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OPEN WIDE *the* DOORS of FAITH

“Do not be afraid of Christ.
*He takes nothing away, and
gives you everything.* Open wide
the doors to Christ – and
you will find true life.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

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FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

Dear Friends,

This is a time of great blessings for our seminary community and new beginnings as we settle into our renovated campus. It is certainly good to be home.

Amid the unpacking and our exploration of the campus, we are reminded of the generosity of all those who made this renovation project possible – His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke and his advisors who envisioned these renovations, archbishops and bishops from sending dioceses, priests and deacons, alumni, religious communities, fraternal and charitable organizations, the seminary Board of Trustees, and the supporters of the *Faith for the Future Campaign*. We are humbled by your generosity.



Above all, we are mindful of the goodness of God and give Him thanks for the blessings He has poured out on our seminary over the years, especially during the renovations. God is always with us and we trust in His Providence: *I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not of woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope (Jer. 29:11).*

Our seminarians have a great desire to share Christ's love with others through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Please join me in praying for our seminarians so that, as priests, they may wholeheartedly offer their lives daily in pastoral ministry and find strength in the consoling love of Christ.

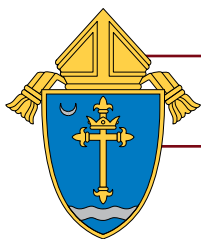
May God pour out His blessings upon you and your loved ones.

In the Sacred Heart,

A handwritten signature of Father John Horn, S.J. in dark ink.

Father John Horn, S.J.

President-Rector



FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, we are called to holiness and to share Christ's love with our brothers and sisters. This Year of Faith is an opportunity for each of us to embrace these Christian duties by deepening our own relationship with Jesus through prayer and through the sacraments and by encouraging our neighbors to open the doors of faith in their own lives.

It is fitting that the renovations at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary have come to a completion during the Year of Faith because the project could not have been accomplished without the many acts of faith and charity from thousands of supporters of the *Faith for the Future Campaign*. The support of many friends has allowed the seminary to open its doors to those called to a life of priestly ministry. After all, the seminary is more than a building. It is a living symbol of hope where young men prepare to serve the Church with faith, fidelity and love.

As parish priests, these seminarians will impact the lives of thousands of people in all the joys and sorrows of their lives. Through baptisms, daily sacrifices of the Mass, confessions, and many other acts of pastoral charity, they will share the love of Christ and open the door of faith for others. In a very real way, the prayerful support of each future priest during his seminary formation will bear fruit for the rest of his life.

Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, and generous single life. May we joyfully serve one another as a community of faith and glorify God in word and deed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



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There and Back Again:

A Third-Year Theologian's Tale



By Conor Sullivan, *Theology III* — St. Louis

It has certainly been an exciting time at the seminary as we are settling into our home once more. Since I am in third year theology, I remember when the renovation of the seminary was just an idea in people's minds. I entered in 2007 and work began soon after to renovate the remaining dormitory area (which, at the time, was just a large open space) to add several more rooms to the building. It was around that time when whispers of an overall renovation of the entire building were beginning to pass through our hallways. One day we heard about a new library; another day we heard about an entirely new wing. Everyone seemed to have an idea of what was going to happen if the building was renovated. Then all the whispers stopped, as then-Archbishop Burke (now Cardinal Burke) announced that there would be a capital campaign in order to renovate the seminary.

As a young seminarian who was becoming accustomed to the building (and all of its quirks) the renovations seemed like they were a long way off—as if they would only happen well after I had left, God-willing, as a priest. This suspicion only seemed to be confirmed by the

departure of Archbishop Burke for Rome, the vacancy of the see of St. Louis, and the unfortunate economic downturn. It did not look good for the renovation plans.

Needless to say, my suspicions were wrong! When Archbishop Carlson arrived in St. Louis, he seemed very supportive and optimistic towards the plans to renovate the seminary. Despite the bad economy, all the catching up that Archbishop Carlson had to do, and all the other challenges that had to be faced, the *Faith for the Future Campaign* continued as planned. I remember that we were hoping to raise 50 million dollars in order to renovate our 80-year-old building (which had never been completely renovated). I thought that we would be lucky to get near that amount of support given the economic climate of the time. Once again, my initial suspicions were wrong. The faithful did not give \$50 million; they pledged \$62 million! I could not believe my ears when I heard the number for the first time. It was incredible.

