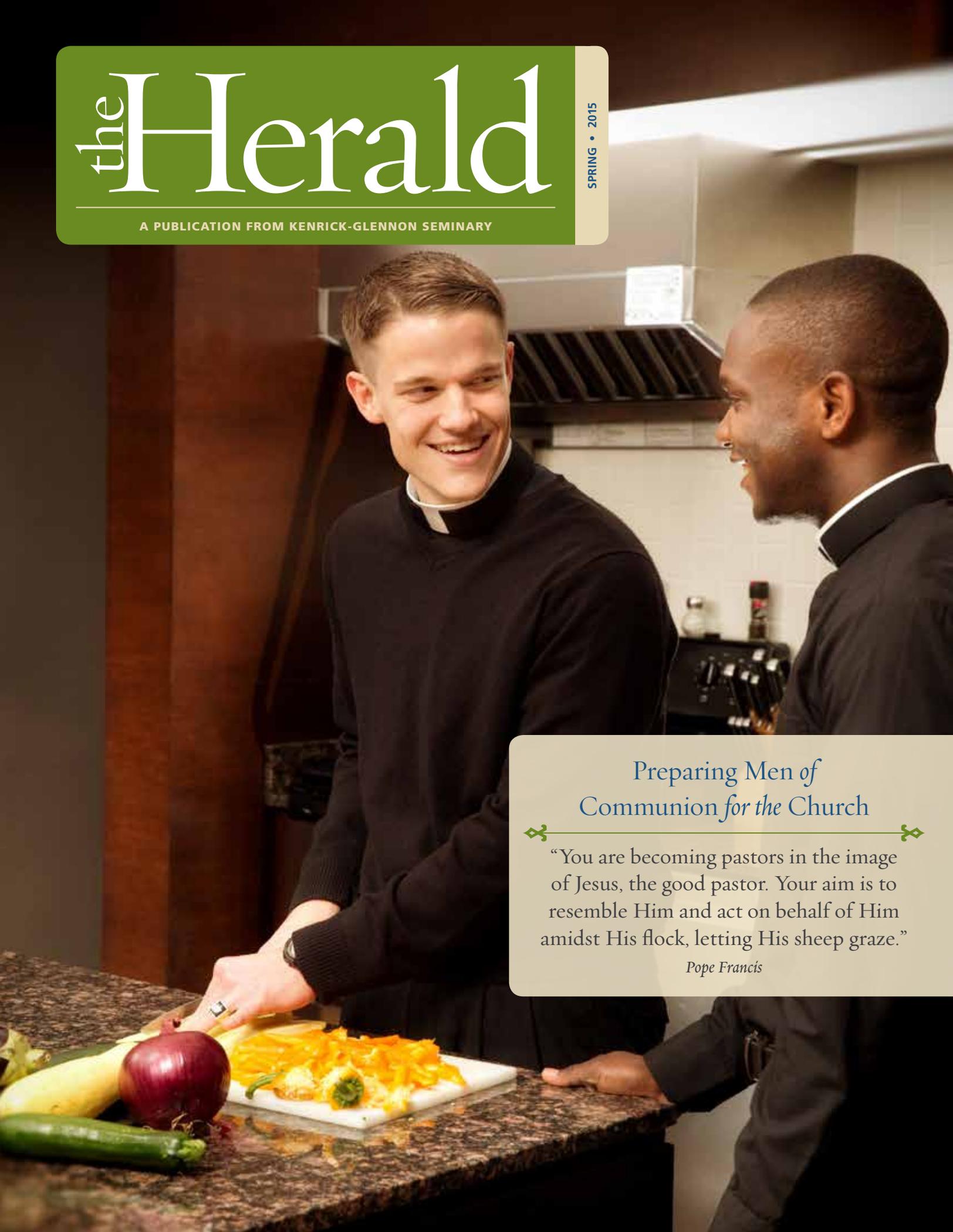


# the Herald

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## Preparing Men of Communion *for the Church*

“You are becoming pastors in the image of Jesus, the good pastor. Your aim is to resemble Him and act on behalf of Him amidst His flock, letting His sheep graze.”

*Pope Francis*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

*Dear Friends,*

Christ's Peace! As the President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, I have had the privilege of attending the ordinations of many new priests. During the Rite of Ordination, the ordaining bishops ask me this important question, "*Do you know them to be worthy?*"

It is the mission of the seminary to educate and form men who are worthy candidates for the priesthood. While no man is completely worthy of God's call, the seminary is responsible for determining each future priest's readiness, ability, and willingness to be united with Christ in the ministerial priesthood (*Program for Priestly Formation 273*).

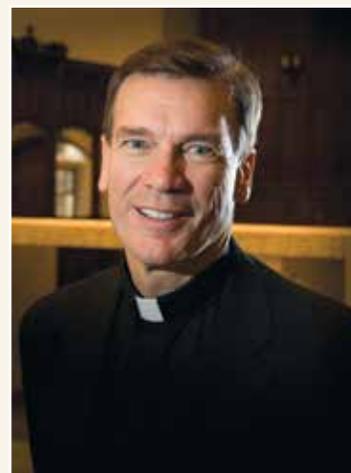
The seminary's integrated program of Human, Spiritual, Intellectual, and Pastoral Formation prepares each man for the priesthood. Ongoing evaluation of the seminarian's growth in these four dimensions of formation is an essential aspect of the seminary process. Individual meetings with each seminarian, consultation with faculty members, seminarian self-evaluations, and evaluations from peers and formators assist in this process of evaluation. Each seminarian's suitability must be determined in order for him to advance through each year at the seminary and, ultimately, to be ordained to the priesthood.

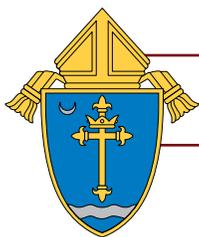
This is my final "Letter from the Rector." As you will read in Archbishop Carlson's letter, my good friend and brother priest Fr. James Mason has been appointed the next President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. I have been working closely with Fr. Mason with a lot of enjoyment and will continue to do so during this transitional semester. I am confident of Fr. Mason's desires and abilities to implement the mission and vision of the seminary with inspiring zeal.

It has been an honor serving this seminary for four years. I thank Archbishop Carlson, the seminarians, the faculty, the staff, and the friends of the seminary for their support and prayers. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you.

In the Sacred Heart,

Father John Horn, S.J.  
President-Rector





## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

### *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

During his formation, a seminarian must open his heart to God's call. As the "heart of a disciple," the heart of a future priest must be prepared to share the joy of Jesus Christ. It is the heart of the man who is generous, who walks with his people as they are born and as they die, who is with them in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in sickness and suffering, in health and happiness.

One needs a brave heart to be a priest. We can never forget that the priest or seminarian, like every other Christian, is a person on a spiritual journey of daily repentance and conversion. It takes courage to confront their own sins, to console people in the depths of sorrow and pain, to deal with a culture when it needs conversion, and to be willing to suffer with Jesus to win people to the Truth. At the seminary, men are entering deeper and deeper into their formation and embracing their training with courageous hearts.

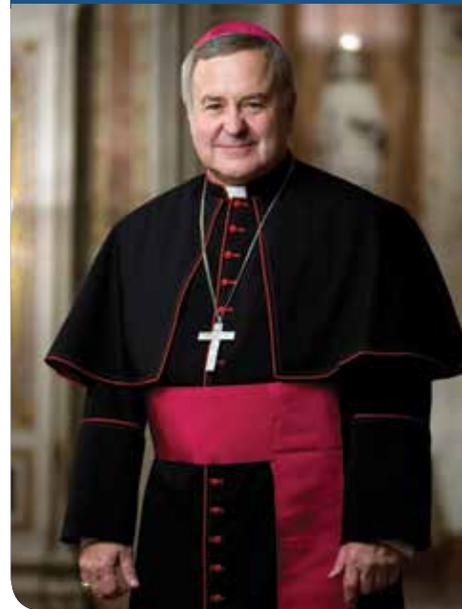
Throughout its rich history, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has been blessed by the leadership of brave and faithful priests. It is in this tradition that, on January 20th, I announced Fr. James Mason, JD as the next President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary effective July 1, 2015. Fr. Mason, a priest of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, has been the seminary's Dean of Students and Director of Human and Spiritual Formation since August 2014. Further information about Fr. Mason's appointment is available on the seminary website ([kenrick.edu](http://kenrick.edu)).

I am grateful to Fr. John Horn, S.J. for his outstanding work as President-Rector. During his tenure, the seminary has experienced 11% growth in its enrollment, continued the tradition of outstanding academic faculty, built strong ties with key collaborators, such as the Institute of Priestly Formation and the Gregorian University in Rome, and will complete its multi-million dollar renovation with the blessing of a restored chapel this spring. It is a blessing that Fr. Horn and Fr. Mason have been able to work together this semester to guarantee continuity in the formation of our seminarians.

Please keep our seminarians, faculty, and staff in your prayers – as we promise to pray for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis



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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

# Human Formation: Preparing Men of Communion for the Church

By Scott Scheiderer, Theology III - St. Louis

In his *Letter to the Philippians*, St. Paul puts forward a very noble task for the Church of Philippi: “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phil 4:8, RSV). St. Paul, seeming to know the gravity of his exhortation, encourages the community of believers to follow the manner of life that he has exhibited. “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you” (Phil 4:9). St. Paul never asks of his beloved in Christ to do that which he himself does not first exemplify.

