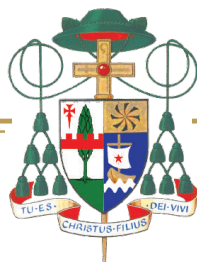


Bishop's Letter for May 30-31 Bulletin



DIOCESE OF BOISE

Dear Friends in Christ,

May 5, 2026

One of my most important responsibilities is to ensure that our diocese has enough priests to serve the people of God. At present, we have about 65 priests serving 107 parishes and missions. To increase our number of priests for the future, I want to strongly encourage the whole diocese to foster a culture of vocations.

In particular, I am very grateful for those who have frequent contact with young people:

- **Parents** who raise their children in the faith, and actively encourage their sons to consider the priesthood.
- **Teachers and catechists** who teach children of all ages about the vocations of marriage, priesthood, and religious life.
- **Parish priests**, whose humble and sincere witness—and their personal invitation—is often the catalyst for men to take steps toward seminary.

We also need your help, including your prayers and financial support. To form a seminarian is to invest in the future life of the Church. It is a work that demands time, care, and significant resources. As more men step forward in faith, we must be ready to support them in their formation.

I ask you to consider a generous gift to our special collection for vocations. These funds go directly toward seminarian education and fund our efforts to encourage young men throughout the diocese.

I believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, and I'm confident that our renewed efforts will inspire more men to consider this beautiful vocation. Thank you for your generosity and for your love for the Church!

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen
Bishop of Boise