



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

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May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

I write to you today to share my thoughts and deep concern regarding the vital need to actively promote vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese. One of the most significant responsibilities I have as your bishop is ensuring that future generations of the faithful will continue to have shepherds to guide them. This is why the promotion of priestly vocations is not merely an optional task for us — it is central to our mission as a church.

In response to this, I am announcing a special Called by Name campaign to identify faithful young men in our Diocese who, through God's providence, could have a vocation to the priesthood. The campaign will take place on February 15-16, 2025.

Often, the voice of God is heard through the encouragement of others, and this campaign provides a structured way for parishioners to prayerfully nominate young men who exhibit qualities of faith, leadership, and a heart for service. As we prepare for this campaign, I have a message for young men and for all the faithful:

For Young Men: If you are still discerning God's plan for your life, I invite you to pray about the priesthood. I can tell you firsthand, this vocation is one of fulfillment and joy. Be not afraid! Listen for his call — He loves you and has a great plan of purpose for your life, no matter where you are called to serve!

For All Parishioners: This week prayerfully consider which teen or young man you would like to honor by nominating them for Called By Name. Your nomination will show him that his community sees his potential to do great things for the Lord. At Mass next weekend, you will receive more detailed instructions about how to nominate young men in this campaign. You can also visit idahovocations.com/called to submit a nomination today.

Let us all renew our commitment to pray for and promote priestly vocations in our diocese. Through the grace of God and our collective efforts, may we see a new generation of priests arise who will continue to serve the Church with love, faith, and dedication.

As I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen
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