



Archdiocese of Vancouver  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, I wish to share with you the good fruit which your prayers for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life are bearing.

Last September, six young men were accepted as seminarians for the Archdiocese, bringing the total number in seminary formation to 25. These six are the first to begin their formation with a newly implemented Spirituality Year. Its purpose is to help them develop their relationship with Jesus Christ to prepare them for their academic studies and their lives as ordained priests.

Thanks be to God, the number of women answering God's call to the consecrated life is also on the rise. This past year, eleven local young women have professed final vows or first vows, received the habit, or were accepted as postulants in various Religious congregations.

Our local Church is now blessed to have 22 permanent deacons serving in parishes and works of service. Another 10 men are currently in formation, and others who are actively discerning this vocation.

To encourage you to keep up the good work of praying for vocations, a Prayer Card has been printed. On its front is a beautiful icon of the Good Shepherd, with the Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations on the back. Please take one home, and continue to pray that many men and women will answer the call of the Good Shepherd.

With cordial best wishes and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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