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**LETTER OF GRATITUDE OF HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP DANIEL, FOR THE  
DIOCESAN RESPONSE TO THE 2023 “SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS” CAMPAIGN**

Beloved Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest,

I write to thank you all for the generous financial support of our diocesan seminarians in our annual *Support Our Seminarians* collection. Due to the special generosity of four of our parishes, we were able to double last year's donations and thus are able to provide more financial support for our seminarians and their families as they prepare for ordination and priestly ministry within the Diocese of the Midwest.

In addition to your generous financial support, I request that you also support our seminarians in the following ways:

- **Know who they are.** If a seminarian is from your parish, build a supportive relationship with him. If your parish currently has no one studying at the seminary, “adopt” a seminarian by sending a supportive note or card to him. Photos, brief biographies of our seminarians, and their parishes are available on our diocesan website at: [Diocesan Seminarians - Diocese of the Midwest \(domoca.org\)](http://Domoca.org).
- **Pray for them, as they pray for you.** Please remember our seminarians in your daily prayers. And be aware that, at my request, our seminarians gather at each seminary at least once a month to sing the Akathist to the Mother of God of *Tikhvin*, asking God's blessing upon all of you through the intercession of the Holy Mother of God. They also pray for you as part of their daily rule of prayer.
- **Live the Orthodox Faith!** We help our seminarians—and one another—by living our Faith in our families, at school, at work, and in all our relationships. This is our shared calling by which we live the Gospel and bring Christ into the world each and every day.

Again, thank you for your kind and thoughtful generosity. Our seminarians are faithful Orthodox Christians who hope to one day serve in the parishes of our beloved Diocese, that is, they hope one day to serve you, your families, and all your loved ones.

With love in Christ,

DANIEL  
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest