



Website Blurb

Over the past several years, our diocese has been blessed by the Holy Spirit with a tremendous growth in vocations to the priesthood. The number of seminarians studying to serve us as priests in the Diocese of Madison has grown from 6 in 2004 to 33 today. We have prayed fervently for these seminarians and God is generously answering our prayers.

This tremendous increase, however, has challenged our traditional funding sources far beyond their capacity. In response, the first diocesan-wide capital campaign in more than 50 years was launched in Spring 2014. The Priests for Our Future: The Church is Alive! Campaign seeks to raise a minimum of \$30,000,000, pledged over a five year period, to establish a permanent endowment fund whose earnings will be restricted to supporting the recruitment, education and formation of future priests for the Diocese of Madison. To learn more about the campaign and our seminarians, please check out these articles in the [National Catholic Register](#), the [Wisconsin State Journal](#), and the Diocese of Madison [Catholic Herald](#).

Each parish in the diocese will take part in this initiative. Our parish has been asked to raise \$215,000 pledged over five years.

In the coming weeks, you will be contacted about the campaign and invited to consider your own response. Please **do not** make a decision until you have been contacted and learned all the details about this historic undertaking. Let us all continue to pray for our seminarians as well as for the success of this campaign.