

Abp. Aymond: ‘Pray for our seminarians by name’

There’s plenty of positive vocation news in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Twenty-seven men are in various stages of discernment for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of New Orleans at St. Joseph Seminary College and Notre Dame Seminary.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond makes a point of mentioning the number of seminarians whenever he visits a parish to celebrate Mass or confer confirmation. He is convinced there is a person in every parish who is being called to consider the priesthood.

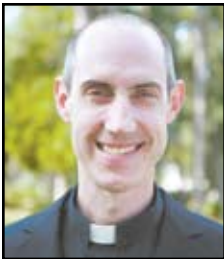
“It’s been my experience that people are surprised by the number of seminarians we have,” Archbishop Aymond said. “When I go around to confirmations and mention it, I usually see a facial reaction. We want to

get the word out so that considering the priesthood becomes the norm rather than the exception.”

Archbishop Aymond asks all Catholics to offer daily prayers for the seminarians in their discernment process.

“I would ask people to pray for them by name and also to pray for someone from their own parish who is being called,” Archbishop Aymond said. “Also, if they see someone they believe intuitively has the gifts for priesthood or religious life, why not go up to that person and simply say, ‘You seem to be a person of faith. Have you ever thought about serving the church as a priest or a religious?’”

Next June, Deacons Christian DeLerno and Bryan Howard are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood at St. Louis Cathedral.



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