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Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Dear friends in the Lord:

Whenever I receive letters from parishioners, none cheers me more than when I read how much the faithful love their priests. And as you know, almost all of them were educated and formed at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, which just celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past year.


Our seminarians are not only the future shepherds of our flock, but they will also be spiritual guides and leaders in our wider communities. We must be sure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church in New York. And for the last century and a quarter, Dunwoodie has been that place of formation. Thousands of holy, dedicated, and faithful priests have been ordained over these years. It is nationally renowned, held in the highest regard by bishops from around the country. Each year, other dioceses and religious orders send their candidates to our priestly formation program.

As I write to you today and express my gratitude for last year's contribution of \$343,409, I ask you to consider in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the *Annual Seminary Appeal*. It will be collected on the weekend of September 25, 2022. Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training and spiritual formation for our archdiocesan seminarians and the others who are studying there and help prepare these young men to become great priests who will inspire future letters of admiration.

The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. I ask you to pray for priestly vocations and help me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church one day. To learn more, visit [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu).

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude to you and your families, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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+ Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York