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Mission Statement

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a community of faith, formation, and learning, located in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the praise of God the Father, we cultivate the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral gifts of candidates for the diocesan ministry.

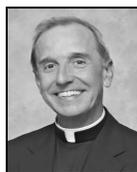
To this end, we commit ourselves to a responsible and effective stewardship of resources, carrying on our recognized tradition of service to the Church.

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‘Tis the Season



BY MSGR. TED WOJCICKI
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Christmas “tis the season” to be jolly to be with family ... to be grateful for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is also the season to be giving to be generous.

God the Father gave his only Son as a gift of salvation for the world. **The Three Kings gave precious gifts** to honor the baby Jesus, the King of the universe. **Jesus gave his very life** to redeem us all from sin. In turn **the faithful give gifts at Christmas** to one another, to the needy, and to the church as expressions of their love of God.

I am so grateful to the priests and faithful of this archdiocese that “tis the season” to be supportive of the mission of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Tens of thousands of the good people of God were generous to the Faith for the Future capital campaign throughout this past Fall. Such generosity will enable the seminary to be able improve its facilities in the coming years and provide a stronger program of priestly formation. Also, at this time I should express a word of gratitude to all those who, in addition, have supported our Annual Christmas Appeal for the seminary. The seminary has benefited from this annual Christmas collection for many years and has come to rely on it to meet its annual operating expenses.

I offer a special word of thanks to all who support this collection in these challenging economic times.

The relationship between the priests of this archdiocese and the faithful of this archdiocese is incredibly strong. Our dedicated priests serve as

spiritual fathers to the good people of God. At the same time they are brothers of Jesus Christ and accompany the faithful, who are sisters and brothers to the priests, on the journey to heavenly salvation. The priests love their people in the name of God and in turn the faithful are grateful. Our priests are with their people “from womb to tomb”, in moments of joy and in moments of sorrow.

Every priest learns how to be a minister of God’s love and mercy in a seminary. Most priests who serve in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and in many of the dioceses of the Midwest received their formation to be priests with the loving heart of Jesus Christ at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

May God bless the good people of God a hundredfold for their extraordinary generosity. I was confident that the faithful would support Faith for the Future in gratitude for the service they received from priests in previous and present generations. They have done so.

Thanks again to all the bishops, pastors, parish leaders, and other diocesan leaders who provided direction for these efforts. In advance, may I thank all who will be fulfilling their pledge payments to the campaign in coming months. **“Tis the season” now for me to be grateful** to so many whose support makes it possible for the seminary to fulfill its mission of forming priests of Jesus Christ.

(Note: For any who have not yet had an opportunity to support Faith for the Future or the Christmas Collection, please contact the Director of Development, Seth Jansen, 314-792-6113, Jansen@kenrick.edu.)

Youthful Generosity Continues to Inspire

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is grateful for the generosity of all the faithful, who like Joseph G'Sell, are investing sacrificially in the faith of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and throughout the Midwest through their *Faith for the Future* pledges. *The Herald* recently spoke with Joseph G'Sell, who hand delivered to the Seminary his personal donation of \$75.00, half of the money he earned doing household chores since last spring. The seminary campaign brings much needed repairs and upgrades to the seminary building and builds an endowment for future needs and ongoing expenses.

Joseph, with what special talents has God blessed you? I get good grades in math, science, religion, computers, reading and English. I am good at sports. I think about God a lot.



Joseph stands with Msgr. Ted Wojcicki (President-Rector, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary) in the courtyard of the Seminary. Msgr. Wojcicki, who accepted Joseph's donation, stated, "How wonderful — and how humbling — to accept such a donation to the seminary from Joseph."

There are so many good causes out there. Why did you choose to give to the seminary? I saw the video and wanted to help the priests. I thought, "I want to be a priest too."

What would you say to other boys your age to help them to consider a vocation to the priesthood? I would tell them to do good deeds and pray and go to Mass and receive Communion.

Many kids think nothing of spending \$20-\$40 on a new video game. What guided you to give this money away rather than spending it on yourself? I was thinking about the church, and Mr. Clayton (Barry Clayton, Archdiocese of Kansas City), who goes to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. I also thought about Mother Teresa and what a great saint she is. (Barry serves at St. Joseph Church this year.)

How does it feel inside to help others like this and to put off your own wants in favor of someone else? It feels good!

