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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

“Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?” They said to him, “We can.”
(MT 20:22)

Dear Friends,

Jesus asks over 150 questions in the Gospels, but he’s not simply inquisitive. His questions move us, his listeners and disciples, into real conversation with him. When I hear Jesus’ exchange with the sons of Zebedee, especially after their mom lobbied for them, their “we can” provokes a solemn smile.

The smile sees their enthusiasm, readiness and generosity, the ingredients for an ardent disciple. We see that in our seminarians, and like Jesus, the Seminary should affirm any whole-hearted response with his own words: “My cup you will indeed drink.” Jesus then describes a self-giving that uniquely contrasts with the “rulers.” While his way of service is totally unsparing and infinitely fruitful, it needs to be learned over time. In other words, we need to be “disciplined” into such self-giving.

The solemnity of my smile anticipates how “we can” will unfold. When considering the solemnity of self-giving love that *“bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”* (1 Cor 13:7), I think of couples married 20, 30, 60 years. Ask them about the “cup” they have been drinking in those years. Ask any priest after similar years. The “we can” on the day of marriage or ordination might have resembled James and John’s, but life experience necessarily moves a disciple toward the source of greater self-gift and maturity. Life is meant to move us deeper into the mystery of “this is my body given...my blood poured out...for you.”

For seven years, I enjoyed the gift of working with my friend and brother in the priesthood, our previous President-Rector, Fr. James Mason. With Archbishop Lucas’ permission and Archbishop Rozanski’s request, I now drink from the Rector’s cup. I am grateful to have been disciplined for this new way of self-giving and welcome Fr. Shane Deman for his new outpouring of priestly service.

My own sense of “we can” might miss the ready presence of Fr. Mason, but the “we” has been increasingly drained of self-assurance and inclined toward the One who calls us “friends.” With Jesus and the team of disciples here at KGS, we seek to raise up men who are not afraid to give of themselves, which is how disciples are made. Pray that our Seminary may mature in a daily response to Jesus’ question: “Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?” Our solemn smiles will give away our answer.

In Christ,

Father Paul Hoelsing
President-Rector



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LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves in the midst of many transitions this fall. First, there is transition in leadership. We welcome Fr. Paul Hoelsing as the new President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, and Fr. Shane Deman as the new Vice-Rector for Formation. We have been blessed, through the years, to be able to assemble an amazing administrative team for the Seminary. I am grateful to Archbishop Lucas from Omaha and Bishop Nickless from Sioux City for sending these fine priests to serve in leadership at Kenrick-Glennon.

Second, there is programmatic transition. On June 24, 2022, the 6th edition of the Program of Priestly Formation (PPF) was formally promulgated. One of the gifts of the PPF-6 is the way it brings a developmental perspective to seminary formation, articulating the different stages men go through from the beginning of their formation to ordination. Seminary leaders here at Kenrick-Glennon and around the country will be studying the document to see how best to implement its directives.

Finally, there is structural transition. Here in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis we are going through the All Things New pastoral planning process which promises to have a significant impact on the organizational footprint of the Archdiocese. But we are certainly not the only Archdiocese thinking about and making structural changes these days.

Transition can be a source of anxiety for many people, but I believe we can approach it with hope. I have been a pastor, an auxiliary bishop, a bishop, and now an archbishop, so I know something about times of change! I have experienced Christ as an endless source of creativity in the midst of transition: He is constantly bringing forth new things well beyond our merely human capacities.

That consistent experience allows me to approach all of these transitions with a sense of anticipation and wonder: I am excited to see what new things Jesus is and will be bringing forth.

In the midst of transition turn to Christ, who is constantly making all things new.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



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Going Deep for the Sake of Mission

By Dr. Ed Hogan, Academic Dean



A seminarian walked into my office one day to talk about his studies. As we thought back over the first semester and considered plans for the second semester, he said something about the Blessed Mother that caught my attention. It seemed like it might be a point of integration between his spiritual and intellectual formation. So I asked him, “Tell me about her role in your studies.” He replied, “Mary? Well, I hope this doesn’t sound cryptic, but Mary is the place where I study.” Through his studies, this seminarian sensed Jesus growing in him, and experienced his own growth in Jesus. Of course Mary is the “place” where that growth happens! That’s not cryptic. It’s beautiful!

When a man goes deep in his spiritual and intellectual formation, he can offer that same depth to others in parish ministry. The world is certainly hungry for that kind of depth! At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, we ask men to go deep for the sake of mission.

FREEDOM FOR THE SAKE OF MISSION

Another seminarian walked into my office one day to say, “I’m leaving the seminary.”

Let’s pause there. People immediately think that’s a bad thing. But listen to what he said when I asked him about his discernment:

“I’m trying to control how Jesus loves me, and I’m using my ‘status’ as a seminarian to do it. When I worked in homeless ministry, I didn’t try to control anything. I loved people where they were, right in the mess, and the funny thing is, I let Jesus love me the same way. I’ve got to stop trying to control how Jesus loves me. I’m going back to the place where I let him love me the way he wants.”

That’s not a bad thing. It’s beautiful — and good discernment!

Seminaries, like vocation directors, can be tempted to focus on numbers. We all want good numbers! But we can’t let our concern for numbers override the freedom of a man’s discernment. When a man comes to the altar for ordination — just like a couple who comes to the altar to be married — he needs to come freely.

A man may come to seminary for many reasons, but he should only stay for the right reasons: because he’s letting Jesus love him, and letting Jesus love others through him. A man who brings that kind of freedom into the priesthood can turn around and offer it to others in parish ministry — or challenge us when we’re not letting Jesus love us freely!

At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, we focus on the freedom of a man’s “yes” to Jesus — precisely for the sake of parish ministry.

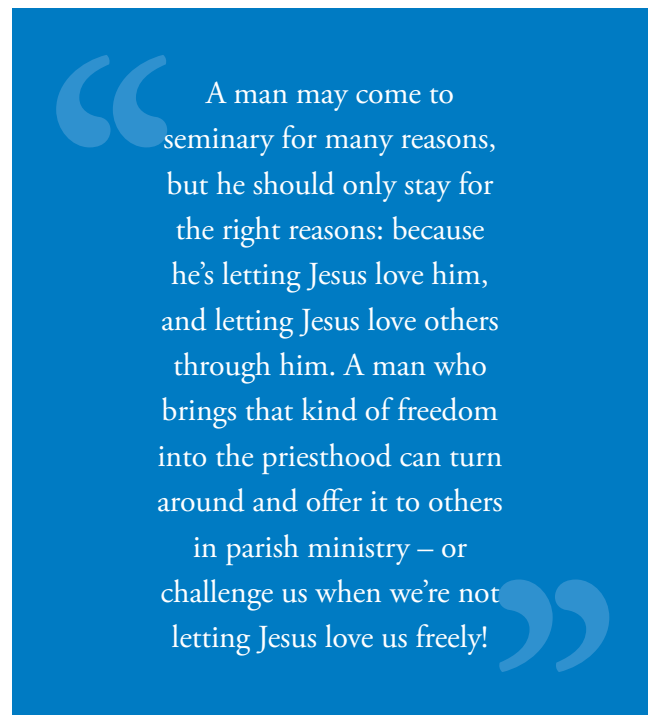
MAKING DISCIPLES

Here’s an observation a priest made about one of our seminarians:

Once this man encounters a group setting, two things happen — listening and leading. Whether it’s a conversation at dinner (“What’s happening in your day?”) or a bus full of youth on pilgrimage (“What do you want to experience on this journey?”), the man reverently notices people’s words and expressions. Then, after reflecting their thoughts back to the group with a repetition of many of their phrases, he appropriately and simply asks them to consider what their desires or events mean for their relationship with God. All of these happen without pretense or disruptiveness. The groups hardly realize that their conversations have been steered into serving their prayer.

Many seminarians come to us reporting that they’re introverts. And that’s fine! A parish priest can certainly be an introvert — someone who draws his energy from time spent alone with God in prayer.

But being an introvert doesn’t excuse a man from learning how to initiate and guide personal interactions — those personal interactions are how disciples are made! A man who



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shies away from interacting with people “because he’s an introvert” can’t make disciples. And a man who can’t make disciples isn’t called to today’s parish priesthood.

So, whatever his personality is, we help a man build the skills that allow him to initiate and guide personal interactions. Those could be human skills, pastoral skills, or intellectual skills. For example, when a seminarian studies a text of Scripture, or the Church Fathers, or St. Thomas Aquinas, or the documents of recent Popes, these are precisely the skills he’s learning: listening reverently to words and expressions, reflecting back what he’s heard in a way that shows he understands, and considering what those ideas could mean for deepening one’s relationship with God.

At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, there’s a deep integration of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation — precisely because parish priests need that integration if they’re going to make disciples in today’s world.

FORMATION FOR MISSION

When we walk into a beautiful building — like the Seminary — we usually notice the external features. We don’t usually notice all the infrastructure — the engineering that went on behind the scenes. But that hidden engineering allows the beautiful exterior to hold together.

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Formation is like engineering in this sense. There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes! When we hear how well our seminarians are doing in their parishes, or how well our priest-graduates are doing in their ministry, of course we're pleased! Their outward 'performance' is like a beautiful building — thanks be to God!

But we also know how much work has been done behind the scenes — by the men, and by the Seminary team with the men — to make beautiful and fruitful ministry possible.

In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and across many of our sending dioceses, parish life has been changing. There are changing demographics, shifting cultural ideas, major diocesan re-structuring, and the simple truth that many of our graduates become pastors — sometimes of multiple parishes! — within a few years of graduation. How do we prepare men who can bear that weight? Who can go out and make disciples in the midst of the changing realities of parish life? The answer is: We do a lot of work on each man's "infrastructure!"

All day, every day — in human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation — we're working behind the scenes: helping men go deep, bringing them to freedom, and carefully considering how every element of formation can contribute to the goal of forming men who can make disciples in the realities of today's parish life. +

Program for PRIESTLY FORMATION

There has been a tendency, in seminary work, to start with an Academic Curriculum, and wrap an itinerary of human, spiritual, and pastoral formation around that curriculum.

But what would happen if you turned that around? Could you start with an itinerary of human, spiritual, and pastoral formation, and fold an academic curriculum into that?

That's exactly what the new Program for Priestly Formation does!

This past June the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promulgated the new Program for Priestly Formation (PPF6).

While Kenrick-Glennon Seminary long ago made the shift to putting formation first, and treating academics as one (really important!) element of priestly formation, PPF6 makes that shift of mindset mandatory for all seminaries in the United States.

The faculty and administration at Kenrick-Glennon are studying PPF6, and thinking through the further changes that will be required in the coming years. Stay tuned for updates in a future issue of *The Herald!* +



LEADERSHIP *in a Time of Transition*

By Joseph Martin, Theology III – St. Louis

A new academic year has arrived!

The Seminary is welcoming many new students, faculty, staff members, and even a new Rector and a new Vice-Rector for Formation! During times of transition, it's easy to start speculating about changes. As Kenrick-Glennon seminarians, we know (at least on an intellectual level) that our mission is to allow Jesus to conform our hearts to His Most Sacred Heart. It is worth asking: How do we live out this mission during a time of transition? Three lessons from seminary formation come to mind, and each lesson is one I've learned thanks to Fr. Paul Hoelsing.

The first lesson is about appreciating the present moment. During a homily on the Feast of the Annunciation last year, Fr. Hoelsing began by stating abruptly, "Shaving cream!" He then listed other random items. Then came the piercing rhetorical question: "Are you with the Lord in the seemingly insignificant moments of your day?" He reminded us that God has imbued daily life with infinite significance by taking on human flesh and dwelling among us. Staying in God's presence even in the most mundane instances is becoming a keystone practice for me, and it allows me to be led by Jesus during times of upheaval.

The second lesson concerns brotherhood. Towards the end of my second year of theology, I was feeling some rancor towards brother seminarians. Fr. Mason must have sensed this, and during my final evaluation he asked me, "What does it look like for Joe Martin to 'live in the tension?'" He then pointed a thumb at Fr. Hoelsing and said, "Joe, want to know the biggest thorn in my side? This guy right here!" The lesson was that strong male friendships have room for strong disagreement. That interaction has helped me address conflicts with more assertiveness. I'm especially grateful for this growth during transition times when tensions can boil over if left unaddressed.

I thank God for Fr. Hoelsing and his exemplary friendship with Fr. Mason, the man who is always "in your face, but on your side."

The final lesson is about humor. Once at a breakfast table with Fr. Hoelsing and a few friends, I made a self-deprecating joke about my former self. We all had a good laugh, and the conversation moved on. The next day, Fr. Hoelsing pulled me aside and said, "Joe, I'm so glad you're learning to laugh at yourself. If you don't look back with some humor at your old ways, something's missing." The good Fr. Hoelsing did not miss an opportunity to affirm the growth he noticed. This year, I hope and pray to be able to laugh at mistakes old and new.



Errors and friction are inevitable when life is in flux, and humor can be the best medicine.

Our primary mission never changes; we are here to become conformed to Christ. Though this mission is easily obscured in uncertain times, God will work through each of us if we follow our new Rector's fatherly advice: stay with Jesus in the present moment, address conflicts head-on, and don't be afraid to laugh at yourself. ✚

FAITH *and* TRUST

By Eric Artz, Theology III – Bismarck

Every vocation is a sacred and mysterious gift from God. In our lifetimes we may never truly know how many people have helped prepare the way or aided us in our seminary journey. But every now and then, God makes it abundantly clear that certain people have guided us to make a more authentic and profound “yes” to Christ. In God’s providence I can honestly say that my “yes” to Jesus would not be what it is without the life and example of my identical twin, Nathan.



Eric (left) and his twin brother, Nathan (right).

Nathan and I were best friends growing up. From sunrise to sunset, we did everything together. From the moment of conception, I always had someone by my side. But tragically, the tranquil life we had together suddenly ended one day when we were 14 years old. My twin was diagnosed with cancer and my intimate family became physically separated through three years

of countless surgeries, chemotherapy trips, radiation treatments, as well as many heartbreaks and disappointments. Despite all the efforts of prayer and modern medicine, my identical twin passed away from Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma — a rare muscle cancer, five days after our seventeenth birthday.

Although Nathan’s story includes much hardship, trial, and suffering, his real story is that of hope and love. It was not my twin’s undying fortitude, resilience, or courage that most affected my early life. Rather, it was his unbroken childlike faith and trust. Nathan knew that he was a child of God. He accepted all trials and sufferings as an opportunity to conform himself to Jesus, and he offered up his pain for the greater salvation of souls. On a number of occasions, Nathan was found kneeling on the hospital floor praying and interceding for children around him who were battling their own illnesses. Through the acceptance of his own cross, my twin became a saint before my families’ eyes. Although the stories are numerous, Nathan’s life ultimately became a witness of Divine Mercy for others.

A year after Nathan’s death, the question of priesthood was placed more clearly on my heart. The answer was revealed in prayer by recounting Nathan’s witness of love. A clear example of charity and holiness was given to me during my adolescence; Nathan’s life allowed me to see that despite all challenges and trials, there is a God who has a plan for us. Although losing my best friend to cancer was difficult, I can now see that this cross has become the means of my own salvation and a place of encountering the wounded heart of Jesus. All suffering is redeemed by Christ — the pierced Messiah, for in the wounds of Calvary he offers us hope of the Resurrection and a life of communion and joy. It is in this place of vulnerability that real formation takes place. Through an encounter with the Sacred, heart speaks to heart, and life and friendship begin anew, even past death. ✚



Family-Inspired Discipleship

By Francisco Camacho, Theology II – San Angelo

The summer before my third year of college seminary, I was privileged to have a pastoral/immersion summer in Mexico. This summer was extra special for me because I spent it with my uncle, who is a priest in the Diocese of Ciudad Valles.

Once I got to Mexico, I was immediately thrown into the summer activities, which mainly consisted of shadowing my uncle. He was assigned to a busy and growing rural parish. Unlike the parishes here in the United States, which may have one or two missions, my uncle's parish had about ten to fifteen missions, each about a ten to twenty-minute drive from one another. His main ministry was sacramental: saying Masses, hearing confessions, and baptizing the faithful. Because of the number of missions, he could not go to each one on Sunday, so his goal was to visit each one at least every two weeks. It wasn't ideal, but he made it work.

I was amazed by how tirelessly my uncle went through his days. Even though he would visit some missions during the week, he would still have up to eight Masses on a Sunday. At each church, my uncle would only have the necessities to say Mass: bread and wine. The celebrations were set in churches that were simple, concrete buildings with no paint and no art, only pews and the altar. Their celebration of the Eucharist did not have any instrumental music or anything extravagant, but the simplicity was profound and beautiful. The beauty did not come from the things they had nor from their music

or liturgical moves. The beauty was the people praising and participating in the Mass. The people there had one simple desire: Jesus. All they wanted was to receive Him sacramentally.

My uncle saw that the people had this desire to receive the sacraments. In response, he gave himself to them entirely, and for that summer I was privileged to help him in that ministry by setting up for Mass as he heard confessions, by training altar servers, and by taking care of any little jobs he needed help with along the way. Most nights, we would return to the rectory completely exhausted after a full day of activities. I didn't see my uncle distraught with his schedule, but I actually saw joy in his face. That joy my uncle showed reassured my vocation by showing me that this life is filled with joy. That summer, he taught me a lot, especially that being a disciple is not based on my ideas and goals, but on giving my life completely to Christ, especially my time, and trusting that He will provide. As a seminarian, I fell into a lie that I needed to save the Church with my actions, I needed to convert people to the faith, and I needed to make people fall in love with Jesus. Our Lord kindly and slowly showed me this lie and showed me the truth: He is the savior, and the ministry of the priest is allowing Jesus to work through you. God freed me from this lie through seeing and shadowing my uncle's ministry. I learned that being a disciple is simply giving people the greatest gift, Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. ✝

Top left: Francisco on the back of a truck traveling to a mission off the main road.

Top right: Francisco (middle) with the Buena Vista community he visited during a mission with his uncle.

ORDINATIONS

This year, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary celebrated the ordination of 12 alumni to the Sacred Priesthood and 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BELIZE CITY & BELMOPAN – JUNE 17, 2022
Fr. Mateo Salam

BELLEVILLE – JUNE 4, 2022
Fr. Thomas Lugge

BISMARCK – JUNE 13, 2022
Fr. Paul Gardner
Fr. Logan Obrigewitch
Fr. Benjamin Wanner

KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS – MAY 28, 2022
Fr. Sudeep Kodigandla

OMAHA – JUNE 4, 2022
Fr. Brett Jamrog

RAPID CITY – JUNE 24, 2022
Fr. Joshua Lee

SPRINGFIELD – CAPE GIRARDEAU – MAY 27, 2022
Fr. Charles Peirano

ST. LOUIS – MAY 28, 2022
Fr. Donald Morris

WICHITA – MAY 28, 2022
Fr. Jonathan Tolberd
Fr. Ty Taylor

ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

BELIZE CITY & BELMOPAN – JUNE 11, 2022
Rev. Mr. Emmanuel Medina
Rev. Mr. Shajir Pech

BISMARCK – MAY 24, 2022
Rev. Mr. Dustin Johns

KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS – MAY 21, 2022
Rev. Mr. George Rhodes

LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA – JUNE 4, 2022
Rev. Mr. Jordan Boone

PHAT DIEM, VIETNAM – APRIL 7, 2022
Rev. Mr. Hao Tran

SAN ANGELO – MAY 21, 2022
Rev. Mr. Michael Elsner

SIoux CITY – JUNE 4, 2022
Rev. Mr. Peter Pham

ST. LOUIS – MAY 7, 2022
Rev. Mr. Jacob Braun
Rev. Mr. Joshua Deters
Rev. Mr. Ryan Quarnstrom
Rev. Mr. Jacob Wessel



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Deacon Joe Krupinsky

1. Fr. Benjamin Wanner, Fr. Logan Obrigewitch, and Fr. Paul Gardner with Bishop Kagan following their ordination.

2. Fr. Ty Taylor and Fr. Jonathan Tolberd with Bishop Carl Kemme, Class of 1986, after their ordination in Wichita.

3. Deacon Hao Tran entered seminary formation in 2015 as a Pre-Theologian, graduated in 2021, and was ordained to the diaconate on April 7, 2022.

4. Newly ordained transitional deacons, Deacons Jacob Wessel, Ryan Quarnstrom, Josh Deters, Jacob Braun at their diaconate ordination.



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Photo courtesy of Catholic Diocese of Wichita



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Building the Future for Mission

Fr. Patrick Russell - Class of 2019

By Ryan Box, College IV – St. Louis

“You’re so young!” “Why don’t you just go after a normal college?” “You have to be in school for how many years?”

If you are a man who has thought about entering college seminary after graduating high school, I guarantee these responses are familiar. It is undeniable that entering college seminary is an unpopular decision, especially in the eyes of the world. Nevertheless, having a spiritual father that supports and encourages vocational discernment is extremely helpful for a young man.

Since 2019, Fr. Patrick Russell, Class of 2019 – St. Louis, has stepped into this role for all students pursuing their faith at St. Dominic High School. It has become a consistent tradition in recent graduating classes at St. Dominic for men to enter college seminary. Since 2017, St. Dominic has had eleven graduates enter diocesan seminary. I can only see this number growing, especially since Fr. Russell now serves as Vice President for Mission and Identity. Having a full-time priest on the administration at St. Dominic has allowed the Catholic faith to be the top priority for their students. Fr. Russell understands that the number of men entering seminary formation is simply a fruit of a growing community centered on Christ. His desire is that all students may be able to “encounter, grow, and witness the love of Christ” in their four years at St. Dominic.

I have personally experienced in my own life the great capacity Fr. Russell has for building and growing in relationship. He credited this gift especially to his formation at Kenrick. Much of Fr. Russell’s ministry is giving to students what he learned in seminary, namely that as we fall in love with God, Christ reveals who we truly are as beloved sons and daughters. Since students understand Fr. Russell’s love for them, they are much more open to being challenged in their faith. Furthermore, as the school continues to increase opportunities of encounter with Christ, such as daily Mass, confession, and yearly retreats, practicing the faith has become more attractive to the entire student body. One student recognized that since Fr. Russell arrived, the culture of St. Dominic is one in which practicing your “faith is cool.” This community of discipleship is naturally bound to bring about men who desire to serve and love God with their whole life.

It is clear that growing in relationship with Jesus Christ is the top priority at St. Dominic High School. Fr. Russell stated that, “If we care about our students going to Harvard more than Heaven, we have already failed them.” As Fr. Russell continues to witness to the joy of a life with Christ, I am sure priestly vocations and disciples of Jesus Christ will continue to grow. ✚



In Memoriam

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

Fr. Robert Argent
Class of 1955 - St. Louis

Bishop Morgan A. Casey
Class of 1962 – St. Louis

Fr. Dana R. Christensen
Class of 2005 – Sioux Falls

Msgr. John M. Costello
Class of 1972 – St. Louis

Fr. Michael J. Gilgannon
Class of 1958 –
Kansas City, St. Joseph

Fr. James P. Grennan
Class of 1951 – Salina

Fr. James F. Hoover
Class of 1960 – St. Louis

Msgr. James E. Margason
Class of 1971 - Belleville

Fr. Frederick A. Meyer
Class of 1965 – St. Louis

Fr. Carl M. Schmidt
Class of 1950 – Springfield, IL

Msgr. James T. Telthorst
Class of 1968 – St. Louis

BEAUTY & POWER OF THE ROSARY

By Will Young, Pre-Theology II – Lafayette-in-Indiana



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary invites you to pray the Rosary with us.

This fall, the Seminary released four videos featuring Fr. Paul Hoelsing, President-Rector, and seminarians praying the Rosary in the Chapel of St. Joseph.

Each video features one of the four Mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous.

Pray with us online at kenrick.edu/rosary.

