

# Areas of Impact

- Recruitment and support of Seminarians
- Formation of Diaconate Candidates
- Support Lay Ministers
  - Coordinators of Youth Ministry
  - Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Ministers
  - Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education
  - Parish Business Administrators
  - Liturgical Coordinators
  - Specialized Ministries

In supporting these ministries we ensure that those called can serve, share their talents and strengthen our faith.

## The Role of Stewardship

Stewardship is counted in inches, but measured in miles. It's made up of a thousand small acts of prayer, service and sharing. Each act brings us closer to God, but ultimately builds the strength of our entire faith. Advancing the Mission starts with you traveling that first inch and succeeds when all of us make stewardship a way of life.

## Planning for the Future

These initiatives are designed with specific enough direction in the area of leadership to create immediate impact, while left flexible enough to continue to address the needs of the future.

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## Quick Facts

147 women and 58 men have completed specialized training as parish leaders since 1986.

The cost of seminary is \$35,000/year and takes 5 years to complete for a total of \$175,000 to ordain one priest.

Currently 20 seminarians are preparing to serve the Diocese of Green Bay.

Over 130 men are serving in our Diocese as Deacons and 23 men are in the diaconate formation program.

“If not for the support of the Diocese, I would have never been able to follow my call and serve.”

# Leadership Development



The development of leaders takes many forms. Some you might expect, like working to ordain and educate priests and deacons. It also works in ways you may not expect, like training parish business managers, liturgical coordinators and youth ministers. Your parish needs your active support in finding and encouraging leaders of every type.

**The more leaders who serve, the better served each parish will be.**

**Good stewards are called to pray for, encourage and help support the training of leaders from every walk of life, for all facets of service.**

Priestly duties are the best use of your Priest's time and energy. Supporting his role with well trained lay staff makes him more effective and parishes stronger.

Men and women need to be trained as ministerial staff to enhance the day-to-day needs of your parish.

Financial hurdles shouldn't get in the way of God's call. Let's work to make sure the called get the training they need to lead and serve.

Finding a way to bring stewardship into your life strengthens both the Church as a whole and your personal faith.



I guess I never saw myself as a leader. I just wanted to be a part of my parish. I wanted to contribute. How quickly I found out that helping is leading and that there are dozens of ways for me to participate. I can tell you that whatever help I am to the parish, I get far more back in the form of a deeper relationship with God and a stronger connection to the faith community.