How do you think the world would be different if more people like yourself gave their time and money to the Seminary? There would be more priests to feed the poor and give the sacraments and help people.

What concerns you most about the world? How is the Seminary trying to fix the problems you're concerned about?

I worry about people dying, and if they will go to heaven or hell. Priests can help people go to confession before they die, so they can go to heaven

Do you have any words to encourage other kids to give money to charity? I would say that some needy people could be your cousins or family members that are poor.



Joseph G'Sell poses with his family (of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Josephville), after his First Communion on May 2, 2009. Back row left to right are John Paul, Christopher, Laura, Rachel, and Genevieve. Front row left to right are Mary, Robert (Joseph's father), Joseph, and Diane (Joseph's mother).

Mr. and Mrs. G'Sell, it seems like Joseph understands very well just how much need there is in the world for good priests. How did you plant these seeds of awareness and generosity in his heart at such a young age? We really can't take the credit for Joseph's interior spirituality. From an early age, Joseph has been in-tune with God. Joseph nearly died at birth and we owe his survival to Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession. Throughout his life, she has been watching over him. I think she has very special plans for Joseph. Please pray for him, as we will for our priests and seminarians.

Free Money



BY BRIAN NIEBRUGGE
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OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

"We have some free money for you. Just fill out this form, and we can send it to your favorite charity." Sound too good to be true?

But, in reality, many companies offer this very benefit to their employees through their company **Matching Gift Program**. These programs allow employees (and sometimes even retirees) to double the impact of their giving to some of their favorite charities.

What is a Matching Gift?

Matching gifts are a benefit many companies offer their employees and sometimes retirees. When employees of these companies makes a gift to a qualifying charity, their employees will often match that gift, dollar for dollar, with a gift to the same organization. All employees need to do is simply complete the forms provided by the company or visit their company website if the application process is online.

The best news is that **Kenrick-Glennon Seminary** qualifies for many company programs. This includes donations by way of the Kenrick-Glennon Society, the Christmas Appeal, and any general donation. Companies will often even match your gift designated to the Seminary through the **Annual Catholic Appeal** or the **Faith for the Future Campaign**.

Impact of Matching Gifts

The impact of matching gifts on the Seminary and Archdiocesan High Schools is amazing. The **2009 Annual Catholic Appeal** generated almost **\$700,000** in matching gift pledges. Over **\$500,000** of these funds were expected to support the education of seminarians. These corporate gifts to support the education of our seminarians make more financial resources available for our pastoral, social service, and other educational endeavors of our society. Those dollars are on top of the more than \$1,000,000 pledged directly from the Annual Catholic Appeal to educate seminarians. The **Faith for the Future** campaign has generated over **\$2,000,000** in pledged matching gifts over the coming five years. Other donations to the seminary have brought in an additional \$650,000 in matching gifts to help provide formation to seminarians.

Good Stewardship

Utilizing your company's matching gift program is practicing good Christian Stewardship. By taking the extra time to seek these funds, you make the biggest impact with the funds you have to donate. In the end, the Seminary, the Priesthood, and the Church are all stronger.

Steps to Take

Seeking a matching gift from your company is simple. Just take the following steps.

Check with your company to see if they have a matching gift program. Often, the best place to check is with your Human Resources department.

Send in your gift. When giving to the Seminary through the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, it is important that the check be made payable to **Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**. Just note "For the Annual Catholic Appeal" on the memo line of the check.

Complete your company's matching gift form. This form may be online or it may be paper. If you are paying a pledge over a period of time, please sign but do not date the form.

Send in the completed form. If you are making your gift through the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, mail the form to:

Annual Catholic Appeal
Attn: Matching Gift Program
20 Archbishop May Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Note: If the form is an online form, email a copy of the confirmation you receive to Matching_Gifts@archstl.org.

If you are making your gift directly to **Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**, mail the form to:

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Attn: Matching Gift Program
5200 Glennon Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Note: If the form is online, email a copy of the confirmation to shipp@kenrick.edu.

That's all there is to it. The Seminary and the Annual Catholic Appeal will work together to complete the process and seek the funds. If you are making regular pledge payments to the Annual Catholic Appeal and want to explore ways that may simplify applying for the funds, please contact the Matching Gift Coordinator for the Appeal at 314-792-7685.

Homily Recalls Years of Priestly Service

It was a great blessing to welcome the priests who attended the Alumni Reunion of October 28. We hope you will enjoy an excerpt from the **homily given by Fr. Paul Rothschild** as well as **Fr. Edmond Fitzgibbon's dinner toast, found on the following page** (both were edited for space). Kenrick-Glennon Seminary wishes to thank in a special way Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, who celebrated Mass and attended the dinner. Congratulations to our Golden and Silver Jubilarians!



EXCERPT FROM HOMILY OF FR. PAUL ROTHSCHILD
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS, KENRICK SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS, ORDINATION CLASS OF 1984

Someone once said, "Pleasure is the flower that passes; memory, though, is a lasting perfume." Alumni Day is a day for memories, a time to enjoy again the "lasting perfume" and to savor the manifold experiences of God's goodness poured into our lives through the priestly ministry.

In thinking back to the beginnings of our vocations, I wonder if the Latin philosopher, Seneca, was referring to our days in the seminary when he said, "Things that were hard to bear are sweet to remember."

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Faithful to our past, we stepped into the culture of our day to minister and to continue the work begun by the likes of Sts. Simon and Jude. Shortly after ordination, priests now celebrating their fiftieth anniversaries were handed the responsibility of implementing the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. Sr. Zoe Glenski reminded us again and again that we would not fully comprehend the significance of the council for years to come.

As time endured, we served during periods of great social upheaval and unrest, and during times of war. You were manning your post when *Humanae Vitae* was promulgated by Paul VI, and when the disastrous Supreme Court case, *Roe vs. Wade*, began its assault on the sanctity of human life. But through it all, we have been supported by the wisdom, the love, and the guidance of our chief shepherds: John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI.

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Now, as fulfilling as our priestly lives have been, we must admit our many imperfections. We have not been the kind of servant Jesus was and calls us to be. This is best illustrated by the tile workers who were brought from Europe by Cardinal Glennon to put the finishing touches on this beautiful chapel. They meticulously cut and placed tile after tile, adding to the splendor of this holy place. But the tile artisans decided that they *could not* or *would not* attempt to imitate the perfection and beauty that is God's alone. So, they purposely introduced a "mistake" into their work. A tile was installed out of place and upside down, an imperfection signifying that that only God is perfect and true.

Any good fruit that results from our ministry is only the fruit of God's grace in our lives and our fidelity to prayer and the faithful celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the supreme sacrament of Love, the Holy Eucharist.

We give thanks for the call we have received to service in the Church as priests and for the people whom God has allowed us to serve. In looking back, our eyes are refreshed and our hearts are nourished, so that we might move forward in Hope, still proclaiming the Good News of salvation and that Jesus is Lord.

Silver Jubilarians

(ORDINATION CLASS OF 1984)

- Peter Michael Blake — St. Louis
Kevin Gerard Callahan — St. Louis
Lawrence Peter Christensen, C.M.
Joseph Nguyen Viet Hoi
Jefferson City
Robert Joseph Jallas — Springfield
William Gerard Kempf — St. Louis
Michael John Lydon — St. Louis
Stephen Joseph Pohlman
Springfield
Steven Patrick Robeson — St. Louis
Paul Joseph Rothschild — St. Louis
Kenneth Charles Steffen — Springfield
Alberto Torres Trevino, M.S.F.

Golden Jubilarians

(ORDINATION CLASS OF 1959)

- John Frederick Blomberg — St. Louis
William Meyers Carr — Wichita
Edward Charles Eichor — St. Louis
Edmond Joseph Fitzgibbon — St. Louis
Ambrose Gregory Karels
Kansas City-St. Joseph
Robert Anthony Landewe
Springfield-Cape Girardeau
James Charles Marshall — St. Louis
Bishop Osmond Peter Martin
Belize City-Belmopan
Roger Kenneth Meitl — Salina
Joseph Somos — St. Louis
Eugene Edward Utrup — St. Louis

Fr. Fitzgibbon Raises a Glass to Priesthood

Representing the ordination class of 1959 I would like to acknowledge in gratitude Archbishop Robert J. Carson, and thank you for all you have done for the Archdiocese and for priests in particular, in your short time here. Thank you. Also I acknowledge Bishop Robert Herman, and I am sorry my grade school soccer playing star, Bishop Joseph Naumann is not here...well maybe not a star but one who played hard. I also would like to congratulate the class of 1984, those celebrating their silver jubilees. To all the alumni and future priests, our seminarians, we honor you as well.