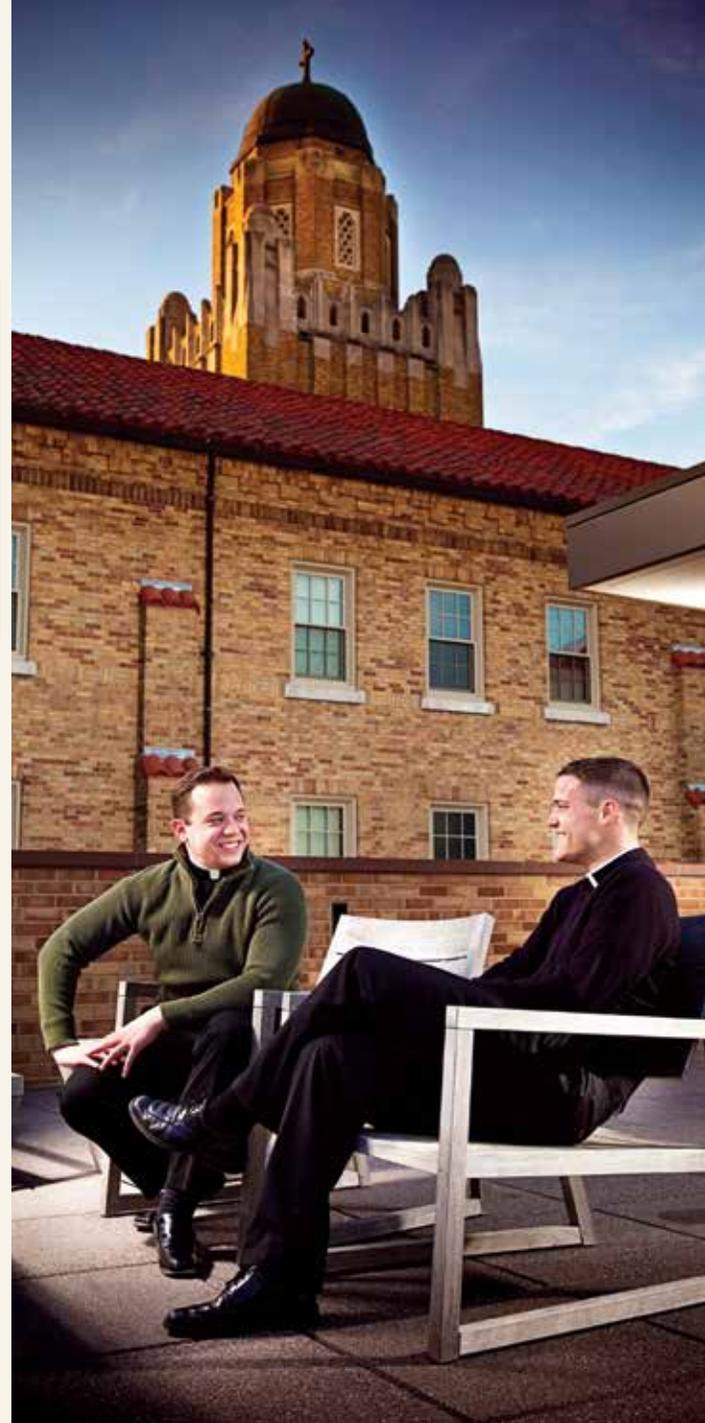
It is these verses of Scripture that St. John Paul II highlights in his Apostolic Exhortation *On the Formation of Priests* as a potential model for human formation in the seminary. A candidate to the priesthood, he writes, “should mold his personality in such a way that it becomes a bridge and not an obstacle for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ the Redeemer of humanity” (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*, § 43). This requires the candidate not only to have a strong conformity of life to Christ but to have a deep knowledge of self and others. “The priest should know the depths of the human heart, to perceive difficulties and problems, to make meeting and

dialogue easy, to create trust and cooperation, to express serene and objective judgments” (*PDV*, § 43). Without suitable formation in this dimension, the seminarian lacks the necessary foundation on which the other dimensions (spiritual, intellectual, pastoral) build. Human formation, therefore, is outlined as the “basis of all priestly formation” (*PDV* § 43).

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At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, human formation is an ongoing element that manifests itself in a multitude of ways. One important aspect of this formation is the development of a deeper knowledge of self. The seminarian, through the formal evaluation process, is able to start recognizing his own strengths and weaknesses and how to manage them in an effective manner so that his gifts and talents are augmented and his limitations are appropriately

challenged. He has the opportunity to set personal goals for himself at the beginning of each academic year and to evaluate himself on the achievement of those goals at year’s end. Some of the various goals outlined for students include: maintaining good physical and mental health; improving one’s self-knowledge, self-discipline, and self-mastery; or simply living a balanced lifestyle. Thus, a student may set the goal of allotting a specific time each week for recreation in order to promote a greater balance of work and leisure.



Development of the seminarian’s capacity to relate to others is also of great importance. St. John Paul II indicates that the seminarian should be a “man of communion,” one who is “affable, hospitable, sincere in his words and heart, prudent and discreet, generous and ready to serve, capable of opening himself to clear and brotherly relationships and of encouraging the same in others, and quick to understand, forgive, and console” (PDV § 43). At the seminary, this aspect of human formation is promoted in numerous ways. Seminarians have the opportunity to be real “men of communion” through team sports, workshops, family-style dinners, fraternal groups, community events, growth counseling, and much more.

In configuring his heart to Jesus Christ, High Priest and Shepherd, it is essential for the seminarian, above all, to strive for a life lived in imitation of the True Shepherd. He must encounter Christ with his whole heart, mind, and soul. When this love overflows in his heart, he will be able to be that “bridge for others” and spur the faithful on to a life lived honorably.



Top Left: David Halfmann, College I – St. Louis, Deacon Cesar Anicama, Theology IV – Jefferson City, and Scott Schilmoeller, Theology II – Omaha, volunteer during the annual Open House.

Above: Joseph Miloscia, Theology II – St. Louis, and Jacob Carlin, Theology II – Wichita, enjoy the outdoor space on the rooftop terrace.

Left: Jacob Brock, College III – St. Louis, Andrew Auer, College IV – St. Louis, and Anthony Ritter, College IV – St. Louis, relax outdoors.

# Training Servant Leaders

By Garrett Burns, Theology I - Wichita

Self-knowledge. Self-possession. Self-gift. This progression is a foundational goal for all of us in priestly formation. We hope to grow in awareness and possession of ourselves in order to one day give our entire beings in service of the Church as priests of Jesus Christ. Each year an intensive formational workshop provides an opportunity to strive for this end in a unique way. Dean of Students Fr. James Mason notes, “workshops are used to supplement what might be lacking in the theological training. They are a wonderful opportunity to compliment your intellectual formation.”

This year’s workshops took place during three consecutive days in January and covered a variety of topics to assist the process of integrating academic study with pastoral and personal growth. In “Evangelization through Beauty,” the deacons in Theology IV were blessed with training centered on incorporating art and beauty into parish life. The deacons studied Gregorian chants, classical sculptures, poetry, and took a field trip to the St. Louis Art Museum. Seminarians in Theology III participated in a Dale Carnegie workshop titled “Skills for Success,” geared towards improving practical and problem-solving skills. They covered such topics as name recollection, using communication skills for a greater impact, and responding to pressure situations.

Theology I & II men attended a program entitled “Self-Leadership” directed by the Catholic Leadership Institute. These presentations were designed to help form us into effective and confident leaders. Many seminarians are inexperienced in leadership roles, but the call to priesthood is inherently united with a call to be a shepherd of souls. These days of concentrated training in leadership proved to be a formative treasure. The conferences described different leadership styles, detailed how to properly cooperate with each type of person, and analyzed the ways that instinct, values, and persona combine to make a leader.

“Each day of the workshop brought something new,” said Andy Bergkamp, Theology II – Wichita. “In addition to becoming more aware of how I naturally interact with others as a leader, I learned practical ways to collaborate successfully with diverse personalities in my ministry.”

This increase in both self-awareness and understanding of leadership gave us a newfound vision for growing into effective, joyful, and loving pastors. Overall, these workshops were one step toward achieving our ultimate mission: to give ourselves as servant leaders working for the salvation of souls.



Dr. Lawrence Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology & Philosophy, guided the deacons through the St. Louis Art Museum during part of the “Evangelization through Beauty” workshop.



At the “Self-Leadership” workshop, seminarians in Theology I & II discussed a variety of leadership techniques to help them in their future parish ministry.

# Building a Foundation for Happy, Healthy, *and* Holy Priests

By Deacon Charles Durban, Human Formation Consultant

**F**r. David Skillman, Vice-Rector for Cardinal Glennon College, uses the analogy of a house to illustrate the interrelationship of the four dimensions of seminary formation: spiritual, human, intellectual, and pastoral. Seminarians learn that the foundation of the house is akin to human formation. For all of us, everything builds on what traits and gifts are given to us at birth (genetics, unique abilities and gifts of the Holy Spirit, environment, etc.) and on everything we learn growing up via our parents, our families, our schools and communities, and our larger culture. All of these form the foundation, the basic ingredients of our personality and who we are as a person.

We cannot develop spiritually, intellectually, or pastorally outside the context of these unique qualities and in full cooperation with grace. So it is essential to foster a healthy self-awareness in each seminarian so they understand how their human formation affects every aspect of their lives. And it is also essential, through grace and their own efforts, to increase their ability to work on and improve those qualities which are positive and to change or modify those qualities which are more challenging and disruptive. In a nutshell, it takes a healthy man to become a holy priest.

In Cardinal Glennon College, each seminarian participates in mentoring or counseling sessions on an individual basis approximately four times per academic year. These sessions are tailored to the unique needs of each person and typically focus on issues related to the family of origin; developing a clear and healthy identity; becoming a more mature individual; and exploring areas that can be sources of conflict, confusion, or particularly difficult transitions on the road to adulthood. These sessions are not psychotherapy but more along the lines of coaching and supporting the natural and essential maturation process that faces every young person at this developmental stage. Dr. Susanne Harvath, Director of Psychological and Counseling Services and Professor of Pastoral Counseling, provides support to the men in Kenrick School of Theology.

Like all human beings, there are elements of defense mechanisms, denials, and other ways in which we try to avoid



Jacob Brock, College III – St. Louis, and Anthony Ritter, College IV – St. Louis, compete in a game of chess in the Fr. Emil Kapaun Student Center.



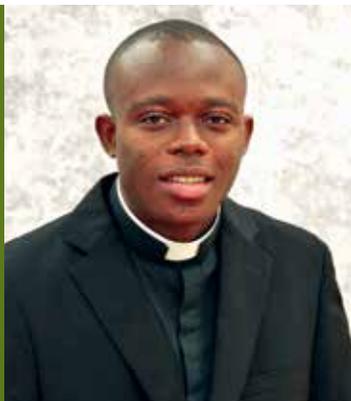
Jonathan Ruzicka, College III – St. Louis, takes a break while playing pool, one of the many games in the Kapaun Center.

patterns and habits that can be problematic and difficult to change. The seminary formation process is especially focused on the spiritual element informing and enriching every part of a seminarian's formation toward priesthood. Within a focus on a personal relationship with Christ, the seminary recognizes that every man who presents himself for the priesthood must understand what he needs to ask the Holy Spirit in prayer, and also ask himself in reality what he needs to develop and evolve in himself in order to serve the Church and to love others through the Heart of Jesus.

## About Deacon Durban

Deacon Durban works with the seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College on human growth counseling to assist in integrating human formation with the other three dimensions of priestly formation. Deacon Durban has a Professional Certificate in Spiritual Direction,

a MA in Management, and a M.Ed. in Counseling. In addition to his work at the seminary, Deacon Durban is the Director of Liturgy at St. Anselm Parish in St. Louis.



# Life as an International Seminarian



By Laurent-Bernard Okitakatshi, Theology II – Tshumbe (Congo)

**O**n many occasions, I have been asked why and how I ended up here in America and particularly at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. At the very least, I can say it is a miracle.

Born and raised in a very isolated area in the Democratic Republic of Congo where the name “America” sounds like those tales of Greek mythology, I never pictured myself here.

Since I was a kid and a Mass server at my parish, the desire to become a priest invaded my heart. It was to support and encourage this call that my parents sent me to a high school seminary at the age of twelve. The more I grew up, the more God’s call persistently sounded to me, like young Samuel in the Temple. God has oriented and shaped my journey to the priesthood in a way He thinks fitting so as to serve the needs of His people. My bishop, Nicolas Djomo, intends for me to be a teacher and formator at the Interdiocesan Major Seminary in Lodja in order to satisfy the needs of seminary formation in our diocese. This motivated him to send me (and another seminarian, Daniel Koko) to Kenrick for my education and formation. Also, considering the multiple needs that today’s Church encounters, the bishop thinks it is important to open priests to other realities and cultures that might not be readily available in the rural areas of Congo, and yet which can assist the Church in Her ministries.

Many years ago, Bishop Djomo and Archbishop Robert J. Carlson met and developed a deep and sincere friendship. On the basis of this relationship and for the love of Christ, the Archdiocese of St Louis has displayed an unparalleled generosity by providing a full scholarship for my studies at Kenrick. Once more, I reiterate my appreciation and gratitude for this gift.

Since I grew up in a small village in Congo, my experience of life in big cities is miniscule. In regards to cultural aspects, my home country and America are

separated by an unbridgeable gulf of differences which have really impacted my life at Kenrick. The American system of study is completely divergent from the one I was used to. In addition to the demanding system of study in a new language, the weather remains another reality I have to face. For instance, the beautiful image of the snow that I used to see on television was just hiding its frightening true reality.

With a heart filled with gratitude, I have come to believe that Kenrick is not only a community of learning but above all, a community of prayer, love, joy, and strong fraternity. The same experience is true of the Archdiocese of St Louis as a whole. The generosity, hospitality, and niceness of Catholic Christians in St. Louis make me feel at home; I have been hosted by the Moloney family, who has shown me, through many actions, what Christ’s love is all about. “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever” (Ps 118:1).

Through Christ’s grace and the intercession of our Mother, the Virgin Mary, I hope that God will bring to completion what he has started in my modest and unworthy person. I am more than confident that the Kenrick community will continue to help me grow in the love of Christ and be thoroughly prepared to joyfully give my life in the service of Christ and of His Church through the priesthood.





# Growing in Fraternity and Well-Being



By Maxwell Wilber, College IV - Kansas City

Physical health is a major aspect of human formation, therefore, intramural sports and exercise are an important part of seminary life. They allow seminarians to grow in fraternity, engage in friendly competition, and exercise in a fun way.

Team sports for this school year began in August when the inaugural Cardinal Glennon College intramural draft took place. All of the seminarians dressed in suit and tie for dinner. Fr. Jason Schumer, Director of Worship, and Deacon Joseph Kelly, Theology IV - Springfield - Cape Girardeau, narrated the event as the captains chose their teams. After the draft, teams selected their color and team chaplain. Intramural sports continue monthly, with points being awarded based on each team's performance and champions crowned in May.

Intramurals are not the only means of staying in shape at the seminary. Every fall, the field is filled with cleats. The Kenrick Lions Soccer Team practices twice a week and plays games at least once a week. The team plays in a recreational league, but also plays Concordia Lutheran Seminary in the annual "Nicea Cup" and the Clergy & Co. in the annual "Souls and Goals Soccer Cup." "Souls and Goals" is quite a special experience, as seminarians and priests play against each other under the lights at St. Dominic High School in order to raise vocational awareness. This past fall, over 1,000 parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis came out to cheer on the teams.

In the winter, sports move indoors as the basketball team takes the court. The Lions travel to Chicago every January to play in Mundelein Seminary's annual Fr. Patrick O'Malley

Basketball Tournament. During the fall and winter months, basketball is also played almost daily at the seminary. It is a great opportunity to exercise and grow in fraternity with brother seminarians.

Sports are abundant and an integral part of human formation at the seminary. Athletics and physical fitness help the seminarians have a balanced lifestyle, gives them the energy and strength needed to accomplish the tasks entrusted to them, and fosters interaction among the seminarians.



The last weekend of January, the Lions traveled to Chicago to play in Mundelein Seminary's annual Fr. Patrick O'Malley Basketball Tournament. Twelve seminaries from across the country competed in pool play before the top teams advanced to the playoff rounds. Kenrick defeated all the teams during their pool play and throughout the playoffs to make it to the championship game versus Mount St. Mary's. Through a team effort, Kenrick defeated Mount St. Mary's and brought home the championship trophy.

## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Michael Horn, Theology I - St. Louis, finished in third place in the men's category in the annual St. Louis Rock 'n' Roll Marathon held in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, October 18. He finished the grueling 26 mile course in just over 2 ½ hours and also came in third overall among the 1,207 runners who participated.



Eddie Godefroid, Pre-Theology I - St. Louis, worked as a golf professional before coming to the seminary. He worked in Atlanta, GA at Ansley Golf Club, a private club in the middle of mid-town Atlanta. As a golf professional, he helped with the daily operations such as giving lessons, running tournaments, and playing golf with the members.

# HOLY LAND

## Retreat and Pilgrimage

### ✦ Deacon Jonathan Dizon – Kansas City, KS

According to Fr. Bargil Pixner, a well-known Benedictine monk and author, the Holy Land constitutes a Fifth Gospel. Like the four written Gospels, the Holy Land ‘tells’ the story of Jesus in its own unique way. “Read the Fifth Gospel and the world of the other four will open to you.”

Our stay in Galilee and Jerusalem allowed my fellow deacons and me to step into this fifth Gospel and walk the path, breathe the air, and see landscapes that were previously imagined constructs. While centuries may have altered the actual physical panorama, I cannot help but be in constant awe and contemplation at the thought of having been at the same places Jesus was when He walked the earth. The other four Gospels ‘came alive’ for me as I’ve never felt before and I echo the same sentiment as my fellow deacons: “I don’t think I’ll read the Gospels the same way ever again.”

### ✦ Deacon Peter Fonseca – St. Louis

This trip is going to change the entire way I deliver homilies. I have gone through homiletics class, years of scripture study, and theology but now as I prepare homilies, I find myself actually in the place where the stories occurred.

My vision of the Holy Land and its actuality were completely different. I had always envisioned that Jesus had died on a hill far outside the city and they had perhaps moved His body up to a mile to bury Him. I’d bet that within 1,000 steps we went from His death to the place where His body was prepared to the Sepulcher where He was buried. There was something about being there and being able to trace those steps in my own mind.

When I open Scripture now, I immediately place myself into those places and it comes alive. My whole outlook on scripture and on preaching has changed. I am no longer talking about what I believe to be true in faith but that’s what is remarkable about it: This is a human faith where God became Man and walked on this Earth.



The deacons took a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee during their pilgrimage.



Deacons Jonathan Dizon, Theology IV – Kansas City, KS, Daniel Kavanagh, Theology IV – St. Louis, and Cesar Anicama, Theology IV – Jefferson City, visited the Franciscan Wedding Church at Cana.



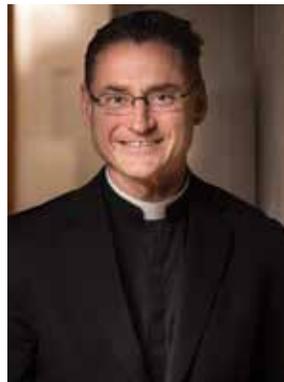
Fr. James Mason, Dean of Students and Director of Spiritual Formation, and the deacons renewed their baptismal promises on the steps of the Jordan River.

