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Honoring
THE FEMININE GENIUS
in Seminary Formation

INCLUDES THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

Dear Friends,

When I pray the Stations of the Cross, I typically try and connect a specific prayer to each station.

At the Fourth Station, Jesus greets his mother. I thank Jesus for giving us his mother. I thank Mary for being my mother. And I thank Jesus again for the gift of my mother, Ann Marie Mason.

At the Sixth Station, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus. I thank Jesus for the gift of my five sisters, and also for my long time spiritual director, Trudy McCaffrey.

At the Eighth Station, Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. I thank Jesus for all the women I have been able to work with and share a friendship with.

With each of these stations, I am particularly reminded of what St. John Paul II called “the Genius of the Feminine.” My prayer is, in essence, a prayer of gratitude for how God has shown me the genius of the feminine throughout my life.

My first job out of law school was as a clerk for Judge Anne Simonett. After earning a Master’s Degree in music performance from Yale, she attended Harvard Law School and eventually became the first woman to be Chief Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. I cherished discussing the ins and outs of each case with her and drafting legal motions and documents for her. She was tremendously important in my formation as a lawyer.

In a similar vein, the two people among the faculty and staff that know the seminarians most closely, and probably have the most important influence in each man’s formation, are women: Dr. Sue Harvath, Director of Psychological & Counseling Services, and Mrs. Joanne Criscione, Assistant Director of Psychological & Counseling Services. I couldn’t imagine doing this work without them.

As I look around the seminary today, I see the feminine genius embedded in each man’s own vocational journey. We are tremendously blessed to have the women who work here on a daily basis present to the seminarians, as well as mothers, sisters, religious, and friends who faithfully support them through prayer and encouragement.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

In Christ,

Father James Mason
President-Rector



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Cover: Mrs. Joanne Criscione, Assistant Director of Psychological & Counseling Services, walks outside with seminarians Jake Rosemeyer (left), Theology I – Sioux City and Francisco Camacho (right), Theology I – San Angelo.

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LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fall is a good time to think about football!

If we think about it, a football team is a good example of something that's composed of individuals with distinct and complementary roles. Not everyone is as big as a lineman. Not everyone is as fast as a wide receiver. The best teams are built, paradoxically, by both maximizing and harmonizing the differences. As team members get better in their own roles, they also bring out the best in others.

An orchestra follows the same pattern. It's made up of different but complementary instruments. The most beautiful music comes from a skillful blending that both maximizes and harmonizes the differences between their sounds. The result, as we know, is capable of moving the heart.

A seminary works in a similar way. Different members of the team have different gifts. When the team works well – as it does at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary – each of those gifts stands out more clearly, and is joined with the others more harmoniously. Their actions also bring out the best in others. This maximizing and harmonizing of distinct gifts bears fruit in the formation of the seminarians.

It makes theological sense, too. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that the purpose of creation is to communicate and represent the divine goodness. Since God's goodness is infinite and every creature is finite, however, no one creature can represent and communicate all of God's goodness. St. Thomas Aquinas says, God *"produced many and diverse creatures, that what was wanting to one in the representation of the divine goodness might be supplied by another."* Complementarity is to be expected. It's part of God's plan for the world!

We can ground our approach to complementarity in the theology of creation, in analogies with the secular world, or in our experience of what works in ministry. When we see all of them together, we have an approach to complementarity that is both beautiful and fruitful. It's an important lesson for our seminarians as they prepare for parish life. It's a lesson for all of us, too, as we think about how God works in our own lives.

Thanks for the part that you play in our mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



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Honoring the *Feminine Genius* in Seminary Formation

By Mary Serafino, Communications Specialist



Sr. Priscilla laughs with Theology I seminarians Nicholas Samsel (Wichita) and Jacob Price (St. Louis).

Early this year, a florist truck delivered a giant bouquet of flowers to the seminary. Such an occurrence is rare. The delivery was not an altar arrangement or table centerpiece; it was not for *something*, it was for someone. A few excited seminarians received the delivery and proceeded to hand-deliver it to the office of Mrs. Joanne Criscione, Assistant Director of Psychological & Counseling Services. It was her birthday and the Pre-Theologians had pooled their money to buy her something beautiful. The gift was fitting. She is, in fact, someone who helps inspire beauty and truth, not only by her natural capacity to receive others, but also in her professional presence. She provides seminarians with a listening ear, a safe place to unpack spiritual and emotional wounds, and the chance to form healthy habits and relationships.

THE FEMININE GENIUS

While this role is particular to Mrs. Criscione, the impact of her heart illustrates the way the woman's heart was made by God. St. John Paul II called this the "Feminine Genius." In his *Letter to Women*, he shared that, "necessary emphasis should be placed on the 'genius of women,' not only by considering great and famous women of the past or present, but also those ordinary women who reveal the gift of their womanhood by placing themselves at the service of others in their everyday lives... Women acknowledge the person, because they see persons with their hearts."

Dr. Sue Harvath is the Director of Psychological & Counseling Services and the mother of three sons. She has

exercised a role in priestly formation for 31 years and also used the word “genius” when describing the way women have been chosen in the role of counseling at the Seminary: “It’s not only unique that we have women doing this job in the seminary - it’s genius. This complementarity is ordained by God and is meant to help one another. One of the things that women do for men is to provide a safe place for understanding themselves and expressing their emotions and exploring the depths of their heart. This is something that men might hesitate to offer other men.”

KNOWN & LOVED

The role of the women counselors at the seminary complements the role of priest formators and offers guidance and understanding to the work of formation individually and as a whole. They help seminarians understand themselves more deeply. In addition to helping them know their identity as beloved sons, this understanding serves to enhance transparency in discernment for themselves and the Church. A healthy man is free to embrace the call to the priesthood or discern God’s call down another path of life. Dr. Harvath’s classes with the seminarians offer the men valuable direction in healthy relationships and ministry, covering such subjects as boundaries, self-care, and healthy habits, all to be implemented in every facet of priestly formation and life in general.

With the counselors, seminarians have the freedom to open up about their families, personal wounds, and habits in order to heal. Mrs. Criscione explains: “I see formation as a place to help seminarians come to really know, love, and accept themselves and, through understanding themselves, understand Christ’s love at a deeper level. We all have different hurts, and they need to be shared in the presence of the Lord because it’s the only way things are going to be healed.” Both women strive to infuse prayer into their sessions with the men, entrusting their work to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BRINGING CHRIST TO THE WORLD

While the seminary provides a more concentrated environment for the work of healing to take place, the growth of each seminarian is meant to be shared with others. Men are not being formed for seminary; they are meant to go out and bring Christ to the world. Mrs. Criscione often prepares the seminarians: “When a couple comes to you and they’ve just had the death of a SIDS baby, they will need you to be present. And in this way, you will model His existence.” The feminine genius models a prayerful heart that does not seek to “fix” but to bear, endure, and carry heavy burdens. This kind of *presence* is not



Dr. Sue Harvath, teaching Pastoral Counseling to Theology I seminarians.

something a man learns overnight. A priest who can minister with such a heart will share not his own, but Christ’s heart.

It is also important for future priests to know more about the woman’s heart so that they are prepared to minister to future spiritual daughters and sisters of all ages. When Kate Sauerburger became the Seminary’s Director of Development in 2011, she was a young, single woman. Her life became part of the seminarians’ formation: “I have since married and become a mother of two daughters. These significant life moments have been shared by the seminary community. Around the lunch table or in my office, seminarians have asked about my experience with marriage preparation, how we named our children, what we expect of Catholic schools, etc.” Families of the faculty and staff provide regular engagement among the seminary community with the joys, needs, and struggles of everyday life.

RECEPTIVITY

Much like the steady beating of the human heart, the heart of women within seminary formation is a rhythm that beats along with the ordinary moments of every seminarian’s experience. Women are essential in making things run smoothly and implementing the conceptual ideas of formation. There are

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women working as registrars, teaching Theology, managing events and fundraising, cleaning rooms, making meals in the kitchen, working in the library, and organizing day-to-day operations. Not one of these women misses an opportunity to affirm each seminarian's identity within her work and be a spiritual mother to them. As Dr. Harvath says, “it's part of our DNA and it comes out in women when they're around men who are receptive.”

The women at the seminary lean generously into their natural call to spiritual maternity, offering their lives and work prayerfully for the men in formation. In this way, the spiritual life is born and the work of God's grace in each heart is masterfully woven as a spiritual family. The Carmelite Sisters are perhaps the core of spiritual maternity, providing a powerhouse of prayer for the men and taking regular interest in their classes, schedules, and responsibilities.

Dr. Harvath explains: “It's a beautiful thing to see the support from all the women at the seminary as they model for the men what a good, healthy relationship with a female can look like. I see our men connecting with some of the younger women at the seminary, having deep, meaningful conversations with them, asking them for advice, and collaborating on projects.” In our seminary, women are not afraid to gently challenge the seminarians. It is common to overhear one of our Carmelite sisters suggest a healthier food choice to a seminarian in the refectory. Catherine Hayek, Registrar for Cardinal Glennon College, has a jar with petty cash on her desk. She requires a

dollar from any seminarian for blunders in posture, grammar, or language. For instance, if she hears a word that should not be said in proper company, she will ask for a contribution to the jar. The women inspire respect and generosity, and the men respond in kind.

MODELING RESPECT

The seminarians treat the women at the seminary with graciousness, often leaning into their prayerful presence by asking for prayers and offering the same. One particular seminarian will visit my office before an exam so I can pray while the exam is taking place. Others go out of their way to stop and ask about the lives and families of the women on staff. The seminarians keep a special eye out for the Carmelite Sisters' needs, weeding their garden on a Saturday afternoon, washing their car, or even cooking a special meal in their honor.

This collaboration is modeled every day by the lay men and priests in the community. Their interactions and collaboration with the women in the house set a tone within the community. When seminarians see their formators collaborating intentionally with women in the house, they are much more likely to do so themselves, with confidence. It is also common for a priest or spiritual director to suggest a man ask one of the women on site for appropriate advice in various matters. Rita Angeles refers to this as, “one of the best parts of my job.” She shares, “Over the years, many seminarians have sat at my desk and shared various aspects of their day-to-day lives, personal histories, and struggles. In return, I offer them encouragement, prayers, practical advice, and subtle (or sometimes not so subtle) insights in dealing with the ‘real’ world. And 99.9% of the time laughter makes its presence known.” In this way and other ways, the complementarity that God ordained between man and women can be lived out at the Seminary with fruitfulness and joy.

LIVING BETWEEN THE TWO HEARTS

At the heart of it all, there is one woman, through whom all womanhood is modeled. She is present in every area of formation and every aspect of every seminarian's heart. She is the Mother of all Mothers: the Blessed Virgin Mary. Hers is a womanhood that speaks to every heart. In her care, we find a safe place to discover our identity as beloved sons and daughters. She brings us to Christ. The women at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary offer their hearts with hers to God, asking for guidance, wisdom, and understanding. In this way, they live between the two Hearts of Jesus and Mary. From this place, we find life, love, and a greater union with Christ and His Church. ✚



Giving the Lord Myself, *As I Am*

By Jesus Banuelos, Theology II – Wichita



“How can I give myself more to the Lord?”

I have frequently pondered this question during my formation. After telling a friend about some difficulties, he simply asked, “Have you invited the Lord into this?”

I had heard it before, but at this particular moment, his question spoke to me. I noticed my hesitance to invite the Lord into certain places of my heart. I began to give the Lord my thoughts, feelings, and desires more frequently and to let His Presence affect and respond to them. This required me to be more honest and sincere with myself and with the Lord. It meant giving myself, to Him, *as I am*, with the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Where, and more importantly *why*, was I hesitant to give myself to the Lord? I wanted to give to the Lord a polished image of myself. In some areas I invited Him more readily, and in others, I wanted to fix myself, saying, “*I can.*” In reality, I couldn’t fix myself because I needed the Lord. In the areas where I found myself hesitant and stubborn, it was as if I was saying, “*The Lord does not want this.*” Consequently, I was left alone, seeking answers for myself. I wanted to resolve things a certain way, before I gave them to the Lord. However, the Lord desires something else. He begs for our life, *as it is*.

I cannot help but think of Peter’s encounter with the Lord after the great catch of fish. After confessing that he toiled all night and caught nothing, Peter was aware of his powerlessness and gave the Master a chance. Jesus responded in a miraculous way, and the astonished Peter, with his whole self, fell to his knees, saying, “*Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord*” (Lk. 5:8). It is this “raw” reaction from Peter that merited the response from Jesus, “*Fear not, from henceforth you will be fishers of men*” (Lk. 5:10). He lifted Peter up and Peter followed Him.

I have experienced the Lord say the same “fear not” in many different ways, and like Peter, I follow Him. *I* have been affected – His Presence has touched *me*. By giving Him myself, *as I am*, the Lord affects my true self. He heals and draws me to Himself.

Giving the Lord ourselves, *as we are*, is something that we all can grow in. It is surrender. Let us invite the Lord into those areas where, in a way, He has not been “born” yet, so that we may be affected by His Presence. ✚

SR. CLARE CROCKETT


Our Sister and Friend

By Michael Laugeman, Theology I – St. Louis



Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother

Sr. Clare Maria of the Trinity and the Heart of Mary, Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother, 1982-2016.

Watch the free documentary on Sr. Clare's life by searching, **All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett** on YouTube. 

An encounter between a young Irish girl and Christ Crucified in 2000 drastically changed my life and countless others. Who would have thought? Young Clare Crockett, a cheerful, talented, and aspiring actress, desired nothing else in her life but to be famous. After attending a Good Friday Liturgy, Clare's desires shifted. At the very moment of her veneration of the cross, Clare met Christ crucified and experienced Jesus' love for her in a personal way for the first time. A religious sister found her crying and repeating the words, "*He died for me. He loves me! Why hasn't anyone ever told me this before?*" It was this encounter that set her heart aflame to give everything she had to Jesus and Mary as a Servant Sister of the Home of the Mother.

In fall 2019, during my junior year at Cardinal Glennon College, I "met" Sr. Clare for the first time. One evening while at home on break, I asked my mom if she would be willing to watch a film about a religious sister who died in 2016 called *All or Nothing*. Immediately after the film, I felt incapable of articulating the movements of my heart and could only slightly express to my mother how much I had already been inspired by Sr. Clare's example in such a short period of time. Her beautiful life stirred in me a greater desire for union with Jesus and Mary and to share with others the visible fruits of her total gift of self. Upon my return to the Seminary, I organized a viewing of the film so that my brothers could meet my new friend, Sr. Clare. Many of the men, like myself, were instantly inspired by her life.

In 2016, Sr. Clare Crockett died in Ecuador during a massive earthquake. This summer, I was incredibly blessed to journey with a brother seminarian to Ecuador and visit the place where she died, giving thanks and praying for our brother seminarians. Much can be said about how Sr. Clare has helped and inspired a large number of the men in our seminary. Men have expressed

“All or Nothing”

By Jax Byington, College III – St. Louis

MY DEVOTION TO SR. CLARE CROCKETT

began after watching a documentary of her life called *All or Nothing*. I was inspired by her life and her deep abandonment to the will of our Heavenly Father. She has helped teach me that a life in Jesus Christ is the fullest life one can live. She journeyed from a very worldly life to a life totally dedicated to serving Christ and His Church. What impacted me the most about Sr. Clare is that she only cared to do the will of the Father. She inspires me to stay motivated and on-task with my coursework and other obligations as a college seminarian. While I may not be fully involved in parish ministry, what I am doing already aids future ministry. Even if it does not seem like the task in front of me is the most valuable thing to do, such as cleaning rooms or studying for a Latin quiz, it can bear fruit. Everything in our lives can be given over to Jesus. Sr. Clare did the tasks that no one wanted to do and sacrificed her own will. Through her example, even though it is a great challenge, I am learning to sacrifice my will, giving up the things I want, and living more closely united to the Lord. Like Sr. Clare, let us also be all or nothing! Sr. Clare Crockett, pray for us!



Michael and Jax pose with an image of Sr. Clare Crockett drawn by seminarian Joe Lux, College III – St. Louis, in the residential hallway dedicated in her name. As seminarians pass her image, they are reminded that Jesus is everything and that they are called, like Sr. Clare, to give “all or nothing.”



Mark Koenemann and Michael Laugeman spent their summer assignment in 2021 in Ecuador in the same mission where Sr. Clare lived and offered her life.

many ways in which Sr. Clare has evoked in them a desire for totality, an undivided heart, configuration to Christ, purification of superficiality, and to be one's true self. This past year, a number of us seminarians had the opportunity to participate in a video call with the community of Servant Sisters in Florida. We were able to share some ways in which Sr. Clare has inspired us in our vocation, learn more about their order, and ask questions about Sr. Clare to some Sisters who knew her personally.

Sr. Clare is undeniably befriending seminarians and challenging us to truly imitate and conform our hearts to Christ's Sacred Heart, as she did in her own life. One of the three main missions of the Home of the Mother community is the defense of the Eucharist. Sr. Clare continues her mission to defend the Eucharist in the way she continues to pursue her brothers, like me, whom someday, God-willing, will make the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present at the altar. I am immensely grateful for the ways in which Sr. Clare has drawn not just my brother seminarians, but those around me, closer to the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Each day, my brother seminarians and I turn to her as a sister and friend and ask her to pray for us so that we, like her, can give everything to Jesus. ✚

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BELIZE CITY – BELMOPAN – JUNE 11, 2021

Fr. Marcos Rodriguez

BISMARCK – JUNE 11, 2021

Fr. Jacob Degele

Fr. Benjamin Franchuk

Fr. Gregory Hilzendegeer

KANSAS CITY IN KS – MAY 29, 2021

Fr. Keith Chadwick

Fr. Luke Doyle

KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH – MAY 29, 2021

Fr. Benjamin Armentrout

Fr. Garrett King

SAN ANGELO – MAY 22, 2021

Fr. Kevin Lenius

SIOUX FALLS – MAY 28, 2021

Fr. Jeffrey Schulte

ST. LOUIS – MAY 29, 2021

Fr. Charles Archer

Fr. Mitchell Baer

Fr. Joseph Detwiler

Fr. Edward Godefroid*

Fr. Jonathan Ruzicka

Fr. Ryan Truss

WICHITA – MAY 29, 2021

Fr. Matthew Glazier

Fr. Christopher Rumback

ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

BELIZE CITY & BELMOPAN – JUNE 9, 2021

Deacon Mateo Salam

BELLEVILLE – MAY 22, 2021

Deacon Thomas Lugge

BISMARCK – MAY 24, 2021

Deacon Paul Gardner

Deacon Logan Obrigewitch

Deacon Benjamin Wanner

KANSAS CITY IN KS – MAY 22, 2021

Deacon Sudeep Kodigandla

OMAHA – MAY 28, 2021

Deacon Brett Jamrog

RAPID CITY – JUNE 29, 2021

Deacon Joshua Lee

SPRINGFIELD – CAPE GIRARDEAU

MARCH 19, 2021

Deacon Charles Peirano

ST. LOUIS – MAY 1, 2021

Deacon Donald Morris

WICHITA – MAY 27, 2021

Deacon Jonathan Tolberd

*Fr. Edward Godefroid, a 2017 graduate of Kenrick's Pre-Theology program, attended the Pontifical North American College for theological studies.

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

Our Brothers in Belize

By Emmanuel Medina, Theology III - Belize

KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY is not a strange name in the Diocese of Belize City & Belmopan in Belize, Central America. The faithful there, even in the most remote villages, continue to pray for the Seminary and the seminarians. Belize was established as a diocese in 1956 under the mission work of the Society of Jesus and Fr. Salvatore Di Pietro S.J., an Italian Jesuit and the first bishop of Belize. Due to the rapid expansion of the faith in the colony, the new diocese soon saw the need to promote local vocations. Without a major seminary of its own, the Diocese established a relationship with the Archdiocese of St. Louis and began sending Belizean seminarians to study at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

The Seminary has welcomed men from the small, English-speaking country of Belize for the past seven decades. These men will spend an average of six or eight years at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to complete their priestly formation. Presently, there are three Belizean seminarians studying at the Seminary. The majority of the diocesan clergy of the Diocese of Belize City & Belmopan are alumni, including the first native Belizean bishop, the late Bishop Osmond Peter Martin, Class of 1959.

The year 2021 is a jubilant year for the Diocese! Bishop Lawrence Nicasio, Class of 1989, ordained Fr. Marcos Rodriguez to the Sacred Priesthood and Deacon Mateo Salam to the Transitional Diaconate. It is only through God's providence, the generosity of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and the great work of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary that the Diocese of Belize City & Belmopan could have such momentous, joyful occasions and priests for years to come.

1. Newly ordained Deacon Mateo Salam preached in his home community over the summer. He is most likely the first ordained minister in Belize to preach in Q'eqchi Maya, his native language.
2. Fr. Chris Rumback elevated the host while offering his Mass of Thanksgiving on May 30th.
3. Deacon Charles Peirano was ordained by Bishop Edward Rice, Class of 1986, on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19th), in the Church of St. Joseph and in the Year of St. Joseph.



Bishop Lawrence Nicasio

CLASS OF 1989

By Shajir Pech, Theology III – Belize

Bishop Lawrence Nicasio, Class of 1989, received his episcopal consecration in Belize on May 13, 2017 and became the 9th Bishop of Belize City-Belmopan, Belize. He attended St. Austin's High School, a Catholic high school run by the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans. After he graduated, he taught at various schools and was appointed Director of the Catholic Schools in the Toledo District. There, Bishop Nicasio discovered his call to the priesthood. In 1981, he began his philosophical studies at Cardinal Glennon College in Saint Louis, Missouri. After earning a philosophy degree, he continued his theological studies and graduated in 1989.

Since his episcopal consecration, Bishop Nicasio has been promoting vocations among the young people in Belize. In several occasions, he has shared his experience as a young man who discovered God's call and talked about his life at the seminary and in priestly ministry. He always emphasizes the necessity of priests in our diocese. Belize is a young and small diocese with only five active diocesan priests.

Bishop Nicasio's openness about priesthood and seminary life has borne many fruits. There are currently four seminarians discerning the priesthood in Belize and three seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary studying theology. In one of his monthly messages to young people, Bishop Nicasio reminded young people not to focus so much on who they are, but whose they are. Bishop Nicasio's pastoral



Bishop Lawrence Nicasio (center) with brothers Fr. Julio Rodriguez (left) and Fr. Marcos Rodriguez (right), Class of 2021, on the latter priest's day of ordination to the priesthood on June 11th.

charity to his flock has been really inspiring in my own path to the priesthood. His love for the people is leaving a mark in our diocese and in my own call. ✚

In Memoriam

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

Msgr. Jerome J. Buchheit
Class of 1951 – St. Louis

Fr. Robert C. Lane
Class of 1969 – St. Louis

Fr. Robert C. Liss
CGC Class of 1957 – St. Louis

Fr. Donald F. Molitor
Class of 1963 – St. Louis

Msgr. John M. Unger
Class of 1965 – St. Louis

Fr. James L. Winzerling
Class of 1961 – St. Louis

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MS. SARAH MERLENBACH
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DR. DAVID MORRIS
Director of Library

FR. MICHAEL "ROSS" ROMERO, S.J.
Professor of Philosophy

FR. ANTHONY WIECK, S.J.
Spiritual Director



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is pleased to announce the return of **FR. PAUL EBERLE** from the Diocese of Bismarck as a full-time Spiritual Director – a role he held from 2014-2017. Fr. Eberle has been serving as a parish priest since his departure and is now open to God's call in continuing to form future priests, sharing that, *"I look forward to getting to know the seminarians and to being part of seminary life so as to be an effective guide and example for them as they follow God's call."*



DR. DAVID MORRIS, Director of the Charles Souvay Memorial Library, previously served as Classics Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A native Chicagoan, Dr. Morris holds a PhD in medieval history from the University of Notre Dame. In 2014, he received a Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome, which allowed him to spend a year in the Eternal City and research medieval Latin manuscripts at the Vatican Library for his dissertation.



FR. ROSS ROMERO, S.J., Associate Professor of Philosophy, entered the Society of Jesus in 1995. After his ordination to the priesthood in 2005, he earned a doctorate in ancient philosophy at Boston College. He taught at Creighton University in Omaha for 11 years. He is the author of numerous articles as well as a monograph entitled *Without the Least Tremor: The Sacrifice of Socrates in Plato's Phaedo*. Fr. Romero is a frequent retreat director of *The Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola.

CHANGES IN RANK

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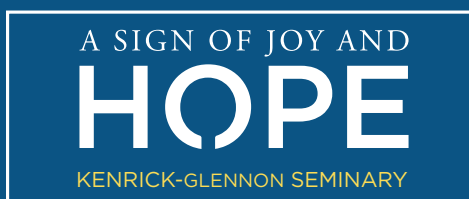
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FR. MIRCO SOSIO
Spiritual Director



OUR SEMINARIANS are answering God's call to discern the priesthood at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Through your support, they will be formed into healthy, holy, joyful priests prepared to engage in our own time and culture.

Please consider a gift to support our men as they prepare to serve the people of God.



"Working in both hospital and prison ministries has given me the privilege of being present with families during difficult times. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be available to these families... these experiences are crucial for forming my own priestly heart."

– JEFF FENNEWALD, PASTORAL INTERNSHIP

VISIT KENRICK.EDU/HOPE TO LEARN MORE AND MAKE A GIFT ONLINE.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Trustees welcomes five new members: Dr. Christopher Blum (Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute), Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt (Bishop of Grand Island), Ms. Jessica Kary, A.O. (National Director at the Pro Sanctity Movement), Fr. Michael Lydon, Class of 1984 – St. Louis (Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Troy, MO and former President of Bishop DuBourg High School), and Dr. Randy Rosenberg (Dean of the College of Philosophy and Letters at St. Louis University).

In May, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary hosted **A Virtual Symposium on Human Formation**. The over 75 attendees included vocation directors, priests, seminary formators, men and women religious, and spiritual directors. The symposium addressed human formation principles, case studies, and various issues from a physiological and spiritual perspective.

This fall, Deacon Jim Keating, Professor of Spiritual Theology, published **Configured to Christ, On Spiritual Direction and Clergy Formation**. In this book, Deacon Keating shares what makes a priest or deacon peaceful, personally happy, and – to the extent he keeps receiving the love of God in prayer as a man of interiority and sacrament – a minister of God’s love to His people.

In Fall 2021, the seminary began **hosting in-person events** for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic began. Young adults gathered for Nazareth Nights in September after an 18 month hiatus. In addition, the seminary’s faith formation groups for lay men and women (The Fiat Women’s Group and Forming Men for Christ) have resumed their monthly gatherings. Visit Kenrick.edu for more information on these and all seminary-sponsored events.✚



The 29th Annual Convivium Dinner Auction will take place on
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH.

Register for a **FREE! Mobile Bidding Access Pass** to participate in the mobile silent auction.
For more information, visit: kenrick.edu/convivium.

“Behold the Man”

By: Jake Rosenmeyer, Theology I – Sioux City

“Behold the Man” comes from the Gospel of John, Chapter 19 when Pilate presents Jesus to the crowd directly after his scourging. Jesus is at one of the lowest and weakest points of his earthly life. *Behold the Man* was a fitting title for our June program. The program challenged us to confront our own weaknesses and present them to Christ in His suffering, for only through the healing of our weaknesses can we hope to help others heal in our future ministry.

For most of my life, I saw my desire for control as a great skill I possessed. I could accomplish anything and everything because I was in control. Through spiritual direction and the program sessions, I came to realize that my desire was not a strength, but a weakness that was preventing me from hearing God in my day-to-day life. This realization came like a smack in the face when my spiritual director asked me one simple question: “*Jake, how long have you thought you were God?*” At that moment, it struck me that for a long time I believed I was the one who controlled my life. I tried very hard, but it was really God who was in charge. Since then, I’ve spent many hours repeating the phrase, “*God is in control, I am not God.*” In a world fraught with turmoil, stress, and anxiety, it can be very difficult to let God be in control of our lives.

A great blessing from the program was the fraternity among the men. Our group of roughly twenty men came together from different seminaries and bonded quickly due to our willingness to be vulnerable with each other. We shared experiences from our lives and our retreat. We prayed for each other daily and allowed new friendships to blossom. Since many of us participated in *Behold the Man*, we entered the fall semester ready and willing to walk with each other as brothers in Christ. It is clear that the graces from the summer are still manifested in each of us. I am excited to see where God continues to lead this group as we begin our theology studies. ✚

From The
Academic Dean,
Dr. Ed Hogan

It takes some time to get to know

a man after he arrives at seminary. As a result, we might not get to the deep work of formation until several months into the year. So we, the Administrative Team, asked: what might happen if we spent a month with the men in June and really got to know them? Maybe, in the light of that knowledge, we could hit the ground running in August. *Behold the Man* was designed to do just that.

- **RETREAT:** The heart of the program is the eight-day silent retreat. The first thing a man experiences at the Seminary is a deep encounter with Jesus. Everything else flows from that encounter.
- **TOPICS:** The program covers a series of topics (e.g. relationship and identity, vulnerability, imagination) presented by individuals who specialize in a particular dimension of formation.
- **FRATERNITY:** By experiencing the program together, participants can form bonds of fraternity that help to sustain the momentum of formation.

Our main hope is that the program will help each seminarian move more quickly and more deeply into his formation.



Speaking the Language of Life

By Cesar Gomez-Cervantes, Theology II – Kansas City in KS



Last October, I was asked

by a classmate to serve as a translator for a pregnant woman considering an abortion. My brother seminarians were praying the holy rosary outside an abortion facility, as they do each week. They were trying to have a conversation with this woman and her partner as they were entering the

facility. However, the couple did not speak any English. Despite the seminarians' efforts, the woman entered the facility for an abortion. The seminarians stayed outside, praying the rosary for her. Suddenly, the couple left the facility. The seminarians asked, "What happened to your appointment?" The woman shared that for some reason, she was not registered in the system and had to reschedule her appointment. After conversing with her, my brother seminarians and others from the 40 Days for Life group invited the woman to go instead to a pregnancy center.

One of the seminarians called me and asked if I was willing to be a translator for this woman so that she could better communicate with the pregnancy center staff. I accepted immediately. On the way there, I called my sister, who is a counselor, and asked her for suggestions on how to speak empathetically with the woman, and thus, be able to also save the life of the baby. My sister simply told me, "Stop thinking and start praying. The Holy Spirit will guide

you." I thank God that He used my sister to dispose my heart for this encounter.

After I met the woman and her partner, I asked, "May I know the reason why you want to abort your baby?" She began to cry and told me that their financial situation was difficult because they had an 8-month-old baby and her partner did not have a stable job. I suggested that, if the couple decided to have the baby, they could be helped through different organizations. When I gave them that proposal, I sensed that they were open to the possibility of having the baby. After we talked, I went into the office with the woman and her partner and proceeded to translate during the ultrasound.

Being present for the ultrasound with this couple was a powerful experience for me because I witnessed God's divine action. When the nurse showed the baby on the screen and the couple heard the baby's heartbeat, they began to cry. I knew in my heart those were tears of hope. The couple decided to have the baby, and, as promised, they had many generous souls to support them in the months to follow. The Church, the Body of Christ, interceded for this family. This, for me, is a clear sign of divine intervention from Our Lord. From the sudden appointment cancellation to my sister's inspired words, the Lord desired this gift of life to come into the world. The clearest sign of all: the baby was born on *Corpus Christi*. Through the intercession of God, the tears of his parents, and in the Body of Christ, a baby boy was born. ✚



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2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

After the onset of the coronavirus pandemic prompted a rapid switch to “distance education,” the seminarians were eager to resume in-person learning during the 2020-2021 academic year. The Seminary’s administration implemented new protocols to prevent the spread of the coronavirus within the seminary community and to ensure minimal disruption to the work of formation.

The Seminary was pleased to welcome Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski as Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer upon



Mass of the Holy Spirit

Newly appointed Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski joined the seminary community for the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit to start the new academic year.



Fraternity

In January, seminarians attended annual silent retreats before returning to the seminary for the second semester. Pre-Theologians traveled to shrines throughout the north and midwest regions for their annual pilgrimage. Fraternity days were set aside intentionally throughout the year for camping trips and days of rest.

2020-2021

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

MARCH

Convivium

The Convivium Dinner Auction was hosted virtually with an online program and “Party in Place” meal packages delivered to homes. Hundreds of guests participated from home and supported the event in generous and creative ways.



Parish Ministry

While parish ministry opportunities varied throughout the year due to corona virus precautions, seminarians continued to participate in the life of local parishes by teaching PSR classes, making communion calls, serving Masses, and assisting with the needs of the faithful under the direction of pastors.



his installation as the Archbishop of St. Louis. Throughout the past year, the Archbishop has been a frequent visitor at the Seminary, encouraging the men in their discernment; supporting and leading the administration, faculty, and staff; and most importantly, praying with and for the seminary community.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary remains in a financially stable position, thanks to the generosity of our donors, the strong performance of investments, and the careful stewardship of the seminary community.

Throughout the challenges of the past year, the Seminary has continued to trust in the providence of God and focus on the mission of forming healthy, holy, and joyful parish priests.

Graduation

In May, 18 seminarians graduated from Kenrick School of Theology, 4 men graduated from Cardinal Glennon College, and 11 men completed the Pre-Theology Program.



MAY

Ordinations

Newly ordained Deacon Donald Morris hugged his sister following his ordination to the Transitional Diaconate in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Over the course of several weeks, 29 seminarians were ordained to the sacred priesthood and transitional diaconate in dioceses around the world.



JUNE

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as of August 31, 2021.*

Looking the World in the Eye

By Aaron Waldeck, Pastoral Internship – Kansas City in KS

ONE OF THE MOST COMMON PHRASES I HAVE HEARD

throughout my four years at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is, with variation, “*Live in reality.*” We often speak and hear about how the saints are those who especially live in the truth of Christ. The truth of the Gospel, of the Good News, sheds light upon everything and everyone. When someone receives the truth of the Gospel, they begin to see the world in a whole new manner. G.K. Chesterton spoke of St. Francis of Assisi as a man who saw the world upside-down, as if he was in a handstand. St. Francis’ love for God inflamed his heart so much that it changed everything. He saw the world and everyone around him differently.

My formation experience has been one of slowly breaking away pieces of a worldview that was based on many assumptions, habits, and fears — all of which excluded the Lord and at times came from sin and its consequences. Sometimes, this process of purification is painful and heavy. Other times, it is liberating and easy. This is principally the work of human formation. Over these years, I have had the opportunity to work on human formation with Dr. Sue Harvath in counseling sessions. The lives of the saints have also been instrumental in this process of formation. St. Ignatius formed me when I made the 30 day retreat. St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross formed me during the Spanish immersion program in Spain. When I consider the man who entered Pre-Theology I in fall of 2017, I realize how much I have changed during my formation journey.

The work of human formation has brought me to a place where the weight of my past sins and worldview have been lifted. They are replaced with the yoke of Christ, which is easy, light, and changes all things. I can stand free now and look at the world in the eye, the world that Jesus created and upholds. ✚



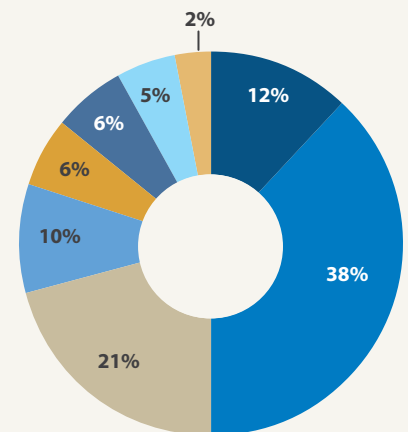
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KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY

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.

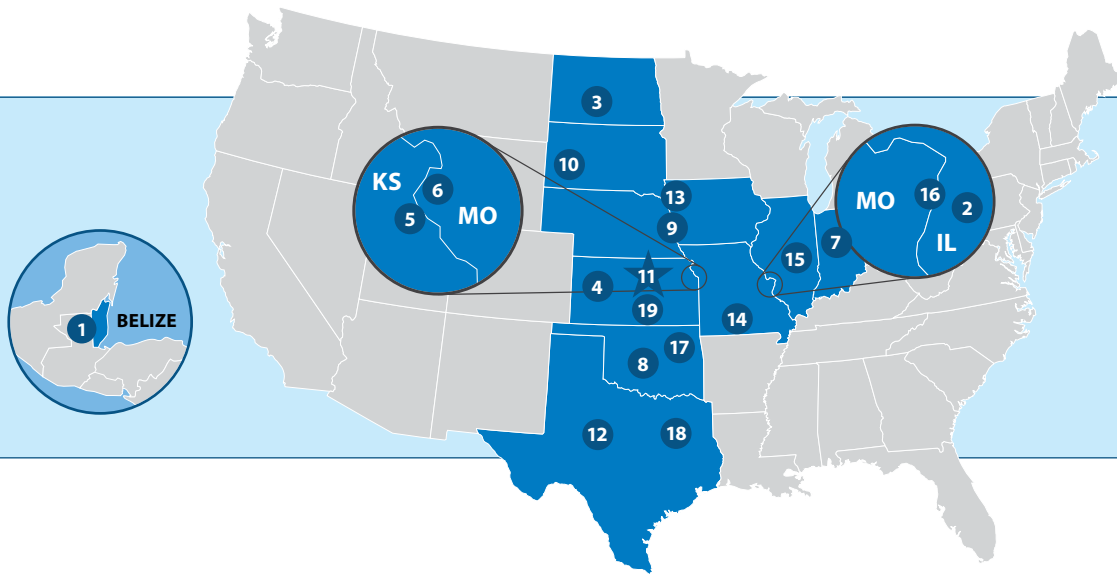
EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 944,587
Kitchen and Facilities	2,989,846
Kenrick Instruction	1,648,629
Formation	738,440
Glennon College	467,141
Institutional Advancement	472,302
Library and Bookstore	390,486
Worship	188,829
TOTAL	\$ 7,840,260



SEMINARIANS BY DIOCESE/ARCHDIOCESE

- **THE DOTS** on the map below indicate dioceses that currently send seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.
- ★ **THE STAR** indicates a new sending diocese during the 2021-2022 academic year.



Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order TOTAL

1	Belize City-Belmopan, Belize	3
2	Belleville, IL	5
3	Bismarck, ND	7
4	Dodge City, KS	1
5	Kansas City, KS	13
6	Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO	3
7	Lafayette-in-Indiana	5

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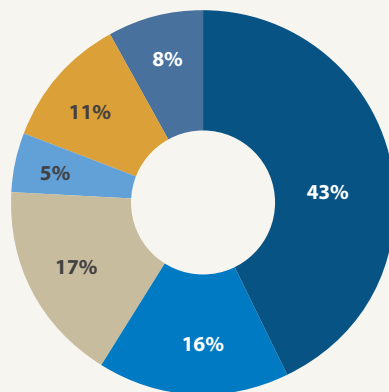
8	Oklahoma City, OK	6
9	Omaha, NE	7
10	Rapid City, SD	2
11★	Salina, KS	1
12	San Angelo, TX	3
13	Sioux City, IA	3
14	Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO	2

Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order TOTAL

15	Springfield, IL	3
16	St. Louis, MO	39
17	Tulsa, OK	7
18	Tyler, TX	4
19	Wichita, KS	6

REVENUE

● Contributions	\$	5,417,489
● Tuition		2,070,472
● Investment Income		2,182,771
● ACA and Other Grants		606,850
● Fees, Services and Other Revenue		1,428,673
● Release from Restriction		1,066,653
TOTAL	\$	12,772,908



Please note that, at the time of publication, the annual auditing process had not yet been completed. Therefore, these facts and figures may be subject to change. The favorable variance is attributed to a variety of factors, including:

- Increased contributions, including a large unrestricted bequest. In response to this unanticipated generosity and in order to preserve our long-term fiscal health, the seminary invested in our endowment.
- The seminarians moved off-campus during the corona virus pandemic, leading to a significant reduction in expenses related to food, utilities, workshops and events, etc.
- Market performance resulted in investment earnings of \$2.2 million.
- The annual Holy Land Pilgrimage was postponed due to corona virus travel restrictions. The contributions designated for this program are reserved for the 2022 pilgrimage which will include the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 14: Forming Men for Christ
October 21: Board of Trustees Meeting
October 21: Fiat Women's Group
October 28 – 31: Kenrick Theology Fall Break

NOVEMBER

November 6: Convivium Dinner Auction
November 11: Forming Men for Christ
November 18: Fiat Women's Group
November 24 – 28: Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

December 8 - 16: Advent Novena
December 9: Forming Men for Christ
December 16: Fiat Women's Group
December 18 – January 8: Christmas Break
December 28 – January 17: Holy Land Experience

JANUARY

January 9 – 14: Retreats
January 13: Forming Men for Christ
January 17 – 19: Workshops for Theology
January 18: Spring Classes Begin for College
January 20: Fiat Women's Group
January 24: Spring Classes Begin for Theology
January 20-23: March for Life (Washington, DC)

FEBRUARY

February 25 – 27: 40 Hours Devotion

MARCH

March 2: Ash Wednesday



OUR MISSION

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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