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Living through the pandemic sort of feels like “wandering in the desert,” doesn’t it? Months and months filled with trouble, fear and endless waiting. We’ve had our fill of uncertainty and we are always questioning, “When will we ever arrive at our destination?”

I’m right there with you.



I’ve spent months reflecting on this pandemic, and how it has impacted our Church and community. **God has done so many good things in the last year through your continued generosity.** I see his hand at work – especially now! I am grateful and excited for our newly ordained – Fr. Lalo Chávez and Fr. Michael Kelly! **Thank you** for all your support while we’ve traveled through the “desert” this last year.

“I felt like I’d never get to my ordination because of all the obstacles in my way...I feel so blessed and thankful to everyone who walked alongside me.” ~Deacon Lalo Chávez.

In 2020, your marvelous response to the *Special Collection for Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education (PR/SE)* resulted in the Church collecting a total of **\$318,490** towards funding those priests who have served you for many years, as well as those men seeking to serve your local Church in the future. God has indeed blessed His Local Church with generous hearts like yours!

The upcoming Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education (PR/SE) Special Collection is **scheduled to take place the entire month of July**. If you’re able, please donate to the PR/SE 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!

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www.yakimadiocese.org
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It has been 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. 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

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Rev. Seamus Kerr
60+ years of serving
Blessing newly ordained
Fr. Michael Kelly.