We finally honor the priests of the class of 1959, our 50 year ordination class, including those who have died, those who are not able to be with us, and all those who spent numerous years in the ministry and have subsequently been called by God to other vocations and ministries.

The class of '59 began in 1947 with 150 high school freshman in this building. Others were to join us from different high schools, and colleges, some as far away as Belize, Central America. Of the nearly two hundred men who were members of our class most went on to represent the church in various other vocations. In all, the 1959 ordination class of Kenrick Seminary consisted of 19 priests, including eight for St Louis, ten from six other American dioceses and Bishop Osmond P. Martin from Belize. Eight priests not ordained from Kenrick were ordained from other seminaries for other dioceses and Religious Communities.

I would like to offer my words on behalf of our class and ask you to relive your own journey in this great calling that God has given to us all. I see our vocations in light of the Luminous mysteries of the Rosary. As you all know the Luminous Mysteries are The Baptism of our Lord, The Wedding Feast of Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

I saw the first mystery, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River as the day of Ordination. Jesus Christ had gone through 30 years of seminary training. For some of us who began as fourteen year olds, we might feel or have felt that was how long we were in school. Even though we did not have Mary and Joseph as our teachers, we were blessed by having as our teachers the Vincentian Fathers. The rich tradition of this community of men shaped us and formed us and we can only thank them. We owe them our praise and gratitude. As was the case of Jesus Christ at His Baptism so we too had the Holy Spirit descend upon us at our ordination and we too heard the voice of God say, "You are my beloved Son, On you my favor rests." (Lk 3: 22)

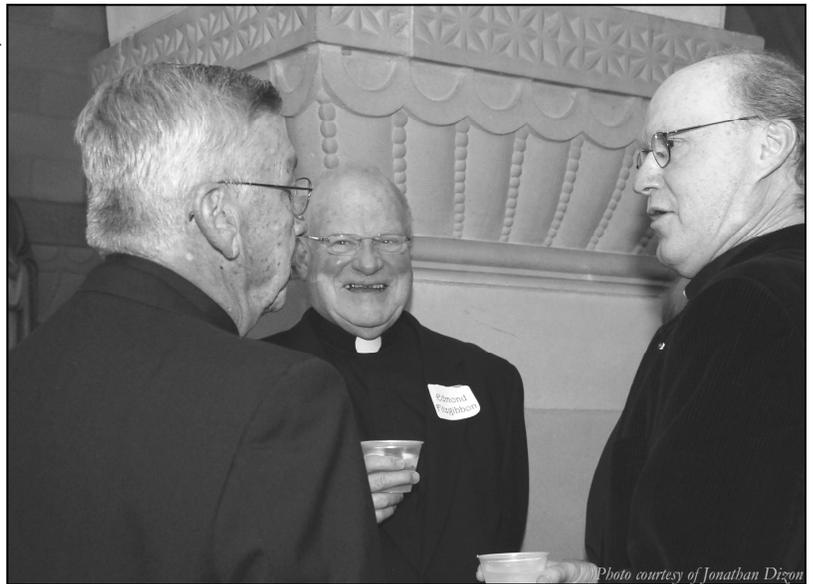
At the Wedding Feast of Cana, Christ was publicly ministering. He gathered his Apostles and he thought he was doing all he needed to do to begin his work. But we all know that surprises come to us and we have to adjust our ministry...Some of us went back to school to become teachers and principals, some seminary professors, others went on to hospital work, some were called into military service, to the war in Viet Nam and some of us to the missions of Central America, all of us hearing Mary's words, "Do what he tells you."

The Proclamation of the Kingdom was done in many different forms by Jesus. Some of it had to do with preaching the word of God, some with challenging the Apostles and the people to a holy life, some of it was forgiving sins, bringing people back to life, performing miracles wherever he went, all of it declaring God's love of His people. Our miracles though not as spectacular were performed in hospitals, inner city work, rural areas, suburbia, in seminaries and in different countries...Each action, each word, each encounter with another became the voice of God proclaiming his kingdom.

The Transfiguration of Christ was that moment when the past was seen in the persons of Moses and Elijah and the future was revealed by the vision of the divine, of Jesus as God. Jesus was the connection with the past and the future. Our ministry too stood in the past in a time before the Second Vatican Council, before Viet Nam, before the sexual revolution of the 60's...

