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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On June 4 we will ordain two new priests, Deacon Michael Clawson and Deacon Matthew Perronie. We had two transitional deacons ordained earlier this spring and our future ordination classes look strong.

The weekend of June 4 and 5, we will have our annual collection in support of our seminarians currently studying for future ministry in the Church. This collection helps cover the expenses involved in the education and formation of our future priests. At this point in time, we are blessed with 25 men studying for the priesthood: ten at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary and thirteen at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. We hope to add 4 to 6 men to this number for next year. The average cost per student for educational expenses is \$40,000 per year. The United Catholic Appeal and proceeds from endowments also support formation for our seminarians, but those funds do not fulfill the entire need. All donations to this special annual collection will go directly toward the payment of these expenses.

In the name of all who minister in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, I ask you to be generous in supporting the educational needs of our future priests. Most important, I encourage you to pray for priests and seminarians and for a generous increase in vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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