

IMPACT

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION AND VOCATIONS

**"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."
Matthew 9:37**



Over the past half century, the number of priests across the U.S. has dropped by about 38 percent. We see a recent drop from nearly 60,000 priests in 1970 to 37,192 in 2016.



It costs an average of \$50,000 per year to attend a seminary, and Priestly Formation averages 5 years. Can we expect young men to commit to Christ, set their families, comforts and conveniences aside and expect them to go deep into debt?

Our goal is to enlist 4 applicants each year into Seminarian Education and Vocations.

Efforts are needed to expand recruitment and vocations, particularly in helping young men in Wyoming to answer the call to the Priesthood. Further funding is needed to defer the cost of education and enhance each Seminarian's ability to focus on heeding God's call and their ministry with Christ.



Priests and Sisters dedicate their lives to stand by us at the most joyous of times and in our deepest sorrow and despair. Through the sacraments they celebrate and heal. Investing in these vocations today provides countless returns for the future.