuals, I ask, on behalf of those who have served you over the decades, as well as for those who will serve you in the future, that you please be as generous as your means allow.

With every best wish and blessing,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

JJT/dp



Newly Ordained Deacon Michael Kelly and Fr. Edgar Quiroga

**Donate online at**  
[www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org)  
or **SCAN** the code below



**SCAN ME**