



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL SEMINARY

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### **“SEEDLINGS FOR ST. VINCENT” PROMOTES VOCATIONS, CONSERVATION AND SEMINARY SUPPORT**

BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA –St Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary has announced a special event December 16 entitled, “Seedlings for St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary,” promoting vocations to the priesthood, conservation and support for the seminary.

The event will take place at the seminary Sunday, December 16, 2007 and will involve the Serra Club of South Palm Beach, other Serrans and area parish youth groups in the planting of 1,000 Florida native Slash Pine tree seedlings on the campus here. A \$25 donation to the seminary will result in the planting of a pine seedling at the event.

“As we beautify our campus and return vegetation to the seminary’s environment we will reflect and be reminded that vocations, like seedlings, need to be cultivated and nourished in the vineyard of the Lord,” said Fr. Louis Guerin, event chair and member of the resident faculty at the seminary.

The event will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. celebrated by Fr. Guerin followed by a continental breakfast and then the planting of the seedlings.

Those who wish to support this event are encouraged to access [www.svdp.edu](http://www.svdp.edu) and click on “Donate Now” or they may send a check to “Seedlings for St. Vincent,” St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, 10701 South Military Trail, Boynton Beach, Florida 33436. For additional information, please call 561-732-4424.

The Slash Pine tree is a native to Florida and normally grows on sandy, poorly drained flatwoods soils. A wide variety of wildlife benefit from the Slash Pine. Eagles nest in its crown, and the Red Cockaded Woodpecker excavates nests in older trees afflicted with red heart fungus. These trees generally grow straight and tall with a strong central leader.

Owned by the seven Catholic dioceses of the Province of Florida, the seminary has educated nearly 500 priests since its founding.