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A SEMINARY WITHOUT WALLS:
Continuing Formation
in a Global Pandemic

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I want to welcome Archbishop Rozanski to St. Louis and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary! As a fellow transplant, I can tell him that he will not find a more welcoming or supportive Catholic community. Also, I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude to Archbishop Carlson. He has been a mentor, friend, and spiritual father to me throughout my priesthood and a tremendous support to the Seminary.

As part of my release from my home diocese of Sioux Falls, SD, I am committed to returning home each July to help direct the 30-day silent retreat for seminarians, priests, and religious. It is truly a blessing! This year, as our country and world were being bombarded with a tremendous amount of uncertainty and fear, I was able to spend much time in silence and prayer listening to the Lord. Through prayer and spiritual direction, I was led to formulate and repeat the following prayer of surrender:

“Jesus, I am yours, take charge of my day.”

“Jesus, I am yours, take charge of my future.”

“Jesus, I am yours, take charge of our Seminary.”

“Jesus, I am yours, take charge of our Church.”

“Jesus, I am yours, take charge of our country.”

“Jesus, I am yours, take charge of our world.”

Each day I would pray this – slowly, three times – and I continue to do so, to counter any fear or uncertainty that is being whispered by the chattering voice of the enemy. I suspect I am not alone in having to counter-act that chattering voice! But we must never forget, and continually find ways to remind ourselves, that God is in charge and, as St. John Henry Newman once said, *“He knows what He is about!”*

The times *are* trying! But they also contain an invitation to grow in the two pillars of humility and confidence. Humility means recognizing our constant need of our savior, Jesus Christ. Confidence means boldness which is not rooted in ourselves but in Him who makes all things possible. Humility and confidence: this will be the theme for our men this year as we continue our mission to form healthy, holy, and joy-filled parish priests.

Our mission is not possible without your support, so always know of our gratitude and prayers for you.

In Christ,

Father James Mason

President-Rector



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A CHANGE IN ST. LOUIS LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday, August 25th, the Feast of St. Louis IX, **Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski** was installed as the 12th bishop and 10th archbishop of St. Louis.

We look forward to working with Archbishop Rozanski and ministering to the faithful with and for him in the years to come.



Days after his installation, Archbishop Rozanski visited the seminary and celebrated the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit at the start of the new academic year.



We are grateful to **Archbishop Robert J. Carlson** for his 11 years of leadership and for his dedication to fostering vocations and prioritizing the formation of future priests at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Our prayers go with you, Archbishop!

A Seminary Without Walls: Continuing Formation in a Global Pandemic

By Logan Obrigewitch, Theology III — Bismarck



Logan Obrigewitch (far left) assisted at St. Leo's and throughout the Diocese of Bismarck with his seminarian brothers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go" (MT 8:19).

This generous offer of the scribe to Jesus receives Christ's response,
"... the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head" (MT 8:20).

Fr. James Mason, President-Rector, gave a formation conference to the seminarians on this passage just one month prior to our quick departure in March due to the coronavirus outbreak.

He encouraged us to pray for a specific grace: *"To be where I am supposed to be and who I am supposed to be right now."* At the time I was unaware of how relevant this prayer would become in the following months. When the seminary announced that all seminarians were to return to our homes

by March 18th, I was initially shocked and disappointed. We had two days to pack, say our goodbyes, and leave. I drove 15 hours to North Dakota with many questions spinning through my mind. However, the drive did allow plenty of time to pray to Jesus, *"Lead me to where I am supposed to be..."*

FERTILE GROUND FOR FORMATION

To continue the semester, I moved to St. Leo's Catholic Church in Minot, ND and remained there throughout the summer. Instead of residing in a house with around 140



Dustin Johns, Theology II, helps Deacon Ben Franchuk pack up their belongings on March 17th and prepare for the long and unexpected drive to Bismarck.

seminarians, I was now living with three priests and one fellow seminarian. Though the rectory was a completely different setting, I soon realized that the seminary came with me to St. Leo's. This new place I called home was fertile ground for formation. I was in close and daily contact with the priests and I witnessed how they each lived Jesus' call to the priesthood in a particular way. The relationships of seminary life were still intact, only now virtually. My schedule remained similar to that of the seminary, with a morning holy hour of prayer and then moving into our normal class periods online with my classmates and professors.

Given the unknowns of distance learning, I was impressed with the seminary's ability to adapt during the pandemic. The faculty remained in communication with the seminary community frequently through email, and they quickly set up Zoom video calls so we could continue class at our regular periods. They provided recordings for seminarians who were unable to participate in our normal schedule, like one of my classmates from Belize. We still had spiritual direction and formation meetings, and we were able to watch formation conferences on our computers. Online Masses were also available for those who were unable to attend Mass at their assigned parishes, which provided some seminarians with the opportunity to make a spiritual communion in solidarity with so many who were without the Eucharist during this time.

