



March 9, 2026

Fellow workers in the Vineyard,

It is that time of year again to begin setting the table for what has become one of our most anticipated and fruitful annual Vocation Office events: *The Master's Cup Invitational*. Continuing to have as its goal gathering as many young men as possible around golf (9 holes), a meal (Kansas City BBQ), and a conversation inspired by the Master Himself to help foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life in our Archdiocese – the fruits of the first five years has confirmed that *The Master's Cup Invitational* continues to be God's will.

Through the generosity of people just like *YOU*, such fruit includes having attracted and inspired now more than 350 discernor-age men to begin thinking more positively and seriously about their Catholic faith and subsequent decision to follow Jesus Christ, as well as to leave them far more open to whatever vocation Jesus Christ calls them to, including a call to the priesthood. As part of the relationships established through this event, the Vocation Office continues to experience record numbers at our most important discernment events, including 91 guys at our annual *Quo Vadis Retreat* this past year! Furthermore, the net proceeds of this event have served as the primary source of revenue helping to create the *Heart-to-Heart Scholarship Fund*, which is an endowment established to assist financially, women + men in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas as they respond to God's call to pursue the priesthood or consecrated religious life. To date, the *Heart-to-Heart Scholarship Fund* has paid out almost \$80,000 worth of scholarships to a total of 15 young women + men, helping them to answer God's call to the priesthood + consecrated religious life in a timely and unburdened manner. With your help again this year, we can continue to ensure that these scholarships will continue to be available to the growing number of those God continues to call to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. The *Heart-to-Heart Scholarship Fund* currently sits at \$228,000. Our goal is to gross more than \$50,000: \$22,500 to cover the total cost of the event (*making this experience FREE for more than 100 discernor-age men*), with the remaining net proceeds continuing to grow the scholarship endowment fund.

This year, *The Master's Cup Invitational* will be held on **Monday, August 3** at Leawood's *Ironhorse Golf Club*. With former Kansas State football coach **Chris Klieman** as our guest speaker, we are expecting this to be our best event yet. Please consider becoming a sponsor and helping to make this year's Master's Cup a success. With several sponsorship levels to choose from, all the details can be found on our website: archkck.org/vocations-the-masters-cup, or by scanning the QR code.

May God bless you for your generosity. We are grateful.

In Christ,

Fr. Dan Morris
Vocation Director
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



YOU ARE INVITED TO



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YOU HAVE BUT ONE MASTER,
THE CHRIST.

[MATTHEW 23:10]



***All in attendance receive an Official 2026 Master's Cup t-shirt!**



Fr. Mitchel Zimmerman playing golf alongside discerner



Archbishop Joseph Naumann enjoying the 2024 Master's Cup



2023 Master's Cup Speaker, Jim Wahlberg



Young discerners preparing to golf with priests and seminarians



2024 Master's Cup Speaker, Fr. Burke Masters



Young men filling their plates with some Kansas City BBQ



2025 Master's Cup Speaker, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck