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To: All Priests, Religious, and Lay Faithful,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

RE: CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE FUNDRAISING FOR SEMINARIANS' FEES

Greetings from the Archbishop's House, Lilongwe.

I write to inform you of the change of dates for the Fundraising for Seminarians' Fees, as indicated in the Archdiocese Programme. The fundraising, which was initially scheduled for **26th September 2026**, has been shifted to **Saturday, 24th October 2026**.

As we did last year, I once again appeal to all parish priests and all priests, religious brothers and sisters and lay faithful to join hands in supporting the formation of our seminarians. We are grateful to God that vocations in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe continue to grow, and this calls for our collective effort and commitment to accompany and support our young men who are generously responding to God's call to the priesthood.

As we prepare for the fundraising day, I encourage all parishes and institutions to ensure that they fulfil their annual targets by Saturday, 24th October 2026. I wish to ask the Finance Office to individually remind all parishes and institutions of their outstanding balances. Let me also encourage individuals, families, and other well-wishers who would like to support the formation of our seminarians to make their contributions towards this important cause.

Additionally, "Adopt a Seminarian" and "pledge" cards will be made available to give an opportunity for individuals and well-wishers to commit themselves to supporting the formation of our future priests. We encourage all well-wishers to participate generously in supporting the education and formation of our future priests.

As a family in the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, we shall on the day of the fundraising, **Saturday, 24th October 2026**, begin with Holy Mass at **9:30 a.m.** at **Maula Cathedral**, followed by a luncheon.

The day will also serve as an opportunity for us to thank God for the blessings received by the Archdiocese as we approach the end of the year. During the lunch, various fundraising activities will take place, including an American auction for seats, individual pledges and donations.

Parishes and institutions will also be expected to complete their respective contributions towards the agreed annual targets. Those participating in the lunch will be requested to make a contribution towards the cost of the lunch, which will also form part of the fundraising initiative. I therefore encourage all priests, religious, seminarians, institutions, parishes, individuals and well-wishers to prepare adequately and participate generously as we come together in thanksgiving and to support the formation of our seminarians.

We look forward to your continued support, generosity, and cooperation as we come together to nurture and sustain the gift of vocations in our Archdiocese.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and commitment to the growth of the Church.

Yours in Christ,


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