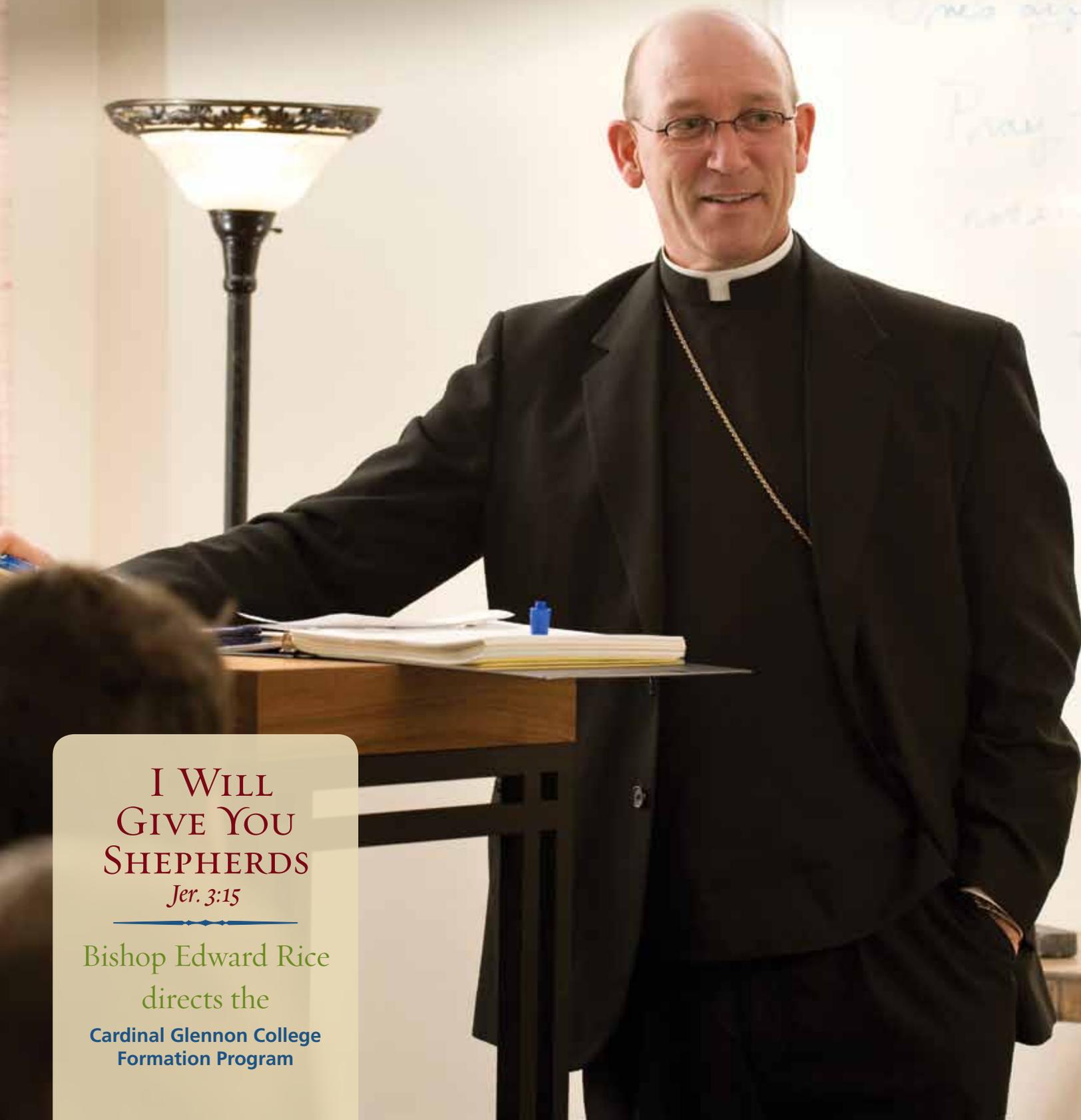


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Bishop Edward Rice
directs the

Cardinal Glennon College
Formation Program

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FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Pope Benedict XVI has stated that “*the seminary is a precious investment for the future, because it ensures that through patient and generous work, the Christian community will not be deprived of shepherds of souls, of teachers of faith and zealous guides and witnesses of Christ’s charity.*”

At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, we strive to make certain that our seminarians become happy, healthy and holy priests by providing a balance of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. These four dimensions of formation are designed to develop the “whole person” and to shape each future priest’s heart in the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We are blessed to have so many distinguished faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who teach and inspire our seminarians. Interactions with lay men and women, religious sisters and brothers, and diocesan priests give our seminarians a better understanding of their own vocations and how they can better serve the whole Church. The lives and legacies of our alumni also inspire our seminarians as they learn to embrace the priestly identity of Jesus Christ to the glory of the Father.

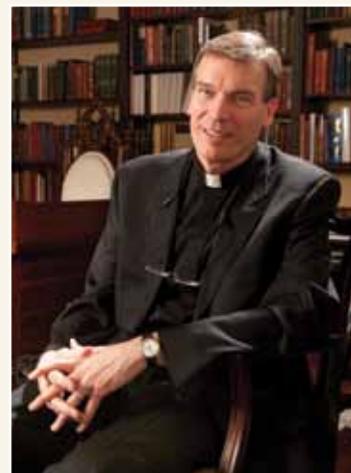
I humbly thank the dear friends of the seminary for the outpouring of financial support we have received. Your continuing generosity means so much to our entire community and your prayers and financial support of our future priests continue to astound me.

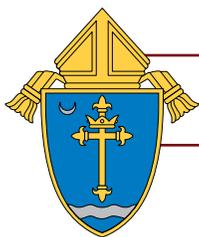
Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. We will also pray for you and your personal needs.

In His Sacred Heart,

Father John Horn, S.J.

President-Rector





FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the season of Lent, I invite you to join me in surrendering yourself to prayer. Prayer brings us closer to God; it is essential in developing a stronger relationship with Him. Through prayer and repentance, we find strength and hope—especially during challenging times.

It is not easy to live Christ's teachings in a society that often contradicts the values of the Gospel. Yet we must stand firm in our faith and proclaim the Good News. As Pope Benedict XVI has said, *"the mission of the Church, like Christ, is essentially to speak of God, to commemorate His sovereignty, reminding everyone, especially Christians, who have lost their identity, of God's right over what belongs to Him, which is our lives."* Prayer can give us the strength we need to become evangelists in our own time and to share Christ's love and mercy with others.

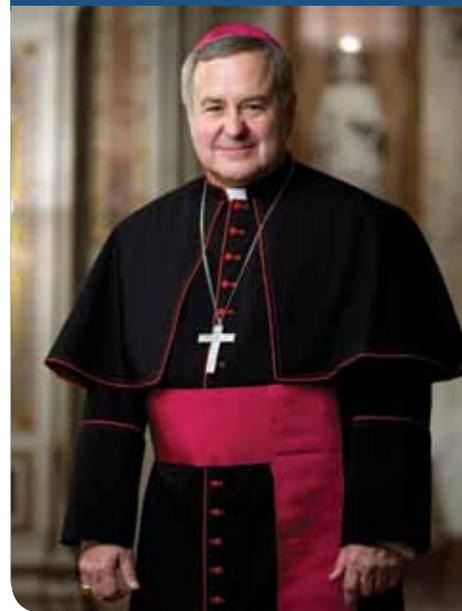
As the Church embraces a renewed spirit of evangelization, we need priests to proclaim the Gospel prayerfully and with great joy. Priests must have a strong, personal relationship with God in order to live the Gospel faithfully and share the teachings of Christ's Church with others.

The integrating principle of a seminarian's time at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is spiritual formation. A personal relationship with the Blessed Trinity, rooted in prayer, allows our future priests to be leaders in the new evangelization. Strong spiritual formation prepares our seminarians to be priests who serve the Lord prayerfully through their witness to the Gospel and the holy priesthood.

As you travel on your Lenten journey, please pray for our seminarians. Your support is vitally important to them as they seek to become men of prayer who are spiritual fathers and good shepherds in the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

A BISHOP IN RESIDENCE

Throughout the 2011-2012 academic year, Bishop Edward M. Rice, Class of 1986, has served as Bishop in Residence and Director of the Cardinal Glennon College Formation Program at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Bishop Rice has a long history of working with seminarians and other young people discerning their vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In addition to his first term as Director of the College program from 1996 until 2000, Bishop Rice has directed the Office of Vocations for the

Archdiocese of St. Louis, worked in the religion department at St. Mary's High School in St. Louis and served as spiritual director and retreat director for numerous individuals and communities. Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has been blessed by Bishop Rice's presence and the high degree of continuity and effective leadership he brings to the community.

John Schneier, College III – St. Louis, recently interviewed Bishop Rice on a number of topics, including his work in vocations, his new job as College Director and his own reflections on 25 years as a priest.

Q: You have been involved with vocations work for a vast majority of your priestly ministry and participated on a number of different levels. How has the “discernment process” changed over the years and where do you see your role as College Director?

A: In one sense, it has become more complicated – not because of the call but because of the culture. Parents are not as supportive and there are more distractions. When I was discerning almost 35 years ago, I did what I thought the Lord wanted me to do, and that was it. I did not need to talk it over with a lot of people. The biggest thing though is that the culture was more supportive than it is now.

