



## ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

*Office of the Archbishop*

July 9, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the weekend of August 3rd and 4th, 2024, there will be a second collection taken in our parishes for the Seminary Burse Fund. This fund assists future priests in their formation. The annual collection will be taking place on the feast of St. John Vianney, August 4<sup>th</sup>, as a beautiful way to remind us of our own seminary here in our backyard.

In the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke's Gospel, we see how Jesus accompanies the two disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Throughout the encounter, Jesus breaks open the Scriptures, and it was at the breaking of the bread that the disciples first recognized Jesus. During this time that our country has been undergoing a Eucharistic Revival, we too are encouraged to see the face of Jesus in the breaking of the bread. At every Mass, as the priest offers the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus to us, we are taken back to that moment in Emmaus where our hearts were burning as we recognized the real presence of Jesus. By your generous contribution to the Seminary Burse Fund, you facilitate the seminarians' ability to give of themselves to their studies, and to be the priests you deserve. It is in the seminary that they are first accompanied by the Lord, so that they can accompany you.

I thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Burse Fund, and I ask for your prayers that many young people in our Archdiocese will embrace a vocation of service to the Church in responding to the call of the priesthood or religious life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas Wenski  
Archbishop of Miami

