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- ___________________

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Proverbs 22:6

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CLERGY & LAY FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love God, who have been called according to God’s purpose.

Romans 8:28

Our clergy and lay leaders help to strengthen the spiritual and operational fabric of our diocese. Your gifts to the Appeal ensure that they can grow spiritually and professionally and continue to develop the skills needed to lead our parishes, ministries, and diocese. By supporting the formation of seminarians, newly ordained clergy, and others, we ensure that our diocese will have effective leadership for generations to come.

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