



Dear <<Salutation>>:

God has been so good to us! In May, Bishop Taylor helped **13** young men advance to the priesthood! **FOUR** young men were accepted as new *seminarians*. **TWO** more were admitted as official candidates for ordination. We instituted **ONE** *lector* to announce the good news of salvation history in Scripture. We added **FOUR** *acolytes* to assist the deacons and priests in their eucharistic ministry. **Joel Brackett** was ordained a *deacon*, and **Cody Eveld** was ordained a *priest* of Jesus Christ. Motivated by their faith in Christ, all of these men have taken graced steps toward serving you and your families. Thanks be to God!

Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.” Everyone’s vocation with Christ is personal. For priests, as unique as our own stories are, we all follow Christ to priesthood in a common way mapped out by His Church. Important milestones mark the way at which the Church equips these courageous men with the gifts necessary to serve you with the Good Shepherd’s charity. They are accepted as seminarians, admitted to candidacy, instituted as lectors, then acolytes, and finally ordained as deacons and priests. It is not possible to walk this path alone. With Christ leading the way, our seminarians need you, the Church, to accompany them on their journey to priesthood!

This year at the Taste of Faith, we invite you to join these men on their way to priesthood. We would like to celebrate how far Christ has led them; how far you have helped them. We hope that you will be able to join us there, but if you can’t, it will be recorded and posted on our website at a later date for you to enjoy! The dinners will be held on Saturdays:

August 3rd, Jonesboro • August 10th, Little Rock

If you would like to attend, please contact **Maria Izquierdo at (501) 664-0340, ext. 378**. 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 online 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 these men to continue on their way to priesthood. Thanks be to God for your continued generosity!

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 collaborate with each other to form these men well!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Jeff Hebert
Vocations Director

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