

REACHING OUT WEDNESDAYS

Topic: Dental & Eye Care for Seminarians

Diocese of Jefferson City: Yes, we offer preventive dental and basic dental. A Vision Discount Program applies to all members enrolled in our medical plan. For further information contact us personally at followme@diojeffcity.org

Diocese of Superior: The Diocese of Superior uses the following guidelines for providing medical, dental and eye care to seminarians –

- If they are able to remain on their parents insurance this is our first option --- if their parents plan does not cover eye care and dental the diocese does offer this portion to them at our cost.
- If they are unable to remain on their parents insurance or do not have their own insurance already, then we ask that we apply for the insurance package that the seminary offers. If that plan does not offer eye care and dental, the diocese does offer this portion to them at the diocese's cost.
- If for some reason the young man has special medical needs or is unable to obtain insurance from the seminary that our Bishop has asked him to attend, then the diocese will offer him full coverage through the diocese at the diocese cost.

Archdiocese of Kansas City-Kansas: For any seminarian who is under 26 and can be covered by their parents, we have them do that. For those who cannot be covered by parents or who are foreign, the Archdiocese pays their health, dental, and vision insurance. We ask them to cover their co-pays and deductibles unless they have financial hardship, in which case we help.

Diocese of Youngstown: For our men in college and theology, we ask them, if possible, to stay on their parents health insurance until they are 26. If they are older or if they are not able to stay on their parents insurance plan, our diocese picks them up on our health insurance plan at no cost to the seminarian. Our health plan includes vision and dental insurance. The seminarian has the option of upgrading the dental plan to a premium plan if he chooses. To do so, he must pay the extra monthly expense for the premium plan. Also, if the seminarian is able to stay on his parents health insurance plan, but their plan does not have vision and/or dental, we will enroll the seminarian on whichever plan he needs. Our seminarians are responsible for paying their own co-pays and deductibles for health, vision and dental. If these expenses are excessively high, such as for surgery, chronic conditions, equipment or other major expenses, we will help the seminarian out on a case by case basis.

Diocese of Fargo: College men cover their own insurance (we help with later vocations extenuating circumstances). For Pre-Theo and Theology, we cover insurance but it does not include vision or dental. We are adding a reimbursement for check-up every year or two.