FROM FEAR TO COMMUNION

An initial challenge for me at the beginning of this pandemic was based in the total uncertainty about what the future

would hold. I wondered, *"How many people are getting sick? Will our country recover socially and economically? Will schools and stores be reopened to normal? How long will this pandemic last?"* Most of the time, these kinds of thoughts only lead to the "fruits" of anxiety and fear, which has seemed to affect much of our country during this time as well. We are currently in a coronavirus pandemic, but the "pandemic" of fear is also with us. The day before our departure, Deacon Jim Keating gave a formation conference on this subject. He said, *"The birth of fear is found in our attachment to passing things."* His statement posed the question, *"What are my attachments during these days, and how do I respond to them?"* Once I became aware of my attachments, I was able to relate my fears to Jesus. He wanted that place of fear in my heart to be transformed into a place of communion with Him. His invitation was, as it always is, to keep my eyes on Him and not worry over future uncertainties and unknowns.

ABANDONMENT TO GOD

This is the invitation in Matthew 8. Jesus does not deny the scribe's offer to follow Him but reveals that there are consequences of being a disciple. Jesus does not promise certainty, comfort, or an exact "where" for the scribe, nor for me. Yet He does promise Himself in the Sacraments of the Church and in personal prayer. The heart of this challenging time is not merely uncertainty about the future, but rather, whether I will follow Jesus in faith or be controlled by fear. With this situation out of my control, I see now that it is a perfect time to respond with the gifts of faith and hope in



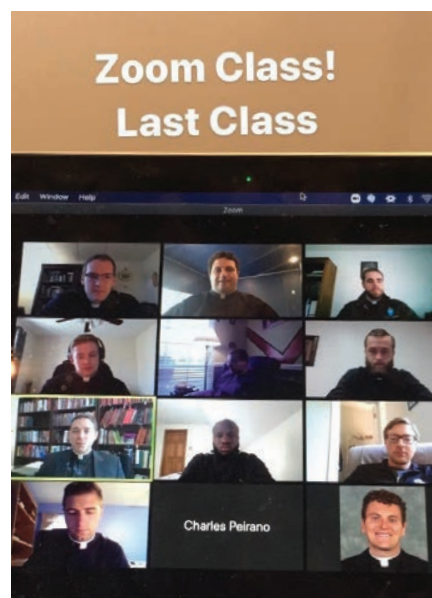
Spiritual direction continued – and spanned continents! Here, Fr. Mirco Sosio, A.V.I. used video chat for spiritual direction with Deacon Marcos Rodriguez in Belize.

Jesus. He never placed His hope in the world. Fear never stopped Him from doing the Father's will since Jesus was not attached to the passing age. He did not even claim a pillow on which to lay His head! He only finds His security and

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comfort in the Father. That is what matters most for Him, and this is the grace that He offered me during this time.

Although I did not want to leave the seminary prematurely last spring, a great gift came from praying, “Jesus, lead me to where I am supposed to be.” This prayer was one of abandonment to God and His plans for me. I met many new people and parishioners in Minot, stayed in weekly contact with fellow seminarians, and had a great communal life at St. Leo’s Rectory. I witnessed many people choosing to respond with faith in Jesus rather than fear throughout this pandemic. Christians are not afraid when they remember Jesus’ promise, “... I am with you always, until the end of the age” (MT 28:20). Through the authentic relationships He provided—within the parish community, the seminary, and the rectory—and, most of all, through continued daily prayer amidst this pandemic, Jesus makes it evident that the darkness and disease of the world does not triumph when faith, hope, and love are alive in the hearts of Christians today. ✚



The last class of the semester with Fr. Donald Anstoetter, Director of Worship, for Theology I. Seminarians were able to finish the semester from their home dioceses with long-distance learning tools.

“He treated us as if we had been a part of his family.”



Dear Fr. Mason,

We are writing you today to express our gratitude for one of your seminarians. It’s no secret; the modern day normal has shifted from what we previously knew it to be due to the current pandemic of COVID-19. My fiancée (at the time) and I were set to marry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Washington, MO on March 28th, 2020. We had spent countless hours preparing for this day both spiritually and physically, and it was going to be a perfect day celebrated with both friends and family. After much discussion and consultation with Fr. Theby, Katie and I decided at noon on March 20th that we would enter into the Sacrament of Marriage the following day with a minimal guest list. But lucky for us, Donald Morris was on that list.

We had a “plan” for how we were going to share this day with our friends and family afar, but it was all planned on a whim. When we arrived at the church, Donald had a plan for how everything was going to work. Up until this point, neither of us had formally met Donald other than seeing him during regular Sunday Mass, but he treated us as if we had been a part of his family. Not only did he make sure that our 200 guests could view our wedding and hear the readings online, he insured the music was played on queue and even added music to make the ceremony more traditional and flow nicely. This kind of act was done without asking and without any expectation in return, other than the smiles on both our faces. It is safe to say that Donald had a major part in making this day a huge success.

Best regards,

Tim and Katie Richarz



Katie and Tim on their wedding day with Fr. Jim Theby, Class of 2008.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

On August 25th, Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski was installed the Tenth Archbishop of St. Louis.

Archbishop Rozanski was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1984.

In 2004, he was named an Auxiliary Bishop for his home diocese. Ten years later, he was appointed the Bishop of Springfield, MA. Now, the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community is pleased to welcome Archbishop Rozanski as we work together to form shepherds for our Church.

By Deacon Charlie Archer, Theology IV — St. Louis

It is a joy to welcome Archbishop Rozanski to St. Louis. This May, he will, God-willing, ordain me a priest.

I was touched when Archbishop Rozanski described his parents' support for his vocation during his opening press conference: *"I thought very early in life I was called to be a priest. When I went to the Seminary, my parents said to me, 'If you find this is not for you, you have a home to come back to.'"* Yet he has found the life of ministry to be a source of great joy.

Joy has been a theme for Archbishop Rozanski; he selected the Episcopal motto: *"Serve the Lord with Gladness."* He explains, *"I thought over a motto that I wanted to express what doing the Lord's work really meant. So I went to Psalm 100 and 'Serve the Lord with gladness' popped out at me. There is an action word that means we live our faith concretely."* Archbishop Rozanski has lived out this motto in his ministry as a bishop.

Archbishop Rozanski has also maintained contact with the lay faithful even in difficult moments. When first ordained, he discovered that good relationships and clear communication keep a parish operating effectively, and he has brought these priorities to his life as a Bishop. *"I walk purposely each day down a street because there is usually a gathering of people there each day."*

After the death of Mr. Floyd, there was a gentleman who told me, 'You know Bishop, when we know each other as neighbors, we know each other as people.'" Archbishop Rozanski sees Jesus as a model for his decision to reach out to all marginalized communities: *"This is what Jesus did. He approached everybody who came to him and was not afraid to name those difficult situations."*

As a transitional deacon, it gives me joy to see Archbishop Rozanski's motto and example. My classmates and I have discussed how often the greatest gift we can give those to whom we minister is our own joy and peace in the Lord. Having joy in our hearts begins with our prayer in the morning, which then animates our preaching and conversations throughout the day. It is a gift to have a new Archbishop who has treasured this same grace throughout his many years of ministry.

As Archbishop Rozanski said, *"If we live our faith concretely, then we will certainly have hearts that are joyful-- maybe not always happy and elated, but that are joyful and peace-filled in serving the Lord."* Our prayers are with Archbishop Rozanski as we look forward to his joyful and peace-filled leadership of our Archdiocese. ✚



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski consults with Fr. Donald Anstoetter, Director of Worship, and Aaron Waldeck, Master of Ceremonies, before celebrating Mass at the seminary for the first time on August 27th — days after his installation as the new Archbishop of St. Louis.



The Oratory of St. Joseph

By Fr. Jason Schumer, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College

On the morning of March 18th, we awoke to a seminary that was suddenly and eerily quiet. As resident priest-faculty, we are somewhat accustomed to the quiet of breaks or the summer. But this was different. During breaks, there are usually some seminarians who stay in the building. That wasn't possible in these circumstances. It was just us.

Remaining in residence were Frs. Mason, Hoelsing, Teater, Auro, Anstoetter, Henke, and me. The sisters also remained living in their convent. Like the seminarians, we had to adjust to the new reality of priestly formation at a distance. Like the seminarians, we also eventually came to see that this strange time, as difficult as it was, would be filled with many blessings.

Only two days into the seminarian exile—as it came to be called—we celebrated the patronal feast of our main chapel. The Solemnity of St. Joseph saw the seven resident-priests offer a beautiful Mass, preaching via livestream to our seminarians. As we reflected on the experience that unfolded, our lives during those weeks and months that followed was very similar to the life of oratorians. Thus, we came to call ourselves the Oratory of St. Joseph.

Oratorians are priests who, under the patronage of St. Philip Neri, live an intentional communal life based on mutual charity and common liturgical prayer. We seven priests are all diocesan priests and we have never sought the life of an oratorian. But that life came to us. And it was filled with many blessings!

Very early on, we set a daily schedule. Each morning, we all spent quiet time in mental prayer before offering communal



Fr. Mason and Fr. Hoelsing spent dozens of hours outdoors during the lockdown, hearing confessions and offering spiritual direction in Mary's Grotto and other locations on site.

Mass. During the day, we each worked in our office, which often involved calling or zooming the seminarians for formation meetings. On certain days, we offered formation conferences or Fiat Women's Group talks that we livestreamed from the chapel. In the evening we prayed a Holy Hour with our beloved Carmelite sisters. Around 6:00 p.m., we prayed Evening Prayer together and then enjoyed dinner. The communal time we spent together, particularly at meals, was more relaxed

and prolonged than usual. It was a time to simply be together.

The celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum together as brother priests was an incredible blessing. Among the seven of us, we shared the preaching and celebration of the various liturgies. Together, we journeyed with Jesus through those most holy days, moved by the prayer and reflections of our brothers.

Though none of us would have chosen to finish the academic year in such a manner, God was certainly present through it all. This fall, as our hallways, classrooms, and chapels fill once again with seminarians, the bonds formed in the Oratory of St. Joseph remain. As the psalmist says: "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers live in unity!" ✚

With Gratitude to a Brave Shepherd

By Deacon Joseph Detwiler, Theology IV — St. Louis



I was a rising junior at DeSmet High School in the summer of 2009 when Archbishop Carlson was installed the Archbishop of St. Louis.

I knew hardly anything about him and probably would not have thought that I would eventually have a personal relationship with him and know him as I do today.