Q: What was the biggest catalyst for your initial discernment to the priesthood?

A: I think it was the faith of my parents. They were simple people with a simple faith that they relied on through the ups and downs of life. Sickness and health, better and worse, etc.... I saw that in their marriage. In addition, there were the great examples of priests. We lived near our home parish and they were constantly at our house for dinners and such.

Q: How has your relationship with the seminarians changed since you were the Director of the Office of Vocations?

A: Now I am involved 24/7 with the seminarians. It is one thing to accompany a young man as he makes a decision to enter, but it is another thing to live with him, day in and day out, and journey with him as he tries to answer the call. It is very humbling and a very beautiful thing to live with the seminarians because it also helps me do my best to be a good example.

Q: What has been the biggest difference between your two stints as college director?

A: Two things: The culture has changed, even in that short span. Secondly, the sex scandal has hit the Church. And yet, what I see now is a willingness, on the part of the seminarians, to give their all to God that maybe was not there before the scandal. The guys that come now want to go all the way, as opposed to putting their feet in the water. The degree of their commitment seems to be more serious.



Chris Tipp speaks with Bishop Rice during a small group discussion with third and fourth year College seminarians.



Bishop Rice celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood at Holy Redeemer parish in St. Louis in January.



Bishop Rice and Fr. Chris Martin, Class of 2006, raised awareness about vocations while competing against each other in St. Louis Half Marathon.



Archbishop Robert J. Carlson lays his hands on Bishop Rice's head during the Mass of Ordination in January 2011.



Chris Floersh and Clark Philipp listen as Bishop Rice leads the College in a formation workshop.

Q: Your Episcopal motto is “venite et videbitis” or “come and you will see.” Do those words have a new meaning for you now that you are back in your old position – this time as a bishop?

A: Well, of course, in a specific way, because no matter what a man is struggling with, the answer is always found in Jesus: “come and you will see.” The answer lies with Him, it is very pure and direct. Not much discernment is needed for that.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?

A: I would say running and reading are my two biggest (I am kind of boring). I also like walks, hikes, drives in the country, talking with people, and meeting with people. As a priest, I love weddings and sacraments that bring people to the Church.

Q: You recently celebrated your 25th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood. What has been the greatest “life lesson” that you could impart to the seminarians currently in formation?

A: Do not be afraid to give yourself to this life because, as I look back at 25 years, I am amazed at how good God has been to me. I would say it is summarized by the quote from Pope Benedict XVI, where he says “Do not be afraid to give your life to Christ. He takes nothing away, and gives you everything.” I am living proof of that.

Q: As has been reported, the results of last fall’s “Running on Faith” race between yourself and Fr. Chris Martin are in dispute. So let’s set the record straight, Bishop Rice. Who prevailed?

A: There is no dispute about it. I won.

During the course of my own formation, Bishop Rice has been incredibly influential and has helped me grow throughout my two years in the seminary. As a bishop and vocations director, he has worked tirelessly for vocations. It was a pleasure to interview him; as anyone who has had the privilege to talk with him will know, there is never a dull moment when talking with Bishop Rice.

– John Schneider



DAY IN THE LIFE OF A
College Seminarian

By Clark Philipp, College III – St. Louis

Every day of my life at Cardinal Glennon College is guided by, saturated with, and led toward prayer which, as St. John Damascene says, is the raising of our hearts and minds to God. I am blessed to live and study the Catholic faith in a seminary that asks us to be “perfect as [our] heavenly Father is perfect.” And what better way to do that than to pray without ceasing during each part of my day.

5:00 am



*“In the name of Jesus Christ crucified, I arise.
Bless, govern, and protect me this day.”*

Waking to the unpleasant but joyous noise of the alarm clock, the first test of the day is here: Will I actually get up or just hit the snooze button? Almost immediately, a piece of advice given by a wise priest comes to my head: *“This is the first opportunity to unite yourself with the cross of Christ.”* Now there is only one option and I get up.

6:00 am



“The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.”

In the chapel, we begin our daily holy hour which ends with communal morning prayer and Mass at 7:00. Is there a better way to begin the day?

8:30 am



“We thank you Lord for these and all Thy benefits; and for the souls of the faithful departed, though the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.”

After a quick breakfast, the refreshing walk to the old CBC building begins. I hope it remains a *refreshing* walk for the remainder of the year but I think that I will like being back in the new-old building where the walk to class only entails a walk down the hallway.



9:00 am

“Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.”

Every day, the beauty and truth of our faith astound me. The more I learn, the more reasons I have to love Him who first loved us.



12:00 pm

“Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts...”

The refectory is full of people and casual conversation as all of the seminarians join the faculty and staff for a relaxing meal before heading back to class.



5:40 pm

*“God, come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.”*

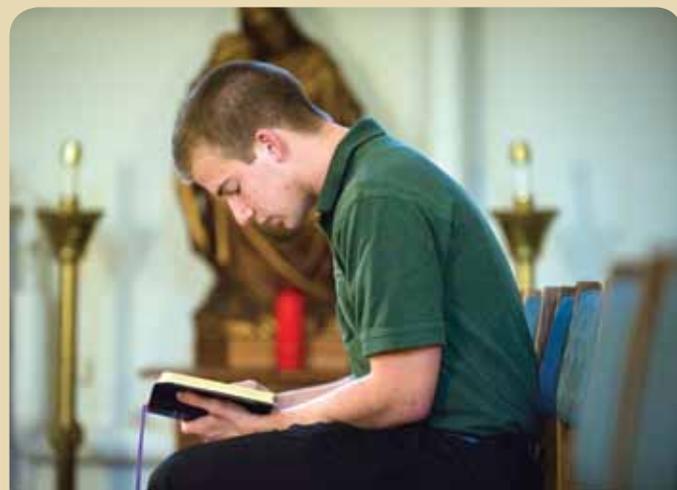
Again in the evening, we join for communal prayer. One cannot help but grow closer to all of the men who live in the building; we eat together, work together, study together, and pray together. How blessed I am to live with one hundred men all striving for the same goal that I am: sainthood!



10:30 pm

“Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide.”

After studying and praying the rosary and night prayer, I am worn out and lie down to bed grateful for the blessing of the day and ready to do it again.



☞ Suffering and Spiritual Paternity ☞

By Dr. Lawrence Feingold, STD, STL, Assistant Professor, Ave Maria University;
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

AT THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS, THERE LIES THE “GOSPEL OF SUFFERING.” BLESSED JOHN PAUL II USES THIS EXPRESSION TO REFER TO THE MYSTERY THAT MEN CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD WHEN THEY UNITE THEIR SUFFERING TO THE SUFFERING OF THE SON OF GOD.

The Son of God became a son of man to redeem all human realities by making those realities His own. Prominent among these human realities is suffering, and the Son of God took it on, in all its breadth, to make it an instrument of His love.

One of the cruellest aspects of suffering is the temptation to think it is without meaning or purpose. The discovery that suffering can be one of the greatest tools in the service of Love transforms suffering from within, transfiguring it with hope. In his Apostolic Letter on the Christian meaning of human suffering, *Salvifici doloris*, Blessed John Paul II writes: “Every man has his own share in the Redemption. Each one is also called to share in that suffering through which the Redemption was accomplished...To suffer means to become particularly susceptible, particularly open to the working of the salvific powers of God.”

Through His suffering, Christ made us sons and daughters of God. As God’s children, we can unite our suffering to Christ’s to help make others into children of God. We can share in the spiritual paternity/maternity of Christ. Tertullian, an early Christian writer, expressed this by saying that the blood of Christians is the seed of future Christians.

The first disciple of the Gospel of suffering is the Mother of God. It was no accident that her maternity was enlarged as she stood at the foot of the Cross. Because she shared in this most profound way in the suffering of her Son, Christ made her the spiritual mother of all mankind. St. John saw Mary clothed with the sun giving birth in travail (Revelation 12:1–2). With whom was she in travail? “Surely it was the birth of us who, still in exile, are yet to be generated to the perfect charity of God,” as Pope St. Pius X teaches.

Because she participated more deeply in the mystery of Christ’s Passion than any other person ever could, it is fitting that she participates with her maternal love in the



Duccio di Buoninsegna, *The Deposition*, 1308–11.
Museo dell’Opera del Duomo, Siena, Italy.

distribution of all the fruits of the Passion. In other words, Mary’s unique co-redemption is the source of her universal maternal mediation. A general law of the spiritual life is that the more deeply we participate spiritually in Christ’s redemptive mission, the more we are granted a share in His spiritual paternity. Since Mary’s participation was maximum, her spiritual maternity has maximum extension, and is thus absolutely universal, or catholic.

Let us ask our Lady to help us form our hearts, and especially those of our seminarians and priests, in the mold of her compassion, that we might participate in the breadth of her maternity.

Alumni Day CELEBRATION



On February 6th, alumni of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary gathered for the annual Alumni Day celebration at the Cardinal Rigali Center, the former home of Kenrick School of Theology and the current pastoral center of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

One of the highlights of the day was the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson. Silver jubilarians from the Class of 1986 and golden jubilarians from the Class of 1961 were invited to concelebrate the Mass. Msgr. Carl

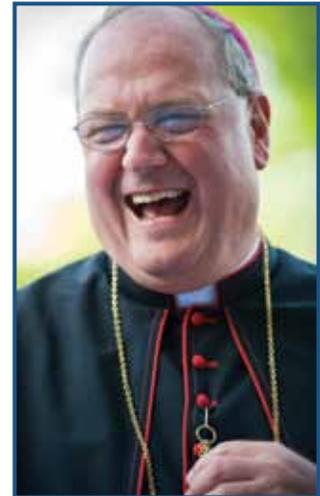
Kemme, Class of 1986, served as the homilist. The Mass evoked pleasant memories from the alumni as many of them had enjoyed daily Mass in the same chapel as seminarians.

The alumni activities continued with a delicious banquet, including lively entertainment from the seminarians' Kenrick Bluegrass Band. The jubilarians were honored for their 25th and 50th anniversaries. Msgr. Edward Sudekum, Class of 1961, delivered the jubilarian remarks at the banquet and beloved former faculty member Fr. Francis Agnew received the Faculty Award.

Alumni Day was a true celebration of the gift of priesthood, friendship, and fraternal communion in the Lord!



CONGRATULATIONS Cardinal Dolan



His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals by Pope Benedict XVI during a consistory in Rome on February 18th.

Cardinal Dolan, an alumnus of St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South and Cardinal Glennon College, was ordained to the priesthood in 1976 after completing his priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He served the Church in various capacities before returning to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in 1992 as Vice-Rector, Director of Spiritual Formation and Professor of Church History. He later served as Rector of the North American College, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis and Archbishop of Milwaukee.

Currently, Cardinal Dolan is the Archbishop of New York and President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization and the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The entire seminary community extends heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Cardinal Dolan.

A Tribute to Msgr. Bill Lyons

Msgr. William “Bill” Lyons, Class of 1956, succumbed to death on November 21st after a battle with cancer. He died in Rome as a private Mass was concluding in his room, receiving viaticum.

As Director of the Archdiocese of St. Louis’ campus ministry program from 1982 to 1994, Msgr. Lyons served as a mentor and guide to countless college students. His ministry inspired many young men to follow their vocation into the priesthood. In 1994, Msgr. Lyons began a term as a full-time faculty member at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary where he had been teaching half-time since 1966. He remained at the seminary until he was assigned as a Spiritual Director at the Pontifical North American College in Rome in 2003.

A great man of faith, Msgr. Lyons is remembered for his profound love of the heart of Jesus Christ and his tremendous ability to touch the hearts of the people he met. The Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community gives thanks for the life of such a wonderful alumni-priest.

Look for more information about the life and legacy of

Msgr. Lyons in the next issue of The Herald.

Bill was the most wonderfully eccentric, amazingly perceptive, and remarkably off-centered human being and priest I have had the privilege of knowing. Not only did he teach me and whole generations of seminarians how to share inner thoughts and emotions, but he had that knack of helping me to see my situation and struggle in a different, wonderfully new and slightly askew light. He helped me understand a great truth that was also at the heart of Jesus’ ministry: “It is not about me, but only about serving the kingdom.”

Fr. Bill Kempf, Class of 1984

Fisher of Men

Msgr. James Pieper, Class of 1957, received the inaugural Fisher of Men Award from the Archdiocese of St. Louis’ Office of Vocations. The Fisher of Men Award honors priests who, by word and example, foster a culture of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Msgr. Pieper was selected for this award because of his joyful witness to Christ, his love of his parish and his ministry, and his encouragement to those discerning their vocations.



Fr. Chris Martin, Class of 2006 and Director of the Office of Vocations, and seminarians Patrick Fletcher and George Staley congratulated Msgr. Pieper after he received the Fisher of Men Award in January.

Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Do you wish to support a worthy cause while paying tribute to a special person in your life? Memorial or tribute gifts to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary allow you to recognize those who have made a difference in your life while supporting the formation and education of our future priests. This is an especially wonderful way to honor a beloved priest or seminarian.

If you desire, the Seminary will inform the honoree or a designated family member of your gift (amount is not disclosed). Simply include the name and address of the person you wish to have notified with your contribution and the seminary will send them a special acknowledgement.

To make a contribution, please use the envelope enclosed with this magazine. You may also visit www.kenrick.edu to make a secure donation online.





FAITH
For the Future

Renovation Progress

By Randy Rathert, Project Manager, Archdiocese of St. Louis

Upper Left: The gymnasium has been used to store salvaged components of the building. The project team calls this the “bone yard” as it is full of doors, windows and trim which have been carefully removed from original locations in order to be reused in the new construction.

Upper Right: Many craftsmen are working on the renovations project. They bring the skills needed to transform the physical structure of the seminary while maintaining the unique look and feel of the building.

