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Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface: laity, religious men and women, deacons and priests,

As I write these words, the harvest in southern Manitoba has almost been completed; and this year, we have once again been bountifully blessed. The same can be said for our diocese! On July 3rd, two of our eight seminarians were ordained to the priesthood: Father Vincent Lusty and Father Joshua Gundrum. What a joyful occasion! By the grace of God our next ordination to the priesthood should be in the summer of 2018.

Presently, we have six seminarians continuing their journey of formation and discernment. Next fall we may have another four to five young men entering seminary, one from Africa, one from Vietnam and two or three from our diocese. Our new Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Joshua, will be journeying with these gentlemen as well as various others who have also expressed an interest in various degrees. So, let us continue to pray that the grace of God's acts of calling and guiding, of strengthening and shaping, will continue powerfully in the lives of many young men.

However, we also have our part to play. Last year, so many of you across the diocese made this effort in your generous gift to the Good Shepherd Campaign. Just over \$300,000 was raised, well over our \$250,000 goal. Thank you so much!

This year, our second annual Good Shepherd Campaign will be held from November 12 to December 10, 2017. Our goal this year is \$300,000. A new element of the Campaign this year will be that a portion of **the monies raised will support the efforts to invite, welcome, support and help to integrate those priests who come to us from other countries, loaned by their bishops or religious superiors to aid us in our need for a sufficient number of priests.** These efforts include a two-month mentorship with one of our priests before being named to a parish as well as assistance in speaking Canadian English clearly. This is to help assure the most positive experience both for the priest and for the People of God of the parish to which they will be appointed.

In closing, I wish to thank you all for your immense generosity last year and also to ask for that same generosity this year. **Your gift will help the diocese to assure all the resources needed for the formation of seminarians and for the ongoing formation of international priests coming to help us.**

God's blessings upon all of us, especially the blessing of caring and holy priests with the heart of Jesus Christ, the true Good Shepherd.

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