My admiration for him began before I was even accepted as a seminarian. In the summer of 2009, my grandfather was dying in the hospital. Archbishop Carlson, who didn't even know my grandfather, was told about him and decided to pay him a visit. I admire the Archbishop's willingness to enter into difficult times with a family he doesn't know, just to bring the love of Christ. To this day, my family is still very appreciative of that one small act of kindness.

I am very grateful for Archbishop Carlson's leadership and support of the mission of the seminary. My eight years in seminary have only confirmed what I admired before, starting with my seminary acceptance letter. His letter was not just a generic form letter sent out to all seminarians. Archbishop Carlson commented on a particular aspect of my faith autobiography, which I wrote as part of the application process. I could tell that he took a personal interest.

It has been a privilege to be formed under a bishop who knows me and is interested in my formation. He has also encouraged many treasured aspects of my formation, including a 30-day Ignatian retreat, the pastoral year, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage. I was privileged to be ordained a Transitional Deacon by Archbishop Carlson this past May at the Cathedral Basilica with my five classmates. I am so grateful that God was able to use the Archbishop as an instrument to confer on me such a great gift, and I will never forget that day.

I will certainly miss having dinner with him at his residence, his frequent trips to the seminary, and his heartfelt preaching. I have very much appreciated having a good, personal connection with the same man that I promised obedience to at my ordination. I am so grateful for his many years of service to the Church and to St. Louis, and to my family in particular. Thank you, Archbishop, for being a skilled leader, a brave shepherd, and, most importantly, a good man. ✚

ORDINATIONS

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BELLEVILLE – JULY 11, 2020
Fr. Nick Fleming

BISMARCK – JUNE 11, 2020
Fr. Mark Aune

KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS – MAY 23, 2020
Fr. Anthony Mersmann

KNOXVILLE – AUGUST 29, 2020
Fr. Zachary Griffith
Fr. Alexander Hernandez

SIOUX CITY – JUNE 6, 2020
Fr. Travis Crotty

SPRINGFIELD, IL – JUNE 19, 2020
Fr. Michael Meinhart
Fr. Michael Trummer
Fr. Dominic Vahling

SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU – JUNE 12, 2020
Fr. Daniel Belken
Fr. Allen Kirchner

ST. LOUIS – MAY 23, 2020
Fr. Christopher Smith
Fr. Dane Westhoff

VIETNAM – AUGUST 26, 2020
Fr. Quang Dinh

ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

BELIZE CITY & BELMOPAN – JUNE 13, 2020
Deacon Marcos Rodriguez

BISMARCK – MAY 14, 2020
Deacon Jacob Degele
Deacon Benjamin Franchuk
Deacon Gregory Hilzendeger

KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS – MAY 16, 2020
Deacon Keith Chadwick
Deacon Luke Doyle

KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH – MAY 23, 2020
Deacon Benjamin Armentrout
Deacon Garrett King

OKLAHOMA CITY – JUNE 6, 2020
Deacon Rodrigo Serna Velasco

SAN ANGELO – AUGUST 1, 2020
Deacon Kevin Lenius

SIOUX FALLS – MAY 28, 2020
Deacon Jeffrey Schulte

ST. LOUIS – MAY 3, 2020
Deacon Charles Archer
Deacon Mitchell Baer
Deacon Joseph Detwiler
Deacon Edward Godefroid*
Deacon Jonathan Ruzicka
Deacon Ryan Truss

WICHITA – MAY 21, 2020
Deacon Matthew Glazier
Deacon Christopher Rumbach
Deacon Ty Taylor

*Deacon Edward Godefroid studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He completed our Pre-Theology Program in 2017.

For more information on the ordinations, visit kenrick.edu/ordinations.

In a Time Like This

It is with great joy and thanksgiving to God that the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community congratulates 13 alumni on their ordination to the Sacred Priesthood and 20 seminarians on their ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.

My Brothers in Christ, I commend you for your courage and your hope during this challenging time in our world. We have not lived our lives up to now in a time like this, which finds people living in fear and anxiety. Or instead, and hopefully in each of you, finding deep within yourselves, a call to turn more and more to the Lord and hearing His invitation to grow in faith and the call to serve your brothers and sisters.

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson
Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate in St. Louis



1. Fr. Anthony Mersmann blesses Archbishop Joseph Naumann after his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.
2. Fr. Daniel Belken celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving at Old St. Vincent Chapel in Cape-Girardeau, MO.
3. Newly ordained Fr. Dane Westhoff embraces his mother after his ordination.
4. Fr. Quang Dinh was ordained on August 26th in Phát Diệm, Vietnam.

The Grace of God at Work

By Deacon Benjamin Franchuk
Theology IV — Bismarck

What a year 2020 has been!

We began the year with a plan for ordination that involved a full Cathedral and a great party for the entire diocese. Instead, we ended up with a very small ordination with our immediate family in attendance and a few small celebrations afterward. This is not what we had in mind! However, we saw the grace of God at work in this situation. The first gift that I received was the confirmation that ordination is more about receiving the grace of God than about the celebration. During the planning process, we talked about moving the date and I remember Deacon Greg Hilzendeger saying, *“So either we move ordination back and possibly sit here for 6 weeks with nothing to do or we leave it as is and possibly sit here for 6 weeks as deacons.”* Jacob Degele, Greg Hilzendeger, and I unanimously decided we would rather be ordained deacons sooner with less of a celebration than waiting.

This change of plans also led to another gift from God: the support we have in my diocese. I cannot count how many times people, especially the priests, who told me that they wanted to be at the ordination. Even though ordination was not exactly how we had planned, it became less about us and more about the work of God. I was also reminded of the great support system we have here in the diocese and among our families. I thank God every day for the graces of ordination and for His Providence in how everything worked out. ✚



Dan Williams



Lisa Johnston



Ready to Respond

By Fr. Anthony Yates, Class of 2010

As the Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Oakville, MO, with care for thousands of souls, the usual way of reaching people has changed dramatically. Earlier this year when we were completely shut down, I had to react quickly. That meant praying for direction and then consulting with my staff.

As many parishes did, we took to social media – livestreaming Mass and offering other opportunities for parishioners to remain connected. Being connected with them was very important to me. In addition to an online presence, my parish offered various parking lot opportunities. These were times when parishioners could come up to church, drive-through the line, see the priests and seminarians, and sometimes receive a gift. On Easter Sunday, for example, we gave out bottles of Holy Water. We also had a Eucharistic Procession on Divine Mercy Sunday and a drive-through event on Mother's Day. We also made sure that the Sacrament of Confession was available. Since people could not come into the church, we set up a drive-

through confessional where penitents could pull up next to a window and celebrate this Sacrament of Healing.

I was also blessed to have seminarians living in the rectory during the pandemic shut down. I found this to be a rewarding experience for me and them. Particularly, we were able to grow in our fraternal relationships because we were spending so much time together. We had regular prayer time and meals together and also spent Saturday evenings watching a movie. The seminarians were also very helpful with all of our parish outreach efforts.

This time of pandemic has taught me that I have to always be ready to respond. As I pray the Cardinal Mercier Prayer to the Holy Spirit each morning, I truly had to embrace the part that says, "...to accept all that You permit to happen to me." Even though challenging, these days of connecting with parishioners in a new way truly have been grace filled. ✚



In Memoriam

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

Fr. Larry Albertson
Class of 1965 – Kansas City, KS

Fr. Eugene F. Bendel
Class of 1957 – St. Louis

Msgr. William J. Blacet
Class of 1946 – Kansas City–
St. Joseph

Fr. Richard Creason
Class of 1967 – St. Louis

Fr. Charles C. Deister
Class of 1963 – St. Louis

Fr. Carl M. Dekat
Class of 1953 – Kansas City, KS

Fr. James T. Edwards
Class of 1976 – St. Louis

Fr. Robert L. Heimos
Class of 1967 – St. Louis

Fr. Raymond J. Joyce
Class of 1962 – Wichita

Fr. William J. Kester
Class of 1970 – St. Louis

Msgr. Robert L. McCarthy
Class of 1958 – St. Louis

Fr. Robert J. Menner
Class of 1968 – St. Louis

Msgr. Nicholas A. Schneider
Class of 1956 – St. Louis

Fr. G. Timothy Vowels
Class of 1977 – St. Louis

Most Reverend Dorick M. Wright
Class of 1975 – Belize City–
Belmopan

Keating Joins Formation Staff

By Fr. Paul Hoesing, Vice-Rector for Formation



I first met Deacon Keating in 2005 through his writings. By that time he had been teaching theology to seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum for 12 years. Several I know avidly spoke of him as one of their best professors and extolled his prayerful pedagogy.

In 2006, many more would experience Deacon Keating's gift for teaching. He moved to Omaha with his wife and four children and began directing Theological Formation at the Institute for Priestly Formation. Seminarians, priests and theologians from all over the world would hear his homilies, absorb his talks, and receive his retreats. Many IPF participants have a Deacon Keating story or phrase that continues to resonate as a point of grace or conversion. I was so happy to finally meet him in person in Omaha, especially sharing the altar and ambo at the parish where I resided. Every Mass was another opportunity to watch Deacon Keating accomplish what a homilist is meant to do: "to leave the people in prayer."

Now Deacon Keating is here in St. Louis, back in a seminary and teaching in a classroom with a breadth of ecclesial and professional experience that is secondary to the real spiritual integration he brings

from a life of personal prayer. "I was convinced, when I first heard him that he is a man who prays and knows Jesus." That's an initial reaction from another priest in his own first encounter. He watched Deacon Keating address the seminary in the last formation conference of the spring semester before the building closed in March. He left us all in prayer, and now he remains to serve that mystery again and again in this place.

Most Rev. Joseph G. Hanefeldt **Bishop of Grand Island**

Deacon Keating is a tremendous asset to the formation program at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. As a moral theologian and author, he brings the gift of integrating theology into the interior life of those in seminary formation. In my association with him throughout his 14 years with the Institute for Priestly Formation, and my own experience as a seminary Director of Spiritual Formation [at the Pontifical North American College in Rome], I have found him uniquely qualified to form priests for the New Evangelization. With men in formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary from the Diocese of Grand Island, I am greatly encouraged by the addition of Deacon Keating to the formation program. I am eager to see the fruits that his appointment will bring!

Perry J. Cahall, Ph.D., Academic Dean **School of Theology, Pontifical College Josephinum**

Deacon Keating has a wealth of experience educating and forming. In the time that we served as colleagues at the Josephinum, I learned that Jim brings to the seminary community a deep and genuine love for the priesthood. He brings to the seminary the witness of a devoted Catholic husband and father, and he assists seminarians in appropriating the spousal dimension of the priesthood so they can be truly generative spiritual fathers. Jim's witness as a deacon demonstrates the relationship between the diaconate and the priesthood. His teaching helps men grow in an intimate relationship with Jesus and Mary that will sustain them throughout their lives as priests. ✚

Convivium Goes Virtual

THE 28TH ANNUAL CONVIVIAM DINNER AUCTION

will be held on Saturday, November 7th. Recognizing the growing impact of COVID-19, the event program will be virtual this year. Now, more than ever before, it is important that we stay connected to each other and the mission of the Church.

Friends of the seminary are invited to participate in this event through “Party in Place” packages (available in the Greater St. Louis area), mobile bidding, and virtual programming. For more information about the ways in which you can support and celebrate our future priests, please visit www.kenrick.edu/convivium.

“Although we cannot be together in person this year, I hope that you will join us through our virtual programming. While much has changed in our world today, the need for holy, healthy, joy-filled parish priests remains. Your support makes this possible. Thank you.”

— Fr. James Mason, President-Rector

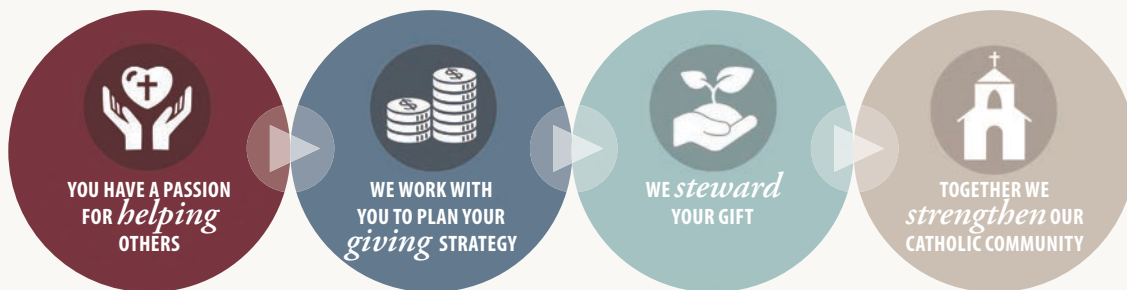


A Gift During Uncertain Times

An excellent way for you to support our seminarians is to leave a bequest in your will or living trust to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that you are able to leave a lasting legacy to benefit generations of future priests.

In May 2020, the seminary received a substantial bequest from a woman who had named the seminary as the beneficiary of 50% of her estate. Before her death, the seminary was unaware of her intention. However, her gift arrived during the coronavirus pandemic – a time of great financial uncertainty for many individuals and institutions. While her name will remain anonymous, the impact of her generosity will be long remembered.

Please consider Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in your estate plans. You may wish to consider gifting a specific dollar amount or asset, a percentage of your estate, or the balance or residue of your estate. +



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FACULTY/STAFF

ADDITIONS

DEACON JAMES KEATING, Professor of Spiritual Theology
See page 13.

FR. BENJAMIN SAWYER, Formation Advisor & Instructor

This spring, Archbishop Robert Carlson and Bishop Carl Kemme announced Fr. Ben Sawyer's appointment as a Formation Advisor & Instructor. Fr. Sawyer holds the STL in Dogmatic Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Sawyer served as Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, chaplain and religion teacher at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Pastor at Christ the King Parish, and Director of Ongoing Formation for the Clergy for the Diocese of Wichita.

FR. MICHAEL MARCHLEWSKI, S.J., In-House Spiritual Director

Fr. Michael "Marco" Marchlewski, SJ is now serving the seminarians as an in-house spiritual director. Ordained in 1967 as a member of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Marco has taught in Jesuit schools and ministered in parishes around the world. Fr. Marco has served for many years teaching at St. Louis University High School and DeSmet Jesuit High School and has been a spiritual leader for both schools' lacrosse teams over the years. The annual "Father Marco Cup" lacrosse event between the two schools is held each year in his honor.

DEPARTURES

BISHOP ROBERT HERMANN, In-House Spiritual Director

MSGR. EDMUND GRIESE DIECK, In-House Spiritual Director

FR. EDWARD AHN, AVI, In-House Spiritual Director

HIGHLIGHTS

Seminarians Jacob Braun, Robert Lawson, and Ryan Quarnstrom – Pastoral Interns in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, served as **chaplains at Mercy Hospital** under the direction of Sr. Janet Crane, SSND for a seven-week internship this summer. Their ministry and joyful spirit were invaluable during a challenging time for so many. For a more in-depth look at their experiences on the front line during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit kenrick.edu to read an article from the *St. Louis Review's* July 27-August 2 issue.

Holy Week liturgies were offered in the Chapel of St. Joseph for the first time in over 30 years. While seminarians and priests typically return home during Holy Week, priests in residence at the seminary during the COVID-19 lockdown offered all of the liturgies themselves, performing the duties necessary to make these liturgies possible. All liturgies were livestreamed for seminarians, family, and friends.

During the summer months, **seminarians were scattered around the world** to live in parishes and serve communities in their home dioceses during the pandemic. Some worked in the parish managing livestream Masses and welcoming parishioners back for the first time in months. Others conducted online faith formation talks, attended retreats managed socially distanced liturgies and events, and continued online learning.

Over the summer, **college seminarians installed pews** in the St. Charles Chapel and spent many hours covering the kneelers with new fabric and foam pads. The pews came from St. Philip Benizi Mission in Viburnum, MO in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau upon its closure. The seminary is grateful to Bishop Edward Rice and his diocese for this gift! ✚



2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

WE CONCLUDED THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

in a state of "distance learning" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, we have returned to campus and taken prudential precautions so that we can continue being a place of formation during the pandemic.

The pandemic is accelerating our consideration of this new moment of the Church's evangelizing effort. We are looking at our formation programs in the context of the "primary duty of the priesthood," which is to "proclaim the Gospel of God to all" (Presbyterorum Ordinis #4). The pandemic's demand for distance



Enrollment Increase

The largest enrollment of seminarians in recent decades: 144 men began their formation at the start of the 2019-2020 Academic Year from 22 dioceses.



Soccer

The KGS Lions seminarian soccer team reclaimed the championship title at the 2019 Souls and Goals Soccer Cup against the Clergy and Co. team. This year's event was hosted by St. Dominic High School.

2019-2020

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

JANUARY

Apostolic Service

Seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College worked with the Missionary Sisters of Charity weekly to provide faith formation and care for children.



Holy Land

13 deacons traveled to the Holy Land in January for a three week theology and archaeology course taught by Fr. Charles Samson, Associate Professor of New Testament.



Fr. Anthony Mersmann

and often virtual communications is a particular challenge to this mission. Priests cannot operate according to the status quo and must respond to the needs of the people in new ways.

Much like the laity, priests also share feelings of inadequacy in virtual connection, a hunger for more immediate contact with others, and fear in the uncertainty of these times. Priests who respond to the pandemic

experience with more fear, resignation, defeatism, or withdrawal may be retreating from the people. Yet, priests and seminarians who prudently move through the restrictions are finding ways for the Church to become a unique place of welcome and encounter for the people in need. This new type of outreach will likely shape the future ministry of the men currently in formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Rosary

On March 17th, as the entire seminary prepared for an immediate departure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College took a break from packing to pray the rosary together, one last time.



MARCH

MAY

Baptism

Pandemic notwithstanding, 34 men were ordained to the priesthood and transitional diaconate. Newly ordained Deacon Marcos Rodriguez wasted no time in administering his first baptism in his home diocese of Belize-Belmopan.



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OVERCOMING ANXIETY

By Deacon Matt Glazier, Theology IV —Wichita

The formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary addresses the whole man – humanly, spiritually, pastorally, and even psychologically. Over the last two years, I have been blessed to participate in an anxiety support group at the seminary that has transformed my approach to pastoral tasks and enabled me to minister in a more healthy and effective manner.

It is said that the most common phobia is the fear of public speaking. Many of us have had the experience of walking to the front of a room to give a speech or a presentation and feeling our body temperatures rise and our hearts pound. My experience was no different as I began to teach in my parish assignments and preach as a newly ordained deacon.

Over the summer, I was assigned to St. Teresa Catholic Church in Hutchinson, KS where I preached at every Mass. The elevated sanctuary was consistently 15 degrees warmer than the pews and my nerves certainly did not cool things down at all. During my second weekend at the parish, I was in the sacristy just before Saturday evening Mass and found myself pacing in circles, over-analyzing my homily, and convincing myself that I needed to scrap the whole thing and come up with something else. The server smiled at me and said, “You have a lot of nervous energy.”

Immediately I realized that I had to calm down and get a grip! I stopped pacing, found a chair to sit down in, and began to slow down my breathing the way we had learned in our anxiety group. I called to mind the fact that I had prayed about this homily all week and discerned that this interior lack of peace and rash thought to suddenly scrap it was certainly not from God. Instead, it came from my “performance anxiety” and my “all-or-nothing” tendency towards perfectionism.

Using skills that I have learned in formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, I was able to compose myself, ease my anxiety, and pray that Jesus would give me the grace of confidence. In the end, I delivered my homily, and nobody threw tomatoes at me or walked out. Perhaps it was not perfect, but neither God nor His people have ever asked me to be perfect. ✚



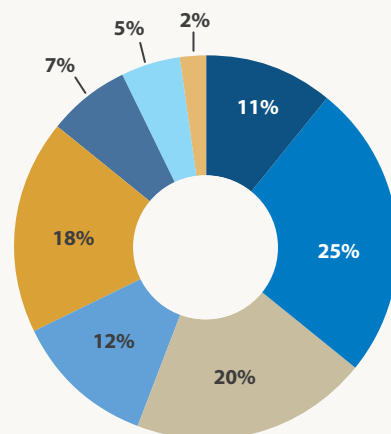
FISCAL YEAR 2020: JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY

is governed by the principles of good stewardship in the planning, development, and use of its financial resources. These are deployed to support the purpose of the seminary effectively and to enable it to achieve its mission and goals. Revenues, expenditures, and capital projects are budgeted with consultation from administrators, staff, and faculty, and submitted for review and approval by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors.