Middle Left: The eastern expansion will provide 23 new faculty offices, two new faculty meeting rooms and a rooftop dining hall.

Middle Right: Two ironworkers weld on the rooftop dining hall steel superstructure.

Bottom Left: The architect’s rendering of the exterior of the eastern expansion.

Bottom Right: The construction crew works on the new mezzanine level of the library prior to placing the concrete slab. A significant amount of reinforcing steel is required to support the load of all of the library’s books.

Below: The architect’s rendering of the new library mezzanine level.

The renovation of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary’s Shrewsbury campus is progressing on schedule and within the budget. The favorable weather conditions and tremendous efforts from the project team, including our excellent craftsmen, have helped make this happen.

Over the past couple of months, the shell of the eastern expansion has taken form and interior demolition has given way to new construction. New mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems are everywhere. New metal stud partitions are receiving drywall, thus creating the rooms and spaces which will serve the seminary community. Construction of the library has expanded into the old gymnasium – nearly doubling its size and creating what will be a dynamic, state of the art resource for the seminarians and faculty.

Early in the planning phase of the project, the overall scope of the renovation was reduced in an effort to stay within the budget. As a result of constant stewardship efforts by the project team and a favorable construction bidding climate, the project is now under budget. This status has allowed Archbishop Carlson and the project team to consider adding elements that were previously excluded from the project.

In addition to the building expansion, there have been many changes to the campus grounds and the exterior of the buildings. The exterior masonry is being repaired, new underground utilities and site lighting have been installed, and the soccer field has received new sod after re-grading and the installation of a new irrigation system. Repairs to the existing clay tile roof, road and parking area improvements, and site landscaping will soon be underway.

Archbishop Carlson, priests, seminarians, faculty, administration and staff have all contributed to the planning efforts of the renovation which have been made possible through the generosity of the Faith for the Future Campaign supporters. The community’s efforts have helped to define the objectives of the project and refine the scope in such a way that will undoubtedly better enable Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to serve to the best of its ability.

**Please visit the seminary’s website
for frequent updates and more construction photos!**

www.kenrick.edu



A CALL TO GENEROSITY

Supporting Vocations through the Annual Catholic Appeal

All day, every day, people are being called to serve. The Annual Catholic Appeal in the Archdiocese of St. Louis offers assistance to those in need with grants to ministries such as the Office of Vocations, Catholic Youth Apostolate, Archdiocesan high schools, campus ministry programs, and more. Each of these programs and agencies support men and women as they discover their own calls to service, including those discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Deacon William Dotson

Theology IV – St. Louis
Office of Catholic Scouting

One of the greatest influences in my discernment was a seminarian who had been assigned by the Office of Catholic Scouting as a chaplain at the S-F Scout Ranch. He was one of the first seminarians that I really had the chance to meet and talk with.

He helped me with my discernment, as well as seeing how my love of scouting and my Catholic faith can work together.



John Nickolai

Theology III – St. Louis
Catholic Student Center

Students come to Washington University for a few years, and then move on, all over the world. The Archdiocese offers the students an extended ministry of hospitality in the Catholic Student Center. I found a home there myself and through it

found that the universal Church is also my home. Wherever in the world the faithful gather, wherever the sacrifice is offered on the altar, I am home. I am where God calls me to be.



Patrick Russell

College II – St. Louis
Vocations Office

The Office of Vocations played a huge role in my discernment. My first experience with the seminary was Kenrick-Glennon Days, a camp geared toward young men who might have a vocation to the priesthood.

After that first encounter, I was always

around the seminary for John Gabriel Society meetings, Come and See weekends and even the Archbishop's Retreat during my senior year of high school. Without these programs from the Office of Vocations, I might not be in the seminary today.



A Day in the Life

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A Call to Generosity

Please make a pledge at your parish.

APRIL 21 – MAY 6, 2012



By making a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, faithful Catholics have the ability to support those who serve and are served within the Archdiocese of St. Louis each and every day.

**PLEASE JOIN THE SEMINARY COMMUNITY
IN ANSWERING THIS CALL TO GENEROSITY.**

COMMUNITY *Notes*

CONVIVIUM DINNER AUCTION

On November 5th, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary welcomed over 250 friends to The Cedars for the annual *Convivium* Mass and Dinner Auction. The enjoyable evening began with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson at St. Raymond's Maronite Catholic Church. Festivities included a silent auction, raffle, elegant dinner, and oral auction.

Convivium was a true celebration as the Seminary community and its generous supporters joined together to grow in faith and friendship. *Convivium* raised over \$120,000 for the Seminary's programs of priestly education and formation.

The seminary offers special thanks to all who attended and supported this incredible event, including the auction underwriters. We also thank our *Convivium*

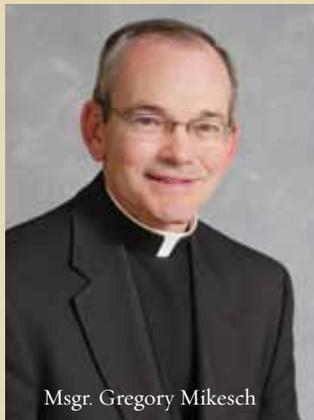
SAVE THE DATE!

The next *Convivium* will be held at
The Cedars
November 3, 2012
We hope to see you there!

For more information about *Convivium*, please visit www.kenrick.edu/convivium.

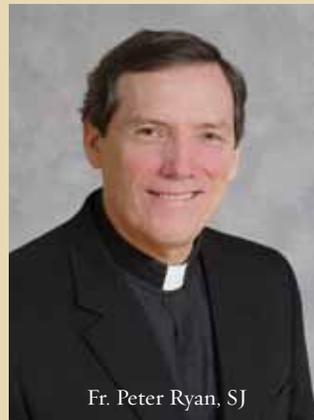
volunteers, led by the 2011 *Convivium* Co-Chairs, Vince & Marianne Burkemper and Chris & Michelle Philipp.

FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES



Msgr. Gregory Mikesch

Msgr. Gregory Mikesch has been appointed as the Kenrick Vice-Rector for Formation. As Vice Rector, he oversees the pastoral, spiritual and human formation of the seminarians. He also serves as the director of the pre-theology program. Msgr. Mikesch's great gifts in parish sacramental ministry and pastoral care will be a great blessing for the seminary community. Msgr. Mikesch comes to live at the seminary after serving as pastor of St. Alban Roe Parish in Wildwood, MO for the last seven years.



Fr. Peter Ryan, SJ

In January, Fr. Peter Ryan, S.J. joined the Kenrick-Glennon community as Director for Spiritual Formation. Fr. Ryan comes to us after a decade at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. He is a respected moral theologian, retreat master and gifted spiritual director. Fr. Ryan serves the seminary community as a full-time live-in spiritual director and teaches part-time.



Sr. Rose Marie Timmer, RSM

Sr. Rose Marie Timmer, RSM has been named Administrative Assistant for the Vice Rector of Formation. She will also assist Fr. Paul Rothschild, the Director of Human and Pastoral Formation. Sr. Rose Marie, a member of the Sisters of Mercy in Alma, MI, previously served Cardinal Edwin O'Brien as an Administrative Assistant when he was Archbishop for the Military Services.

March For Life • Matthew Nagle, Theology I – Kansas City, KS

Every year since abortion was legalized in the United States, people have marched in Washington, D.C. with the hope of convincing our government that every human life is sacred and inviolable. As usual, a large contingent from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary made the trip this year for the March for Life.

There is a saying commonly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi which states: “*Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.*” The saying is not an admonition against preaching with words, but rather an exhortation to bear witness to the Gospel by our deeds in addition to our words. The March is a perfect example of preaching the Gospel by our deeds because it shows the peace, joy and strength that come from following Christ.

At the March, you will see numerous young religious sisters radiating the joy that comes from being a bride of Christ; you will see priests shepherding their parishes or high school groups after the heart of Jesus Christ; and, of course, you will see countless young people zealous for the Lord and convicted by the truth of the Gospel.

In working for an end to abortion, it is absolutely necessary to use words – to preach, educate, and above all, to pray. The March for Life allows God to work through us in a wholly unique way. By manifesting the goodness that comes from knowing and loving Christ, we can hope that God will use us as instruments to provoke the conversion of those in Washington who most need to be converted.



ARCHBISHOP'S RETREAT

The Archdiocese of St. Louis' Office of Vocations hosted the annual Archbishop's Retreat at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary from February 17-19th. The retreat offers young men (college age or older) an opportunity to spend a weekend in prayer at the seminary with conferences given by priests and seminarians as well as individual meetings with the Director of Vocations, Fr. Chris Martin, Class of 2006.

Are you currently discerning your vocation or know someone considering the priesthood or religious life? If so, please contact your diocese's Vocations Office. Help foster a “culture of vocations” that will allow young people to discern their vocations in a supportive environment at home, school and church.



