



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 2 - 4, 2020

Memorials of St. Peter Julian Eymard (August 2) and

St. John Vianney (August 4)



Dear Brother Priests:

St. Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868) and St. John Vianney (1786-1859) were contemporaries and friends. Given their apostolic friendship and the proximity of their Memorials on the liturgical calendar, we can seek their intercession together for an even deeper refinement of our *Ars Celebrandi* of the Catholic Mass, our daily plan of life for prayer, our Eucharistic evangelization and catechesis, and our dedication both as penitents and as priest instruments of the Divine Mercy in the confessional.

We ask with great intensity their intercession for a rich new harvest of vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the Universal Church.

As we seek their intercession for this critical intention, I would ask every priest in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to provide two names of possible future vocations to the priesthood.

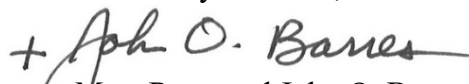
Please provide their names, their parishes, their high school, university or career track and how you have met or gotten to know them and the qualities you see that make them potential seminarians and priests.

Please submit your information to our vocation director, Fr. Sean Magaldi (smagaldi@drvc.org) by the Solemnity of the Assumption, Saturday, August 15, 2020.

As of August 2020, we have a total of 21 seminarians: 7 at Douglaston, 6 at St. Joseph's (Dunwoodie), 5 at Theological College (CUA), 1 at St. John XXIII and 2 on Pastoral Year (one of the pastoral year seminarians is in formation at the North American College). Please pray for these dedicated men and pray for a bold new harvest.

Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and initiative. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us! St. Peter Julian Eymard and St. John Vianney, pray for us!

Fraternally in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre