



## **Support Our Clergy - \$12 million**

### *Seminarian Education - \$5 million*

We are blessed to have **33 seminarians** currently enrolled in our diocesan seminary programs. In the coming years, additional vocations and ordinations will be needed to meet the needs of our growing diocesan community. This campaign will direct funds toward the seminary endowment, which helps promote vocations, offsets the costs of education and formation and provides support for the increasing number of seminarians who enter seminary with student loan debt. Supporting these men in their vocation will strengthen our diocesan community for generations.

### *Priests' Retirement - \$5 million*

The men who enter the priesthood for our diocese give their lives in service to our community. They provide pastoral care and leadership in our parishes, schools, missions, hospitals, and countless other ministries. After a lifetime of service, priests deserve a dignified retirement. A pension plan and trust provides for their housing, health care and living expenses during their retirement. However, this plan is currently underfunded for the number of priests who will access it in the future. *Encountering Christ* adds to the pension plan and trust to meet the anticipated shortfall, ensuring our priests will be cared for as they age.

### *St. John Paul II Retirement Center - \$2 million*

The St. John Paul II Residence for Priests is a comfortable home and close-knit community where retired priests can share Mass, meals, and activities; access transportation to and from appointments; and receive care and support for medical needs. In its present state, the residence will not have room for the number of priests who will retire in the coming years. *Encountering Christ* will support construction of additional duplexes at the retirement center to accommodate another eight to twelve priests.