

May 10, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am announcing a special Called by Name Campaign to identify faithful young men in our archdiocese who, through God's providence, could have a vocation to the priesthood. The campaign will take place on May 17-18, 2025.

While our archdiocese has been blessed with many good priests, we still have a need for "more workers for the harvest." I firmly believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need the entire Church to identify them, so that we can accompany them as they discern their vocations.

I invite all Catholics to submit the names of young men that you would like to honor. You can submit names at denver vocations.com. Note that these men do not need to want to be priests. They simply need to love Christ and the Church, exhibit a strong faith, and have a heart for service.

Additionally, it is important to remember that fostering these vocations would not be possible without The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, which provides essential support to our young men discerning this call. I ask you to please consider how your financial support of the 2025 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal could nurture our seminarians in formation.

I will send each one of these young men a letter of congratulations and encouragement, as well as invite them to a special dinner in the summer. In addition, our Vocation Team will offer support as they discern their vocations, especially by inviting them to join small "discernment groups" and attend various events.

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to participate thoughtfully. And please join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new shepherds for the Church!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver