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Dear Pastors, Parish Administrators and Secretaries,

Greeting of Peace from the Diocesan Vocation Commission! We hope you had a great summer.

First, we would like to share with you the good news that our diocese now has five seminarians. They are German Alegria, Kendrick Beler, Michael Averyt, Mathew Derworiz and Micah McQuaid who are studying at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary also have a new postulant. Her name is April Mireau. Indeed God has listened to our prayer and has showered our diocese with good seeds of vocation. In return it is our responsibility to support and to nurture their discernment to the priesthood and religious life.

To pray for more vocations and to journey with our seminarians and postulant, we invite you to make the awareness of the need for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life more prominent in your parish liturgies **on Sunday October 9th, Vocation Awareness Sunday**. It is equally important to raise the awareness of Vocations in different forms. Here are a few easy ways to highlight and celebrate this day:

- Dedicate prayers, Rosaries, Holy Hours, self-denial, sacrifice, fasting etc, for the seminarians and postulant and those are devoted to priesthood and religious life.
- Design a special ad for your parish bulletin for Vocation Awareness Sunday
- Insert our Diocesan Vocation Commission Newsletter in with your parish bulletin as our latest edition highlights our seminarians, postulant and our Discernment House.
- Use ideas and suggestions from the Parish Vocation binder for resources, prayers of the faithful, commentaries and even homily ideas.

Next, we would like to update with you *The Adopt A Seminarian / Postulant Project*. By adopting one of them, you can offer your support through reciting daily prayers, offering Mass intention or Novena and writing letters or sending cards to them on special occasions such as birthday, Christmas and Easter etc. We suggest that each Deanery would adopt a seminarian and a postulant as follows:

October 2011- October 2012 Parishes and Missions in Deanery 1 and 2: Michael Averyt and Mathew Derworiz

October 2011 – October 2012 Parishes and Missions in Deanery 3 and 4: German Alegria & April Mireau

October 2011 – October 2012 Parishes and Missions in Deanery 5 and 6: Kendrick Beler & Micah McQuaid

Please share with your parishes, missions and parishioners about the Awareness Vocation Sunday and *The Adopt A Seminarian / Postulant Project*. On behalf of Diocesan Vocation Commission, we would like to thank you for all your prayers and support. Do not hesitate to contact us with new ideas! We continue to meet regularly and we welcome new members to the committee. We look forward to continuing to update you with our efforts to nurture and to promote a culture of Vocations in our diocese. Thank you for your continued prayers for all to hear and respond our baptismal call.

Sincerely,

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