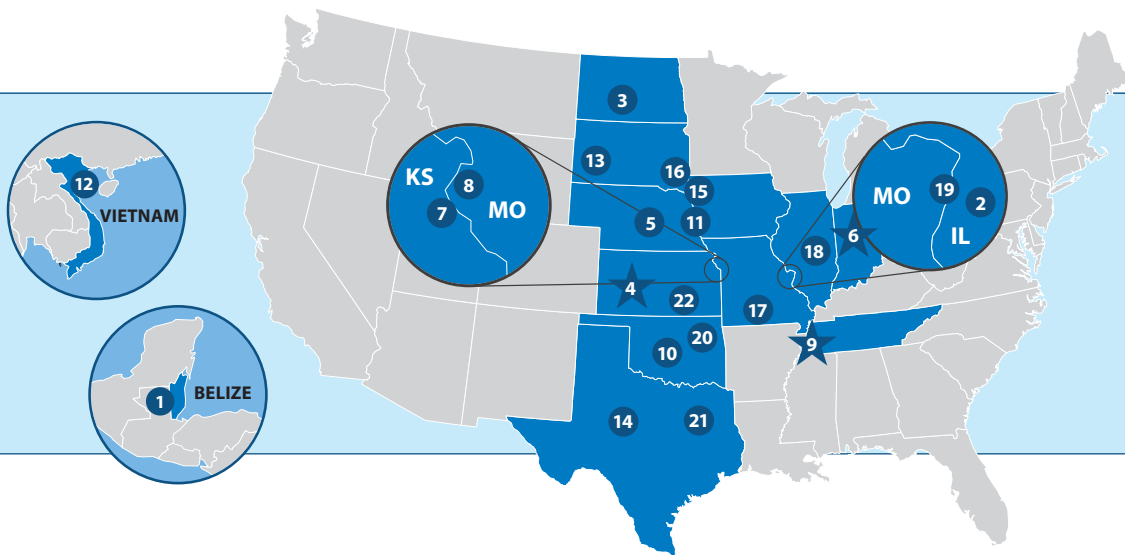
EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 842,373
Kitchen and Facilities	1,946,826
Kenrick Instruction	1,555,819
Kenrick Formation	878,077
Glennon College	1,371,780
Institutional Advancement	500,766
Library and Bookstore	393,516
Worship	173,912
Total Expenses	\$ 7,663,069



SEMINARIANS BY DIOCESE/ARCHDIOCESE

- **THE DOTS** on the map below indicate dioceses that currently send seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.
- ★ **THE STARS** indicate new sending dioceses during the 2020-2021 academic year.



Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order TOTAL

1	Belize City-Belmopan, Belize	4
2	Belleville, IL	4
3	Bismarck, ND	11
★ 4	Dodge City, KS	2
5	Grand Island, NE	2
★ 6	Lafayette-in-Indiana	3
7	Kansas City, KS	12
8	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO	7

Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order TOTAL

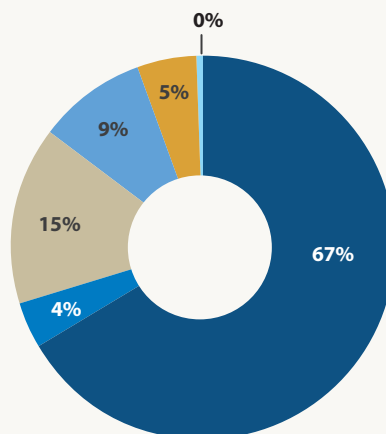
★ 9	Memphis, TN	1
10	Oklahoma City, OK	8
11	Omaha, NE	10
12	Phát Diệm, Vietnam	1
13	Rapid City, SD	2
14	San Angelo, TX	2
15	Sioux City, IA	2
16	Sioux Falls, SD	2

Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order TOTAL

17	Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO	4
18	Springfield, IL	4
19	St. Louis, MO	39
20	Tulsa, OK	6
21	Tyler, TX	3
22	Wichita, KS	9

REVENUE

● Contributions	\$ 9,760,261
● ACA and Other Grants	636,650
● Tuition	2,106,262
● Fees and Services	1,272,625
● Investment Income and Elections	684,936
● Other Revenue	6,968
Total Revenue	\$ 14,467,703



The favorable variance is primarily due to a large unanticipated bequest (see page 14). This donation is invested in a fund to support the long-term financial needs of the seminary.

Please also note that the expenses included in this unaudited report include a large amount of depreciation, a non-cash item.



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OCTOBER

October 14: Board of Trustees Meeting

NOVEMBER

November 7: Convivium Dinner Auction (online)

November 25 – 27: Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

December 9 - 17: Advent Novena (online)

December 19 – January 9: Christmas Break

December 29 – January 18: Holy Land Experience

JANUARY

January 10 – 15: Retreats

January 18 – 20: Student Workshops for Theology

January 19: Spring Classes Begin for College

January 21: Spring Classes Begin for Theology

FEBRUARY

February 12 – 14: 40 Hours Devotion

February 17: Ash Wednesday



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Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a proper ecclesial community of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis preparing men for the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church.

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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