I hope the benefactors will come to know how much that campaign encouraged all the seminarians. Frequently, we are faced with a world that does not really support or

Expressions OF GRATITUDE



During the spring semester, the seminary has welcomed many friends into our renovated home. Open Houses were held on March 2nd and March 16th for all those interested in touring the renovated campus. These events allowed our faithful benefactors to see what has been accomplished through their generosity.

The seminary community is grateful to all the supporters of the *Faith for the Future Campaign*. Your contributions have done more than renovate the campus and build the endowment – you have furthered the seminary's mission of helping young men discern their call to the holy priesthood. Each and every dollar is needed to help meet our goal, and the seminary continues to rely on the continued commitment of each donor to fulfill their pledges.



Archbishop Robert Carlson celebrated Mass with the seminary community in January to celebrate the reopening of the campus. Mass was followed by a procession to the foyer and a blessing of the renovated buildings.

The central courtyard of the seminary provides a quiet place for meditation and reflection. Irrigation and new landscaping were added to beautify the courtyard and a new wheelchair ramp was added for improved accessibility.



To more fully express their gratitude, Archbishop Robert Carlson, Fr. John Horn, and friends and alumni of the seminary recorded messages of thanks in a recently released video. You can watch the video online at www.kenrick.edu/faitH-for-the-future.

HIGHLIGHTS *from the* RENOVATIONS

Significant needs have been addressed regarding the seminary building's infrastructure. These improvements include **new plumbing, heating and cooling systems**, and improved **kitchen facilities**.

The renovated building can **accommodate 141 seminarians** in private rooms – an **increase of over 30%** from current enrollment.

New windows and climate control systems will decrease the energy usage in the building and reduce ongoing utility expenses.

New **elevators, wheelchair ramps, and lifts** have **increased accessibility** for disabled seminarians and visitors.

A new wing on the eastern side of the building provides **offices and meeting space** for the faculty. The rooftop of this wing holds an **indoor/outdoor dining area** for community use.

Security measures, including a **card access system** and **new fencing**, were incorporated to ensure a safe environment for our seminarians to live.

Gathering spaces were incorporated throughout the residential areas of the building to promote greater fraternity.

respect what we have chosen to do with our lives. The campaign reminded us all of the vitality in the Church. We knew we had the financial and prayerful support of the people we hope to serve as priests, and it meant the world to us.

We began the move from the seminary building during the summer of 2011. God, in His Providence, had provided us with a building through the Franciscan Sisters of Mary. For a year and a half, we stayed at St. Mary's Convent as the renovations project took over the seminary campus. This time away was jokingly referred to as "Kenrick in Exile." The convent building was beautiful, and all the seminarians seemed to especially love the gorgeous chapel there. Considering it was only a temporary location, we were comfortable while we were residing in Richmond Heights. We had classes in the former Christian Brothers College High School on Clayton Road, and Concordia Lutheran Seminary lent us a parking lot during our entire stay at St. Mary's. God provided everything we needed while we were away and we are deeply grateful to Him and to all those through whom He worked. Though we were comfortable, we knew that we were not quite home.

The spring semester has been an "adventure" of settling in and getting (re-)acquainted with the facilities. It is really amazing what has been done here and we are still digesting it all. As I walk through the building, I can see much of the place where I lived for four years before the renovations. At the same time, it feels completely new. The clanking radiators have been replaced with central heating and air conditioning. Floors, rooms, and doors have been refurbished. We have been given a new workout and recreational facility. The professors have their own wing of offices. There is much more to the list – and there are even a few new quirks! We thank the long list of people, especially the good supporters of the *Faith for the Future Campaign*, for making these renovations possible.

Please pray for all of us, especially my class and the diaconate class as we prepare for ordinations in just a few months! We will not be able to stay in the new facilities for long - but for now, it is good to be home!

The library was expanded into an underutilized gymnasium. Improvements to the layout, technology, and lighting have made the library more conducive to private and group study.



During the renovations, the layout of the kitchen was reconfigured and the serving area was enlarged to better accommodate the needs of the community. The kitchen staff includes five Carmelite sisters (Congregation of Carmelite Religious of Trivandrum) who prepare meals and pray for each seminarian by name.