From that very moment, when we at our ordination Mass first proclaimed the words of institution, the Holy Eucharist has been central to all of our lives. Offering Mass in a variety of places, from great Cathedrals to battle fields, we miraculously spoke the words of Jesus and performed the miracle of changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Nothing that we have ever done or will ever do will ever match it.

Thank you for honoring us and remember, when you honor us, you honor every priest who was ever ordained, dating back to the Apostles and including every seminarian who will ever be ordained. Thank you.



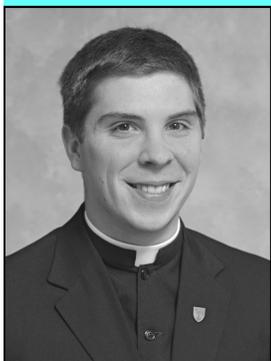
Golden Jubilarians from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Fr. John Blomberg (left) and Fr. Edmond Fitzgibbon (center), chat with Msgr. Norbert Ernst (Kenrick '72) before sitting down for dinner at the Alumni Reunion.



Seminarian Spotlight



A priest labors each and every day to make real contributions in the lives of individuals and families and advance God's Kingdom. **Tell us about a priest you know personally who has powerfully impacted the lives of other people.**

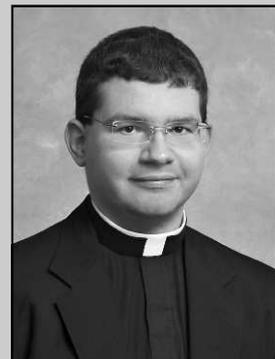


MICHAEL GROSCH, ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS, THEOLOGY III

One of the priests who has influenced me and many other people greatly is Msgr. Michael Butler. Msgr. Butler served faithfully for many years as the Vocations Director, and through his work on Kenrick-Glennon Days and Christpower, led a lot of men and women to consider how God might be calling them in their lives. I remember when I first called the Vocations Office to get some information, Msgr. Butler gave some time to talking sincerely to me about my vocation, and gave me some ways I could pursue this. I am sure that as an Air Force Chaplain, Msgr. Butler continues to impact many people's lives, drawing them ever closer to the Heart of Jesus.

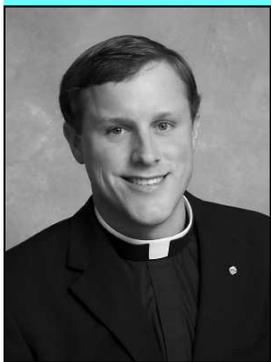
JOSEPH JASKIERNY, DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD, THEOLOGY III

When I read this question, the priest that instantly came to my mind is Fr. John Coughlin, OFM, a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame. Father Coughlin is not only a very devoted professor, but a very devoted priest as well. His influence in the lives of the students at Notre Dame, and in a most particular way the lives of my friends and myself, is profound, not least because it was Father Coughlin who was instrumental in my decision to apply to seminary. He truly is a witness of what it means for a priest to be an *alter Christus*.

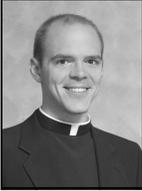


JOHN FOGLIASSO, DIOCESE OF WICHITA, THEOLOGY III

Every priest incorporates his unique personality, interests and gifts into his ministry. For example, a priest from my home diocese, Fr. Robert McElwee, used his fascination with motorcycles as a means of connecting with members of his congregation (and many individuals who don't regularly attend church, as well) by hosting a "Bike Blessing" which attracted thousands of attendees. Another priest, Fr. Brian Nelson, used his interest in electronic gaming/social networking (i.e., Facebook) to reach young people, by using a venue of particular interest and relevance to them. Still another, Fr. John Hay, used his unique gift of teaching to inspire RCIA classes and to set on fire souls searching for answers and meaning to life. The common thread throughout these examples is that the priest tries to integrate his spirituality and relationship with Christ into each and ever facet of his life, and to minister continually and always to the people of God--by thought, word and deed. As St. Francis said: "Preach always....and if necessary, use words."



