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Dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface,

In the more than 200 years since the foundation of the first church in Saint Boniface, our past has been storied with the service of sincere and dedicated priests. Following this tradition, since 2017, the life of the Church in our diocese has been greatly enriched by the nine priests ordained here. And its future continues to be assured, thanks to the seven seminarians from Canada, Congo, India and Vietnam who are presently in training. Ultimately, these young men will be ordained to serve in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. Two Vietnamese seminarians, Vincent Nguyen and Joseph Martin Pham, were ordained this spring to the transitional diaconate. In 2027, they will be ordained to the priesthood.

We want you to be a significant part of this future. Through your continued contribution to the Good Shepherd Campaign, know that you have been assisting them greatly. Every year, the fruits of their life in the Spirit are seen in their deepening faith, dedication to their studies, as well as their work and witness in our parishes. These young men are shaping up to become fine priests. This is a great source of hope to know that our communities of faith will continue to be served as they open up the Word of God and offer the Eucharist and all the sacraments. The faith that families strive to pass on will be strengthened and sustained by their loving and dedicated service.

Priests do not live only in the sanctuary, however. They contribute to the life of the Church on our church steps, in our parish halls, in catechism and RCIA classes, on our various parish committees, in our homes and at the hospital as they visit the sick, present to those experiencing turmoil and pain. This year, we've even seen them moving the ball forward on the soccer field at the first annual Good Shepherd Cup.

The Good Shepherd Campaign provides the financial support needed for all this, by helping them in their studies and assisting priests in their ongoing formation, all with the goal of supporting and sustaining the whole life of the Church. Through your support, you are contributing to the future of our Church.

When I reflect on the history of the Church in Saint Boniface, I realize that our current efforts are part of an ongoing process. In the 1950s, 60s and early 70s, Archbishop Maurice Baudoux, along with fostering vocations from Manitoba, would also go to Quebec and New Brunswick to recruit seminarians who were then ordained here, going on to serve our parishes over many, many years. We continue the effort, seeking young men from here and abroad.

We have been greatly blessed since 2017. May our blessings continue as we all contribute to the Good Shepherd Campaign. I ask you, dear faithful, to give generously to the Good Shepherd Campaign. Give... For The Life Of The Church.

With gratitude, in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,

+Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of Saint Boniface

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