The former power plant was converted into a new recreational facility for the seminarians. It includes lounges for the college and theology seminarians and a workout facility to encourage physical well-being and healthy habits.



Federico Barocci, *Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, 1570. Pinacoteca Vaticana, Vatican.

Holy Family Fund Supports Short- and Long-Term Needs

The Holy Family Fund of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has been established through an anonymous contribution to the *Faith for the Future Campaign*.

The name “Holy Family Fund” represents the important and beautiful relationship between the priesthood and family life. The seed of Jesus’ own priestly vocation was nurtured in the context of the Holy Family. We want to encourage all families to be the seedbed of vocations, where young men and women are taught to listen to and respond to God’s call.

This Fund addresses both immediate and long-term needs of the seminary. Each year, the seminary will receive a distribution from the Holy Family Fund in an amount between 5% and 10% of the rolling average of the market value of the fund from the prior twelve quarters. This is a higher percentage than what is expected from a typical endowment. The continual generosity of donors will sustain this fund for the long-term benefit of the seminary.

Please consider The Holy Family Fund and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in your charitable giving plans. Your gift will provide stable support to the seminary each year for funding current operations and preserve the long-term value of the Fund to support future generations of seminarians.



CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP VANN

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop Kevin W. Vann, Class of 1981, as the fourth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Orange in California. Bishop Vann graduated from Kenrick and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in 1981. He was assigned to graduate studies in Rome before returning to Kenrick to teach Canon Law and working in various assignments in his home diocese. In 2005, Bishop Vann was installed as the Bishop of Fort Worth in Texas.

Bishop Vann is the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Episcopal Immediate Past Liaison to the Catholic Health Association, a member of the Canonical Affairs Committee and a member of the USCCB Committee on Migration. Bishop Vann is the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith's Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision in the United States.

Please join the seminary community in praying for Bishop Vann and his ministry in the Diocese of Orange.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

~ Blessed Pope John Paul II

A Tribute to Msgr. Jerome Sommer

Msgr. Jerome Sommer, Class of 1940, was born into everlasting life on November 18, 2012. Born in St. Louis, he was ordained in 1940 by Archbishop John J. Glennon. He later became a priest of the Diocese of Jefferson City when that diocese was created.

Msgr. Sommer served as a chaplain for the U.S. Army from 1945 until 1974, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He spent much of his time overseas in the Philippines, Japan, Hawaii, Germany, Korea, Turkey, and Vietnam. He served in the Pacific during World War II and

in Vietnam in 1967. Msgr. Sommer was a seminary classmate of another former military chaplain, Fr. Emil Kapaun (see page 9).

After leaving the service, he returned to parish life. He retired in St. Louis in 1986 and assisted in various ministries where needed. At the time of his death, Msgr. Sommer was the oldest surviving retired U.S. Army chaplain who served during World War II.





The Class of 2012 commissioned this painting of Fr. Emil Kapaun from Missouri artist Cynthia Hitschler. The painting was presented to the seminary as a gift upon their graduation.

FATHER Emil Kapaun

Kenrick graduate of the Class of 1940 has been nominated for a Medal of Honor and could become the third American-born saint.

By Andrew Bina, Theology II - Wichita

I grew up near a small ordinary Kansas town. Driving through, you would never know it was home to anything extraordinary but for a small granite sign next to the road that reads *"Pilsen, Kansas: the Home of Chaplain Kapaun."*

Chaplain Emil Kapaun, heroic priest chaplain of the Korean conflict, has been named "Servant of God" by the Church and stands as an outstanding example of service and self-sacrifice. This man of deep faith – in the face of Communism, atheism, and the horrors of war – laid down his life to bear witness to his country, the Church, and Almighty God.

Fr. Kapaun was the son of farmers and knew well the value of hard work. This was instilled in him from the very beginning and carried into his time as a seminarian and priest. He is an inspiration to the Wichita seminarians because he grew up, much like we did, in small towns, quiet parishes, and close knit communities. He was truly a saint from among us, attending Conception and Kenrick Theological Seminaries; the same schools where we are now privileged to study.

His first years of priesthood took place in Kansas, but Fr. Kapaun wished to serve the many soldiers deployed to foreign lands where the need was great for priests and the healing grace of the sacraments. In his desire to serve, he volunteered to enter military service which led him to the battlefields of Korea. His total love of God and neighbor was the light shining

in dark places. Amidst the hail of bullets, this priest often would appear in foxholes with a prayer on his lips, comfort in his smile, and confidence in a loving God despite the evils of war on all sides.