## Tribute to Msgr. Ratermann

By Will Gomes, Pre-Theology II- St. Louis

Msgr. David Ratermann, Class of 1951 – St. Louis, passed away November 10, 2014 at the Regina Cleri residence for priests. He was 89 and had been a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Louis for 63 years. He had spent 50 of those years in the country of Bolivia doing mission work. In 1956, Archbishop Joseph Ritter picked Msgr. Ratermann and two other priests to found the Latin American Apostolate. It was the first time a US diocese had sent an organized group of priests to a foreign mission. Msgr. Ratermann came from a family which had already produced two other missionaries: his brother George was a Maryknoll priest and his sister Joan was a Maryknoll sister.

To travel to Bolivia at that time, the priests had to set out by boat from New York, cross the Panama Canal to Peru, and take a *coche motor* (a car mounted on train wheels that ran on a track) to Bolivia. Upon arriving, they had to adjust to poverty (the first parish they founded, Cristo Rey, was under a tin roof with no walls) as well as the altitude which made it hard to breathe. The community developed a deep Catholic faith but there was such a shortage of priests that many faithful could not go to Mass on the weekends. According to Msgr. Francis Blood, the Director of the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Mission Office, Msgr. Ratermann "was able to be so effective in his priestly ministry because he dealt with his own ongoing weaknesses and invited Christ into his life in the areas where he was broken."



## Fr. James Mason Announced as Next President-Rector

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson has appointed Fr. James Mason, JD as the next President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary effective July 1, 2015. Fr. Mason, originally a priest from the Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD, currently serves as the Dean of Students and Director of Spiritual Formation at the seminary. Fr. Mason will replace Fr. John Horn, S.J., who has served in this role since July 2011. Prior to joining the seminary staff in August 2014, Fr. Mason was the Director of Broom Tree Retreat Center and Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish and St. Lambert Parish in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. Fr. Paul Hoelsing, STL, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Omaha, will replace Fr. Mason as Dean of Students and Director of Human Formation.

**A feature story on this leadership transition will appear in the 2015 fall edition of the Herald.**

## *In Memoriam*

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of our priest-alumni and former administrators who have passed away in recent months:*

Fr. Albert Danter, Class of 1943 – St. Louis

Fr. Carl Kramer, Class of 1952 – Salina

Msgr. David Ratermann, Class of 1951 – St. Louis

Fr. William Swift, Class of 1944 – Tulsa

# COMMUNITY *Notes*

## Supporting Future Priests

For more than 100 years, young men have discerned their call to the priesthood at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. We invite you to partner with us by remembering our seminarians in your prayers and offerings. Each prayer and every gift is greatly appreciated by our seminarians and by the many people who will one day benefit from their future priestly ministry.

To make a gift, please use the enclosed envelope or contribute online through [www.kenrick.edu](http://www.kenrick.edu). We humbly thank all those who support our seminarians.



## *Catholic TV Films Rosary with Archbishop*



The Kenrick-Glennon seminarians are being featured in a Rosary television special. In November, a film crew from Catholic TV Network recorded Archbishop Robert J. Carlson praying the Rosary with a group of seminarians in the Chapel of St. Vincent DePaul at the Cardinal Rigali Center in St. Louis. The episodes include Scripture readings and each of the Mysteries of the Rosary. Catholic TV is a national television network based in the Archdiocese of Boston. Further information about this Rosary series is available at [www.kenrick.edu](http://www.kenrick.edu).

## CONVIVIVUM DINNER AUCTION

The entire seminary community is very grateful to all those who contributed to and attended the annual Convivium Dinner Auction held on November 1, 2014 at the Cedars. Through the generosity of many friends and the dedicated work from our committee, over \$300,000 was raised for the seminary's annual operations, student activities, and the Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage. We are grateful to all of the auction attendees, donors, volunteers, sponsors, and underwriters for their support.

**Save the date for the next Convivium on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Four Seasons in downtown St. Louis!**



## ★ — Spotlight — ★

In February, the Board of Trustees welcomed three new members: Bishop Carl A. Kemme, Class of 1986 and Bishop of Wichita, Mr. Kevin Short – Managing Partner & CEO of Clayton Capital Partners, and Ms. Mimi Ravarino, community volunteer. The seminary community is grateful for their service.

Dr. Francis J. Beckwith presented the 3rd Annual John Cardinal Glennon Lecture on January 31st. His lecture "Faith, Reason, and American Public Life" was sponsored by Cardinal Glennon College.

# Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace: Fostering Vocations through the Annual Catholic Appeal

*“Perhaps one of the most familiar and fondly embraced prayers is the Peace Prayer of St. Francis. Those who pray this prayer ask not to be consoled, understood, or loved. Instead, they ask to be the one who will console, understand, and love. In so doing, we become instruments of God’s peace.”*

~Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

The Annual Catholic Appeal proclaims a message of hope and peace, celebrating the sacraments, and serving others in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Each year, the Appeal provides resources for Catholic education and the many ministries and apostolates that address spiritual and material poverty.

The Appeal provides significant financial support to the seminary, Office of Vocations, and many other ministries that promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Therefore, the Annual Catholic Appeal acts as a “discerning hand” that reaches out to young men and young women so that they can find their own vocations in life and can grow up to serve Christ and His Church.

According to Fr. Chris Martin, Class of 2006 and Director of Vocations, “discernment doesn’t have to take place on a mountaintop or some remote place on earth. It takes place at home with your friends and your family. It also takes place at the seminary where young men can interact with their friends and play sports and games. They also have that experience of God’s presence that always brings peace with it.”

Please consider making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Through your gift, you will be joining the seminary community in sowing seeds of joy, hope, and truth throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For further information, visit [archstl.org/aca](http://archstl.org/aca).



*Lord, make me  
an instrument of  
Your peace ...*

*for it is in giving  
that we receive.*

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## *Prayer of St. Francis*

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, the truth;  
Where there is doubt, the faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

# Progress in the Chapel of St. Joseph



The saying “saving the best for last” is ringing true in the halls of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The last piece of the overall campus renovations is currently under construction: the Chapel of St. Joseph.

In July, A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Builders removed the old organ so they could begin work on the new organ. In November, the sanctuary furnishings and pews were removed and the auditorium was converted into a temporary chapel. The major aspects of the renovations include the restoration and extension of the pews, the painting of the ceiling, and the construction and installation of the new sanctuary furnishings and organ. The renovations will be completed in April and the new altar will be consecrated on May 3rd.



Scott Schilmoeller, Theology II – Omaha, walks through the chapel during the early stages of its renovations. The pews, currently of varied sizes, have been removed so the end pieces could be refinished and reused while sagging or worn middle pieces could be rebuilt and extended.



Scaffolding was erected throughout the chapel to facilitate ceiling repair and painting. It also allowed workers access to light fixtures for improvements that would otherwise be difficult to reach.



High above the chapel floor, a temporary plywood level was created for workers so they could paint the ceiling, including hand painted stars and sun rays.



Fr. Jason Schumer, Director of Worship, led Archbishop Robert J. Carlson on a tour of the chapel during the early stages of its renovation.

# Strategic Planning as a Map for Our Future

By Paul Clark, Theology II - Jefferson City

A professor, a businessman, and a Jesuit walk into a boardroom... this sounds like the making of a terrible joke. Fortunately it is not a joke but some of the people involved in the Steering Committee for the development of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's strategic plan.

The strategic plan will guide the goals and actions of the seminary towards the fulfillment of our mission. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been meeting since August 2014 and is comprised of a cross-sampling of the various groups associated with the seminary: board members, alumni, faculty, staff, priests, and seminarians (including myself). Sub-committees and focus groups have provided input and feedback from various constituencies which the Steering Committee used to develop the various components of the strategic plan.

It was truly beautiful to witness a diverse group agree on a common vision for Kenrick. After defining the institution's values and vision, the committee determined *Priorities* to help us fulfill our mission and specific *Objectives* for each priority. The final step was to solidify the priorities and objectives with a five-year *Action Plan*.

Following the major Faith for the Future Campaign and the subsequent renovations, there is a certain excitement around the seminary. With so much support coming from the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the sending dioceses, and the many groups and individuals that have invested in the formation of future priests, it is necessary to give significant time and thought to this planning process. The seminary has a responsibility to the people of God to be served by holy, healthy, and happy priests!

The most incredible part about serving on this Strategic Planning Steering Committee has been hearing the rich history of the seminary, the perceptions and priorities of various constituencies, and the common vision for all. The unity already growing from this strategic plan is a great fruit that will aid all members of the seminary community. It calls to mind how each of us has a role that we play in the growth and enrichment of the seminary and a duty to embrace our mission.

**The 2015 fall edition of the Herald will detail more of the Strategic Plan.**



## Strategic Planning Steering Committee

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Strategic Planning Steering Committee members met in the Fireside Lounge to outline the strategic plan.



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# CALENDAR *of Events*

## APRIL

- Sunday, April 5** Easter
- Thursday, April 16** Board of Trustees Meeting
- Saturday, April 18** Cardinal Glennon College Trivia Night
- Saturday, April 25** Installation of Reader – Theology II
- Tuesday, April 28** Installation of Acolyte – Theology I

## MAY

- Saturday, May 2** Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Saturday, May 9** Kenrick School of Theology Graduation
- Friday, May 15** Cardinal Glennon College Graduation
- Saturday, May 23** Ordination to the Priesthood, Archdiocese of St. Louis

## JUNE

- June 8-13** Kenrick-Glennon Days, St. Louis Vocations Office Event

## AUGUST

- August 17-21** Orientation
- Monday, August 24** Classes Begin

## SEPTEMBER

- Thursday, September 10** Mass of the Holy Spirit

### *Our Mission*

*Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father, we seek each seminarian's configuration to the Heart of Jesus Christ, High Priest and Shepherd, so that he can shepherd wholeheartedly with Christ's pastoral charity.*



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