

Diocesan Collection: *Formation*

The following letter from the Archbishop regarding the Formation Collection was mailed last week to parishioners across the Archdiocese. This is the first of three annual diocesan collections for the pastoral works of the Archdiocese. The Community Collection will be sent out in June 2024, and the Mission Collection will happen in November.

The theme and focus of the February collection is Formed in Faith. Contributions to this collection will be used to support diocesan and parish initiatives that help form and pass on the faith to all the baptized. If you did not receive this letter and would like to contribute, you can drop an envelope marked with your name, envelope number, and "Formed in Faith" in the collection.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A vocation is a call from God and each one of us has a vocation. Knowing one's vocation enables each of us to live out the mission of the Church. So what exactly is a vocation?

A vocation involves using our unique gifts to serve God and His Church. When vocations are lived out, they witness God's goodness active in the Church. Discerning these roles in an ongoing process facilitated by the programming offered through the Archdiocese. This provides clergy and lay persons with the formation, training, and skills necessary to carry out their service to God.

A number of programs the Archdiocese offers to help support faith formation and vocations include:

- The EQUIP program fosters adult faith formation through classes offered at the Atlantic School of Theology spanning three years, which provides participants with the tools to become leaders in their community and parish. Currently, there are 26 students enrolled.
- The Archdiocese is financially supporting priestly formation with four seminarians attending seminary as well as diaconate formation with eight candidates.
- The Archdiocesan staff provides on-going support and coaching for pastoral teams and lay persons with the goal of providing the skills and tools to support pastoral ministry.

These initiatives are made possible by the continued generosity of parishioners. Giving is a way we can honour God for all that has been provided to us, which in turn plays an integral part in carrying out the Church's mission.

How can you give?

- Mail the enclosed envelope or drop the envelope in the collection at your local parish church
- By Credit card by calling (902) 429-9800 ext. 309 or give online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org
- Setting up a monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance by calling (902) 429-9800 ext. 309
- Sending an E-Transfer to finance@halifaxyarmouth.org; in the memo please write "Formation 2024"

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Formation Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

† Brian Joseph Dunn
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