Fr. Kapaun was never wounded but was captured and sent to a POW camp. When he was warned that the last chance to escape to safety was upon him, guarding the helpless wounded soldiers he had dragged to safety, he simply responded, "I cannot leave my men." In total disregard of self, he gave up his freedom to shepherd his flock.

As a prisoner of war, Fr. Kapaun took physical and spiritual charge of all soldiers in the camp. Men of every religious persuasion saw and recognized his deep holiness, for he prayed with and for them without discrimination. His constant smile was heartening; he gave his food to the sick and stole more so the soldiers would not starve; he argued with the atheist propaganda and false philosophy; he rekindled the fire of hope in that frozen pit of despair.

In his life, death, good works, and fidelity, Fr. Kapaun is one of the inspirations of my vocation. I feel much like the POWs looking on as their beloved Chaplain was carried to sure death in the disease ridden "hospital." His full beard and wasted body reminded them of Another. I can almost hear the quiet prayer they heard, like an echo from Calvary, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do."

For more information on Fr. Kapaun, his story, and the cause for his Canonization please visit www.frkapaun.org.

HOLY LAND

Retreat and Pilgrimage

“Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”

~Exodus 3:5



This January, the deacons in their final year of seminary formation traveled to the Holy Land for a retreat and pilgrimage. They visited holy sites such as Bethlehem and Jerusalem and celebrated Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and on the Mount of Beatitudes. This exciting and moving experience allowed these future priests to walk in the footsteps of Christ, an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives as they serve as spiritual fathers and good shepherds in our Church.

Deacon Michael Benz — St. Louis

In Mark 6, Jesus calls his disciples aside to rest, but instead they are greeted at their retreat by a crowd of people seeking Jesus' help. He had them sit down, multiplied the five loaves and two fish, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the hungry crowd. As I meditated upon this miraculous event at the site where it happened some two thousand years ago, I realized that I need to be more like the disciples here, receiving “bread” from the Lord and setting it before others. *This is what my life as a priest will be - seeking “bread” each moment of every day from God and delivering it to the people.*

Deacon Raymond Buehler — St. Louis

Already I have experienced how this *greater love of Christ has led to a deeper love of his people, the Church, and a greater desire to communicate this same love to those whom I am called to serve.* For instance, the experience of the Holy Land has and will continue to enrich my preparation for preaching as I prayerfully enter into Scripture to listen to the Word. What a great gift, and what a great joy!

Deacon Thomas Grafsgaard — Bismarck

We began our time on retreat at the Mount of Beatitudes on the Sea of Galilee. One night, I looked to the place where it all began with two simple fishermen simply doing their work in life. Like them, I wasn't looking for the priesthood, nor could have

imagined the tremendous joy that comes from saying “yes” to the call. Throughout my priesthood, I will remember that night thinking to myself: *“This is where it all began. And who would have thought that 2,000 years later, I too would be given that same call?”*

Deacon Nathan Haverland — Kansas City, KS

As a man approaches his ordination and stands before the immensity of the priestly office, it is common that he feels a certain amount of inadequacy. This was on my mind as I sat overlooking the Sea of Galilee. I was keenly aware that I could never be a holy priest without God's grace. I prayed with Matthew's Gospel and found great consolation in Jesus' last words to his Apostles: “I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Mt. 28:20). As I prepare to be sent out by my bishop to teach, baptize, and make disciples, it was comforting to know that *the same Jesus who lived and ministered in this holy land 2,000 years ago will always be with me in my priestly ministry.*

Deacon Corey Nelson — Bismarck

There is something profoundly different in regards to how I now relate to Christ in prayer and through reading Sacred Scripture. This experience has given me a deeper insight into His own personal life here on earth, and through that, *I now experience a deeper intimacy of friendship with Him that is very noticeably different from the way it was before.*

Deacon John Nickolai – St. Louis

Mark Twain once pointed out the difference between moon stories by a poet who has never been to the moon and war stories by a soldier who has actually been to war. It is one thing to know a place exists intellectually and another to know it experientially, because you have been there and breathed its air and trod its cobblestones. This trip will give an added vigor to my witness. Not that I ever thought Jerusalem was imaginary, of course, but *I have come to know better what I already believed*. I have gone down into the dungeon where the Lord was imprisoned. I have been sealed in the stone-cold Tomb overnight. I have stood on the ruins of a city He cursed that has not been rebuilt to this day.

Deacon Daniel Schmitz – Kansas City, KS

Standing in the spot where He looked out over the stormy waters to see His disciples in distress *helped me understand the serenity Christ so often displays in the face of grave and threatening evil*. The command He possesses over all creation gives new depth of meaning to the distress He allows us to endure while in this pilgrimage to our eternal city. He is never far off; He never allows us to be tested beyond our limits.

Deacon Quentin Schmitz – Kansas City, KS

I can only imagine that the experience will continue to open my eyes to the Scriptures and give me a deeper understanding of them. The pilgrimage helped me to reflect on *the greater pilgrimage I am on here on earth* with all those surrounding me as we strive to reach our destination of heaven.

For more details and photos from the pilgrimage, please visit www.kenrick.edu/holylandpilgrimage.



On their pilgrimage, Corey Nelson, Michael Benz, Nathan Haverland (left to right), and the other deacons renewed their baptismal promises at the Jordan River.



Fr. Chris Martin celebrates Mass for the deacons along the Sea of Galilee.



The deacons took a cold and wet boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. The boat was a 3x replica of a first century fishing vessel excavated from the sea bed.



During the pilgrimage, Fr. Chris Martin, the retreat director and Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, remarked that the travelers had "prepared for many things. Having Jerusalem buried under a snow storm was not one of them." While many shops and businesses closed, the seminarians were able to enjoy the beauty of the city while venturing through the snow.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Friends of the seminary are invited to support the pilgrimage in a special way by sponsoring one of the deacons on his journey to the Holy Land. Full and partial sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Contributions may be made through the seminary's website or sent to:

**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage Fund
5200 Glennon Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119**

COMMUNITY *Notes*



CONVIVIUM DINNER AUCTION



The entire seminary community is very grateful to all those who contributed to and attended the annual Convivium Dinner Auction in November! Through the generosity of many friends, nearly \$200,000 was raised for the seminary's annual operations and the Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage. Thank you to our most generous friends for supporting our future priests as they joyfully and prayerfully prepare to lead the Church in Christ's love.

Save the Date for the next Convivium on Saturday, November 16, 2013. We look forward to welcoming you at The Cedars in downtown St. Louis for this fun- and faith-filled evening!

Spotlight



Mr. Joseph Giljum has joined the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Board of Trustees. Mr. Giljum is an attorney practicing in corporate, real estate, tax, and estate planning law.

Mr. David Martin has joined the seminary community as the volunteer Budget and Finance Coordinator. The seminary is very blessed by his generous gifts of time and expertise.

Fr. Randy Soto, Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, has released *Vademecum Precum*, a book of prayers in eight languages. The book is available through Vox Christi Publishing, the publishing arm of our seminarians' quarterly journal. Visit www.voxchristi.com for more details.

Fr. David Skillman has fully assumed his responsibilities as Vice-Rector for Cardinal Glennon College following a transition period under the mentorship of Bishop Edward Rice.

SAVE THE DATES

Cardinal Glennon College Trivia Night

Mark your calendars on April 20, 2013 for the Trivia Night benefiting the seminarians of the Cardinal Glennon College program. The event will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. Doors open at 6:30, with trivia starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person or \$200 for a table of 10. There are prizes for 1st place, 2nd place and best decorated table. Please email Patrick Russell at prussell@my.kenrick.edu to make a reservation. Hurry, space is limited!

John Cardinal Glennon Lecture

The First Annual John Cardinal Glennon Lecture will be held on April 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Auditorium. Dr. Peter Kreeft, a well-known philosopher and Catholic speaker from Boston College, will deliver a lecture entitled "Blaise Pascal and the New Evangelization." This lecture, sponsored by Cardinal Glennon College, is open to the public. A light reception will follow. Please contact Rita Angeles at 792-6100 if you wish to attend.

Fr. Paul Rothschild

After eight years of service, Fr. Paul Rothschild, Dean of Students and Director of Pastoral and Practical Theology, will be appointed to serve as a pastor by Archbishop Robert Carlson. The seminary community is grateful for Fr. Rothschild's fine service and wishes him many blessings as he returns to parish ministry. Fr. Kristian Teater has been appointed as Interim Dean of Students for the spring semester.



