

## **Seminarian Studies Update**

### **Special Seminarian Studies Collection Results**

Our gratitude and thanks goes out to all those who gave so generously to the special Seminarian Studies collection that was taken up in the parishes of our Archdiocese on the first weekend of March. Through your generosity over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) was raised towards paying the tuition and residency costs of our diocesan seminarians.

### **Vocation Discernment Process Update**

Discerning a call to the priesthood is a process with several stages. In the beginning the candidate discusses the possibility of a vocation with the diocesan Vocation Director. In consultation with the Vocation Director and the Archbishop, the candidate determines whether or not to apply for admission to the seminary for formal priestly training. In the seminary, the candidate receives the formation required for priestly ordination and continues the process of discerning whether in fact he is being called by God to this vocation.

This past year our Archdiocese was blessed to have three candidates in seminary formation at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Through careful prayer and reflection, Chris Quigley and Shane Tucker have reached the decision to discontinue their seminary studies. We are grateful to both of them for their sincere and generous efforts to discern a call to the priesthood and we pray that God will continue to guide and bless them in their efforts to know His will for them.

Evan Chafe will be returning to St. Augustine's Seminary this Fall to proceed with his second year of priestly formation. Please join with us in praying for God's blessings upon him, his studies and his ongoing vocation discernment process.

In addition, we ask that you please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and encourage the young men and women of our families and parish communities to consider whether God may be calling them to serve His people as a priest or a religious sister or brother.

### **For Further Information**

Information regarding our archdiocesan Vocations Office and on discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life can found on our archdiocese website at: [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org) or by contacting our archdiocesan Vocations Director, Rev. James Fleming at 709-834-9481 or [vocations@rcsj.org](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org).