

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jones: I have more great news! I

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Forming men into faithful and joyful priests absolutely requires the collaboration of the whole Church. After all, priests seek to administer the saving grace of Christ to *your* needs and to *your* life. We need to work with you, listen to you, and live with you if we want your future priests to be attentive to the ebb and flow of your life experiences. *Truly then, we are all forming our priests, together*. Maybe you taught religion to a seminarian or priest way back when he was younger. Perhaps you have opened your home and provided dinner for our seminarians. Maybe you have shown them a thing or two about teaching children. Maybe you have helped them to learn a new language, or even just shared with them what it is like to be Catholic. Perhaps you have graciously provided financial support to a seminarian or the entire Vocations program. *With great joy, then, let's celebrate our common work!* 

This year, to provide a moment both in gratitude for our collaboration and in hope of continued financial support, we are finally returning to the Taste of Faith in-person dinner. We hope that you'll be free to join us there, but if you are not, it will be broadcast live for you to enjoy! The dinner will be held on:

## Saturday, August 6

If you would like to attend, please contact **Dianne Brady at (501) 664-0340, ext. 391**. For more information go to **www.tasteoffaith.org**. We promise a fun and entertaining program that will help you get to know our seminarians who will be the future pastors in our parishes. If you prefer, you can simply invest in our future Church *now* with the enclosed donation card or at tasteoffaith.org.

Truly, your generosity has been incredible! Over the years, Catholics in Arkansas have generously provided hundreds of thousands of dollars at Taste of Faith events. Your money has been used exclusively for immediate seminarian education expenses. Without your participation, it would be impossible for us to prepare these men for the priesthood!

Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation toward seminarian formation. I ask you to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations. If God works so generously with humanity to provide shepherds for his flock, then may all of us generously work with each other to form these men well!

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FATHER JEFF HEBERT Vocations Director

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