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Dear Monsignors/Fathers,

I write to first thank you for the incredible work you continue to do during these most challenging days. Each day I am edified by your dedication, commitment, and even creativity in the many ways you are caring for your parishioners' spiritual needs.

While I fully recognize the added financial stress each parish is facing, I ask you to join with me in encouraging support for next month's appeal for seminarians. In normal times, our seminarians would visit many parishes and share their compelling vocation story. However, due to the pandemic, that practice did not seem advisable given that leaving seminary for travel has been greatly limited to reduce potential infection in the seminary community.

This year, I ask that you please utilize the short video we created to spread the word for this important need. As we face the staggering total of over 3 million dollars in tuition costs, I am confident our people will see the true blessing in having 53 seminarians. I trust the faithful of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will see these seminarians as men seeking to continue the mission in which you so unselfishly bear witness to each day.

Finally, be assured of my ongoing prayers for you and your parishioners. May Our Lady, Queen of Clergy, continue to intercede for us.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore

cc: Reverend James Proffitt
Reverend Steven Roth