Gentleness in Fatherhood

By: Dr. Randall Colton, PhD, Professor of Philosophy

According to followers of the psychologist D. W. Winnicott, children need, not perfect parents, but “good-enough” mothers and “strong-enough” fathers for their development into maturity. This association of fatherhood with strength is not, of course, surprising; our tradition is full of stories of the strong father, at least all the way back to the homecoming of Homer’s Odysseus. And in every young child’s experience, fathers are first significant in terms of their size and strength. So it is obvious that fatherhood carries with it a special call to the gentleness that moderates strength to protect the weaker from its own power.

However, recent portrayals of fatherhood in popular culture have frequently turned upside down that image of fatherly strength in an attempt to present men and women, adults and children as equal or even identical in role and gifting. In such a world, there is little room for the gentleness of fathers, since no superior strength is recognized in the father’s relation to the child. As gentleness becomes estranged from concepts of fatherhood, it also becomes alienated from masculinity. Consequently, we run the danger of raising a generation of men whose strength remains but whose gentleness has evaporated.

Consider the importance of a father’s gentleness for a child’s growth into maturity. A child’s development of his capacities requires the exposure of his vulnerabilities; he must learn to trust those around him not to take advantage of him when he takes such risks. Surely it is no great stretch to see that a child who learns that the exposure of his vulnerabilities is met with his father’s gentleness can readily develop such trust and confidence.

A spiritual father needs gentleness as much as any other father, and our formation program at the seminary aims at the development of such virtues in our students. To develop gentleness, our seminarians must come to understand the

power and strength of their spiritual paternity and cultivate a deep concern for the well-being of their spiritual children.

At the same time, they must learn how to moderate their actions so that their parishioners can grow in trust and confidence in the Lord their priests represent. It turns out, then, that my students and I are answering a similar call - for, in analogous ways, these are exactly the traits I need to develop in my own fatherhood.

This fall Dr. Colton will publish a book entitled “Repetition and the Fullness of Time: Gift, Task, and Narrative in Kierkegaard’s Upbuilding Ethics” through Mercer University Press.



Pierre Parrocel, *Saint Joseph Adorant L'Enfant Jesus*, 1694. Moulins Cathedral, Moulins, Allier, France.



OPENING THE DOOR OF FAITH

Supporting Vocations through the Annual Catholic Appeal



Fr. Peter Ryan,
Director of Spiritual
Formation and Professor
of Moral Theology

Does God have a plan for your life? St. Paul answers with a resounding YES:

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10).*

Of course, we tend to have our own ideas about what we need to be happy. So, we can be tempted not to be open to God's plan. We may, for example, assume that God could not possibly be calling me to the priesthood or religious life because we could never be happy in such a life. Or we may think that the responsibilities of marriage, including openness to all the children God may wish to bless us with, are more than we could handle.

The Lord who created and redeemed us is more interested in our happiness than we ourselves are. He asks us to trust Him. Following the unique plan He unfolds for our life—whatever that plan may involve—is our surest path to everlasting joy. Even now He invites us to taste that joy as we seek His will.



Padraic Stack
Pre-Theology I - Omaha

I am blessed to have had countless numbers of faithful foster, encourage, and support my vocational discernment, thus opening the door of faith that leads to one's vocation. However, one man in particular helped in an extraordinary way. He saw in me a desire to deepen

my faith and invited me to join him for daily mass. Soon after, he introduced me to Fr. Andrew Sohm, Class of 2005 – Omaha, who became my first spiritual director and was instrumental in my discernment.



Mrs. Catherine Hayek
Registrar, Cardinal Glennon College

My jobs at Cardinal Glennon College and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Grade School differ, but my role in the lives of all of the students is the same. The CGC seminarians are discerning God's call to the priesthood. The students of BTC are discovering the gifts God has

given them. As these students grow in faith and knowledge, my role is to provide support, encouragement, and prayers that their plans will also be God's.

In addition to her role at the seminary, Mrs. Hayek is a librarian at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta in Ferguson, Missouri.

