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Dear Father,

I am writing to thank you and your parish for the generosity shown in the collection for our diocesan Priest's Training Fund held last weekend on Good Shepherd Sunday.

I am sure you will agree that this cause is a significant priority within our Diocesan budget and I am grateful for all you are doing to promote the three strands of

- Clergy formation
- Seminary formation
- Vocations promotion

Please continue to encourage your parishioners to pray for priests, both those who are in ministry currently and those who are being called by God to take the path of discernment towards ordination. Our diocesan prayer for priests is available and it may be a prayer you wish to pray together as a parish community from time to time.

Please feel free to share this message of thanks with the parish in your care and I know our diocesan team will communicate the fruits of both prayer and generous giving in the coming weeks.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

**Rt Rev Dr David Oakley**  
Bishop of Northampton