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Dear Pastors and Parishioners,

Some years ago, the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation established a Vocations Endowment to help fund the education and formation of seminarians. Earnings from this endowment are distributed in equal amounts to each seminarian currently studying for a Diocese or Eparchy in Saskatchewan.

A Diocese must budget more than \$30,000 per year per seminarian for his tuition, room, board, and other personal expenses. As a Diocese, we do have several sources of funding available, but your contribution to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation's Vocations Endowment is critical in helping us to meet the costs of formation which, like anything, slowly increase each year. Currently, the Diocese of Prince Albert has two seminarians in formation for the Priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton.

Each Knights of Columbus Council will again be asking the Pastors and Parish Pastoral Councils to develop a specific campaign plan for your parish to promote this very important endowment fund on a Sunday during the month of February that works for your community. They will provide information and resources for this campaign. Along with the other Bishops of Saskatchewan, I encourage you to kindly support this very worthwhile project.

February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, is observed as the World Day for Consecrated Life. February then is a good time to reflect on the gift of vocations and to encourage young men and women to prayerfully consider God's plan for their life. Contributing to the Vocations Endowment is a very practical and significant way to support vocations and our own seminarians in their formation.

My brother Bishops and I are extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their many efforts to support and promote vocations. Their countless hours of volunteer work make many other charitable activities possible throughout the world.

Thank you for promoting and supporting the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation's Vocations Endowment again this year.

Sincerely in Christ,

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