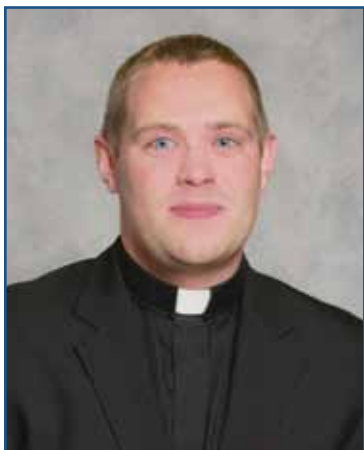
By making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, faithful Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis have the ability to open the *Door of Faith* for others and for themselves. Because of your gift, someone will meet Jesus Christ, have the opportunity to experience His loving grace, know His mercy, and rest in His peace.

**PLEASE JOIN THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY IN ENSURING THAT THE
DOOR OF FAITH REMAINS OPEN, INVITING ALL TO ENTER, BY MAKING
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Faith in Action: Pastoral Ministry Assignments

One of the four foundations of seminary life is pastoral formation. The goal of the pastoral formation program is to foster within each man a heart like that of the Good Shepherd. Real-life pastoral experiences on a weekly-basis are an essential component in the curriculum as they help the seminarians prepare for a life of evangelization, service, and sacramental ministry.



Dan Kavanagh, Theology II – St. Louis

An integral part of my formation for the priesthood has been the supervised ministry assignments, and this year's assignment at St. Andrew's parish in Lemay has been no exception. Along with serving at both Masses on Sunday mornings, I have the privilege

of bringing the Eucharist to some of the sick and homebound in the parish. These visits have been very fruitful as I have learned so much just from listening to the profound wisdom and insight these parishioners share with me as I bring Christ to them in the Eucharist.

I have also been blessed through my exposure to members of the Deaf community in the parish. My assignment at St. Andrew's has allowed me to continue building my proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL) after having spent the summer taking ASL classes at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. When I first started at St. Andrew's, some parishioners approached me and graciously volunteered to tutor me in ASL between Masses on Sunday so that I will be prepared to continue at Gallaudet this coming summer. It has also been helpful to attend a weekly Mass that is fully interpreted in ASL. It is my hope that I will be able to serve the Catholic Deaf community in my future ministry.

Seminarians in Kenrick School of Theology participate in parish-based ministry assignments. Through the parishes, seminarians care for the sick and elderly, teach in schools or other religious educational programs, assist the disadvantaged through the local St. Vincent DePaul Society or other charitable groups, and serve in other special ministry projects.

Anthony Mersmann, College II – Kansas City, KS

I work along with my brother sophomores at an after school program run by the Missionaries of Charity in inner-city St. Louis. One of the most powerful things for me is being able to spend time with these holy sisters, most of whom knew Mother Teresa very closely. However, talking with the sisters is not the focus of this apostolic service. Working with the children is. We spend time playing games with the kids outside and each of us is paired with one or two of the kids to help them with homework. Each week, one seminarian leads a 15 minute bible study where we choose a story and talk about what it means.

The first semester of this ministry was really hard for me. I was not used to the environment and different kids would come every week, so it was hard to learn names. I just had a really hard time relating to the kids in general. I knew that as a

priest, I would need to minister to people in situations that I was not used to. I knew that my "comfort zone" was no longer something that should hold me back. Since I have internalized that knowledge, my apostolic service has been so much richer. I would truly be missing out if I was not part of this program.

In addition to assisting the after-school program, seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College visit local Catholic nursing homes, serve at soup kitchens, and participate in other apostolic service assignments.





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CALENDAR *of Events*

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MARCH

March 22 – 24 “Come and See” Weekend

Sunday, March 31 Easter

APRIL

Wednesday, April 17 Installation of Reader – Theology II

Saturday, April 20 Cardinal Glennon College Trivia Night 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25 Installation of Acolyte – Theology 1

Saturday, April 27 1st Annual John Cardinal Glennon Lecture 10:30 a.m.

MAY

Saturday, May 4 Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Archdiocese of St. Louis ... 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 10 Last Day of Classes

Saturday, May 11 Kenrick School of Theology Graduation Mass

Friday, May 17 Cardinal Glennon College Graduation Mass

Saturday, May 25 Ordination to the Priesthood, Archdiocese of St. Louis..... 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST

August 19-24 Orientation

Monday, August 26 Classes begin

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 12 Mass of the Holy Spirit..... 5:00 p.m.

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we seek each seminarian's
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can shepherd wholeheartedly
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