Symposium on Priesthood

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is co-sponsoring the Eleventh Annual Symposium on Spirituality and Identity of the Diocesan Priest from March 23-25. The Symposium is part of the Institute for Priestly Formation's ongoing series of forums for research, reflection and publication about various aspects of the spirituality and identity of the diocesan priest. The keynote address, *Beloved Son: Living Christ's Own Filial Obedience*, will be given by Archbishop J. Peter Sartain of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Annual Retreats

This January, the seminarians in Kenrick School of Theology participated in their annual 5-day retreats, an integral part of spiritual formation for all seminarians. Pre-Theology, Theology I and Theology II experienced a preached retreat while seminarians in Theology III and IV participated in a directed retreat to prepare them for the imminent reception of the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Deacon Joel Phelps, Theology IV - Peoria

Christmas break for many of the seminarians is certainly a vigorous time—filled with family, friends, travel, and commotion. A five day silent retreat in the hills of Missouri wine country, therefore, may sound like the perfect antithesis to this. However, as Fr. Nathan Cromly of the Community of St John reminded the third- and fourth-year theologians, the silence of the retreat is not about experiencing the antithesis of vigor but rather is intended to help foster an even more important and fundamental engagement: union with God.

In our silent prayer and common liturgies, we had the opportunity to dedicate five days to *living intensely our love of God and neighbor* in a fraternity that goes deeper than the banter of ‘swapping stories’ from break. The Cedar Creek Conference Center provided the setting for this ‘time with Christ,’ the “one thing necessary” (Lk 10:42).

Fr. Nathan called us to reflect on the phrase that, in calling the apostles after a period of prayer, Jesus “summoned those whom He wanted” (Mk 3:13). In union with the apostle John and under the mantle of Our Lady, we recognize God’s deep love for us in this call, despite our weaknesses, and we live courageously in the firm hope and joy of the Gospel.

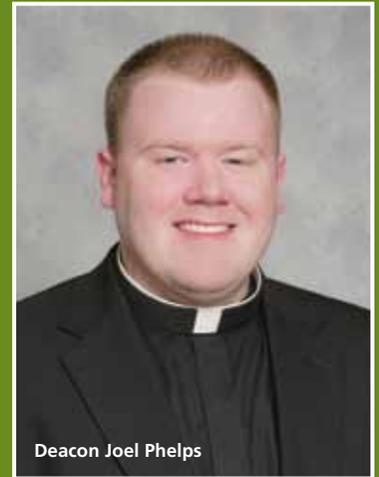
This retreat in preparation for Holy Orders directed us toward a priesthood not springing from the ‘exterior slavery’ of duty, but from the ‘interior slavery’ of love.

Conor Sullivan, Theology II - St. Louis

I can think of few better ways to begin a new semester than with a retreat. It is always a great opportunity of renewal and spending many hours of silence with the Lord.

I remember when I first entered the seminary, the prospect of spending several days in complete silence was one that frightened me. As I have progressed through the seminary, I have come to feel there is no better way to spend my retreat than in complete silence. When I was initially discerning the priesthood, I remember being drawn to silent adoration more and more in the midst of my busy, noisy life. It came as a surprise to me too that even a seminarian is subject to this busyness and noise! It has become all the more important for me to continue to seek out this time with God who is always drawing me closer to Himself and forming me to become, if it pleases Him, a priest.

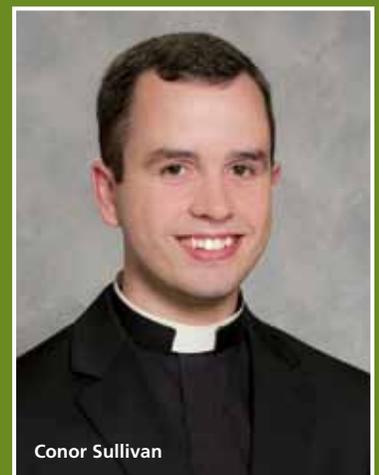
Bishop John Quinn, from the Diocese of Winona, MN, was our retreat master. He put the importance of this silent prayer beautifully in the context of scripture. If God is a potter and I am the clay in His hands, then my job is to keep myself formable and willing to answer His call which is only heard in the intimacy of silence. This retreat experience was a tremendous way to renew my efforts to seek out the silence and to place myself in the hands of God so I can, one day, become a priest after the Heart of His Son.



Deacon Joel Phelps

“Those who aspire to be sent on mission, as the apostles were, must first acquire the listening and learning heart of disciples. Jesus invited these apostles to come to him before he sent them out to others.”

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APRIL

Tuesday, April 24 Installation of Reader – Theology II

Saturday, April 28 Installation of Acolyte – Theology I

MAY

Friday, May 4 Graduation Mass and Academic Convocation

Saturday, May 5 Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for the Archdiocese of St. Louis 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 11 Last Day of Classes

Saturday, May 26 Ordination to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST

August 20-25 Orientation

Monday, August 27 Classes begin

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 6 Mass of the Holy Spirit 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 3 Priest Alumni Day

Thursday, October 4 Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture 7:30 p.m.

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