

Diocese of Gaylord: Vocations Update

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, on August 4th, it's fitting that we share an update from the Vocations Office.

Please take a look at the Vocations Cards that have been placed in your pews.

As part of our pastoral plan for the diocese Bishop Walsh has asked Fr. Ben Rexroat, our Vocation Director, to begin implementing our new "Vocation Pathway" plan to increase vocations to the priesthood for our diocese.

Our goal is to attain and maintain **15 seminarians** for the Diocese of Gaylord. This will ensure we can ordain enough priests to staff our parishes and bring the sacraments to the people.

Bishop Walsh has appointed a team of six priests from across the diocese to assist Fr. Rexroat with this goal. Their primary task is to build relationships with young men, invite them to vocation events, and help them discern God's call.

Your Support is Crucial:

- 1. On the cards in the pews, Bishop Walsh is inviting you to make your pledge to pray for **vocations to the priesthood** in our diocese. Your prayers are vital!
- 2. Please participate in our upcoming "Called by Name" program this early winter. This program will help the Vocation Office identify faithful young Catholic men who may be open to learning more about the priesthood.
- 3. Young men of our parish are invited to sign up to receive regular communications from the Vocation Office by using the **QR code** on the cards in the pew.

You can find more information about participating in the Vocation Plan by visiting www.gaylordvocations.com.



PLEDGE TO PRAY



Behind every vocation is a supportive community! Please pledge to pray for our seminarians and men who are considering priesthood. Let's ask the Great High Priest to move the hearts of those who are called!

WWW.GAYLORDVOCATIONS.ORG/PRAY

AN INVITATION TO YOUNG MEN

GET IN TOUCH



Young men—are you open to receiving support as you pray about your vocation? Contact the Vocation Director, sign up for our weekly text, or attend an upcoming Vocation Event. We are here to help you find God's perfect will!

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The Bishop Walsh's leadership, Fr. Ben Rexroat, our Vocation Director, has begun implementing the new "Vocation Pathway" plan to increase vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Gaylord. The plan's goal is to sustain 15 seminarians, ensuring we have enough priests to serve our parishes and provide the sacraments. To support this mission, Bishop Walsh has appointed a team of six priests from across the diocese. Their focus is on building relationships with young men, inviting them to vocation events, and walking with them as they discern God's call to the priesthood.

VOCATION PLAN STRATGEY

FORM A Vocation

Vocation Team IDENTIFY
Faithful Young

ACCOMPANY

Men in

Discernment

APPLY for Seminary Formation