



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I have good news to share with you! In August, Bishop Taylor will ordain two men to the priesthood: Deacon Joe Friend and Deacon Daniel Velasco. He will also ordain five others to the diaconate to prepare for priestly ordination in 2021. Six new seminarians have joined us this year, bringing the total to 30 seminarians in formation. I am continually inspired by our seminarians when I see their love for the Lord and His Church. God is calling men to the priesthood and they are listening!

"I'm blown away by the generosity of the people of God. Honestly, I just wouldn't be here without it."

— Father Jon Miskin,  
ordained May 2019

With the increases in cost and seminarians, we need your help to form our seminarians into priests! Each August we host Taste of Faith dinners across Arkansas to raise funds to educate our seminarians. This year, our seminarians will livestream our Taste of Faith program so everyone can participate online. You can watch and donate through the Diocese of Little Rock's website ([dolr.org](http://dolr.org)), Facebook or YouTube from the safety of your home.

## Watch Taste of Faith Live Saturday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. on [dolr.org](http://dolr.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. We invite you to invest in our future Church now!

The generosity of the people of God is incredible! In the past 10 years, Catholics in Arkansas have donated \$3.8 million at Taste of Faith events. That money has been used exclusively for immediate seminarian education expenses. Without your investment, it would be impossible for us to prepare these men for the priesthood! Please consider making your sacrificial gift to Taste of Faith online or mailing your gift with the enclosed pledge card.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your support of seminarian formation. I ask you to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Scott Friend  
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