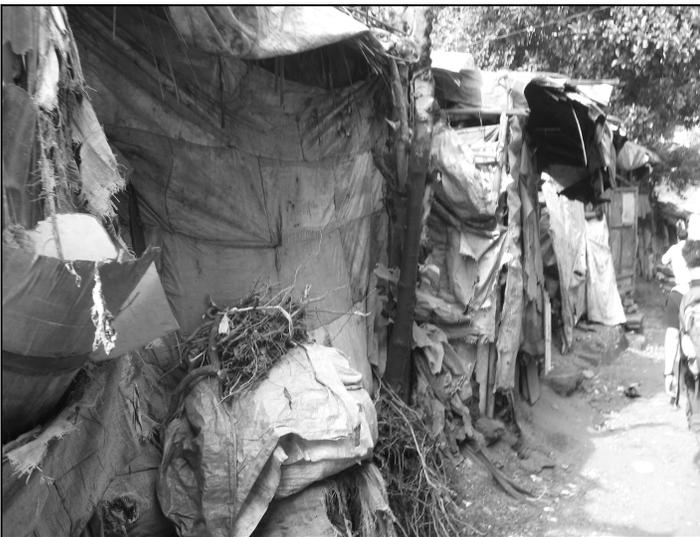
Contemplating the Face of Christ in the Poorest of the Poor



BY RAYMOND BUEHLER
THEOLOGY I
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Earlier in the year, brother seminarian, Nick Pinkston (KC-St. Joseph), invited me to join him on a seven-week trip to Kolkata (Calcutta), India, to serve the poor while working and praying with the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order. Though I was initially hesitant, many doors were opened (getting the green light from the formation staff, receiving financial support from the Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Council and the Serra Clubs of both St. Louis and St. Charles), and it seemed to be within our Lord's providence that I join him.

When I arrived in Calcutta, I found myself in awe of what I encountered. What I read and saw in pictures of the poverty of Calcutta before my trip did not prepare me for experiences like walking past burning piles of garbage or encountering a half-clothed baby in the arms of a begging woman, who very well may have been employed by the mafia and renting the child she carries from a family in the suburbs, to enhance her begging appeal with tourists.



Slums Ray encountered on his walk to Prem Dan, where he worked alongside Blessed Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity to help the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, India.

Daily, I found myself having deep philosophical and theological discussions with other volunteers on topics ranging from proof for the existence of God to the necessity for chastity in all vocations. The most frequent topic of conversation, however, was why the sisters do what they do. All volunteers showed up expecting to serve the poor. What they did not expect was the decidedly Christ-centered approach the sisters took, particularly in their gift of dignity to

those who have none, and an embrace of our Lord's providence in redemptive suffering, with their focus so clearly on heaven, for themselves and those they served.

By the end of the trip, it was clear that the true purpose was to grow in intimate relationship with Christ... to serve Him and contemplate His face in the poor. I spent nearly all my time volunteering at a home named 'Prem Dan,' a long-term care facility to the sick and handicapped.

The first resident I served was a man who was emaciated to the point of being merely skin and bones. I had seen pictures of men like this prior to the trip, and feared that I might recoil or gasp when I first encountered someone who suffered in this way, yet when I first met him, there was zero fear or disgust. Instead, our Lord gave me the grace to simply love... to give myself entirely to him, he who had absolutely nothing. I offered the bed-ridden man a massage, flexing and stretching his joints and muscles. While doing so, it was profoundly apparent to me that it was Christ whom I was treating, whom I was delicately massaging. This gift of 'eyes of faith' was present and cultivated throughout the whole trip, and my primary thought when presented with any new obstacle or task became to see the face of Jesus in them, and to show them Jesus in my words and actions.

Returning to the States had its share of struggles and difficulties in dealing with culture shock, but this trip in so many ways has strengthened my faith and my vocation. I am deeply grateful to the Lord for inviting me to partake of the opportunity to get to know Him more intimately in the poorest of the poor.



Ray Buehler with one of the residents he befriended during his time at Prem Dan. For more stories and pictures, check out Ray's blog of the trip at: <http://rayinindia.blogspot.com>

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Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture: On Thursday March 18, you are invited to join the seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon for a 7:30 P.M. lecture on the topic, “Pope Benedict XVI: Theologian of the Bible,” presented by Rev. Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J.

Please call 314-792-6100 for reservations.

Seminarians Participate in Collection for Vic- tims of Earthquake in Haiti

In the aftermath of the recent earthquake in Haiti, the members of the Seminary community remain in prayerful solidarity with those who have been affected by this tragedy. Our seminarians took a collection here at Mass the Sunday after the devastating earthquake, as did many parishes. The seminarians' donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to assist with the relief effort in Haiti.

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