When we pray the Rosary we reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of Mary who experienced the love and presence of God more vividly and personally than any human in history. Her faith in Jesus' merciful love was unshakable. Mary understood better than anyone what Jesus was doing when he allowed his own passion and death to take place. When everyone at the foot of the cross saw the ugliness, evil, and absurdity of the crucifixion, Mary saw the deepest act of true love imaginable.

The Lord drew me to consider the power and beauty of the Rosary through the lens of the Joyful Mysteries. The miraculous faith of Mary and her "yes" at the Annunciation changed her. Her fiat changed her physically. Her yes to God exemplifies the "yes" we are called to make daily, to accept Jesus and the adventure of Christian life. Every physical change Mary experienced, like any woman's body preparing for childbirth, must have filled her with overwhelming joy and anticipation. Praying the Rosary daily is like traveling through the mysteries of Christ's life with Mary, the mother of these mysteries. We can rejoice with Mary on the way to Elizabeth's house as we too feel Jesus changing us from within and affecting the people around us. We can marvel at the Luminous Mysteries of Christ's life, weep contemplating Christ's passion in the Sorrowful Mysteries, and give glory to God for the Resurrection. Through these prayers, we can travel with Mary and run to her as our mother, the perfect example of the Christian life. ✚

I Can't Save My Family, *But God Can*

By Jesse Willis, Theology II – Rapid City

As a seminarian, I have enjoyed when others have confided in me, allowing me to counsel and comfort them. Often, others will relate particular dysfunctions in their family and want to know what they can do to fix it. With confidence, I say that the answer is simple. Nothing. I do not mean there is no hope. In fact, there is plenty of hope in Jesus Christ. It is important that we do not get our roles confused. There is only one Savior and that is Jesus Christ. Our role is simply to be a son or daughter. I confidently give this advice because I have learned the hard way that I am not my family's savior.

I come from a broken family. My parents divorced when I was very young and that brought me a plentitude of wounds, many of which went unnoticed when I was young and trying to survive. As I became an adult and, particularly, as I went through seminary formation, I began to see the brokenness much clearer both within myself and within my family as a whole.



I was confident that, with enough formation and healing, I could go home during each break and fix what was wrong with my family. The result was exhausting. I would go home filled with confidence and return to seminary feeling like a failure. This took place again and again over the course of two years until I finally gave up hope.

I entered my Theology I year angry and hopeless. In my despair, I became resentful of my mother because of the injustices of the past and felt that she had not loved me like I wanted her to. In this state, I went back home for Christmas break with an abundance of emotions. I had no expectations of fixing anything; I was only trying to survive. What happened next changed my life forever.

Approximately ten days of my break was spent at home with just my mom. During this time, nothing out of the ordinary happened, but I loved every minute of it. Life was simple and

very ordinary. From an outside perspective, this was no different from any other break. I did not give this time much credence until my silent retreat. I went into my initial spiritual direction meeting with nothing to talk about. I did not think it would be a good idea for an adult man to talk about missing his mom, but that was all I had. Within 15 seconds of this meeting, I

found myself crying hysterically because I missed my mom. I cried as if the weight of decades of hurt had been finally released. My mother, unknown to me until I returned to the Seminary, wrote me a small note apologizing for all the hurt of the past and telling me that she did indeed love me. If I would have read that note a month earlier, I would not have been able to receive it and would have demanded justice, but now my only response was "I know. I love you too."

I do not know what exactly happened to me during this time, except that it had happened. I went into the break hoping to process my life and ended up being processed by God. I learned how to begin to let go of my savior mentality and how to begin life as a son, both to my mother and to the Father. Once I was able to do that, I was able to love my mom for who she was and not resent her for who she was not. ✚

PROMOTIONS IN RANK

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Through their service within parishes and a variety of Catholic ministries, the seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary are learning how to be With & For God's People. In doing so, they experience what one seminarian has powerfully termed "true encounters with Christ" – encounters that help our seminarians grow as both disciples and disciple-makers.

"Here, the seminarian learns from the people of God how to forget himself and be a spiritual father who loves with Christ's heart. Each seminarian seeks configuration to the Heart of Jesus Christ, High Priest and Shepherd, in order to shepherd wholeheartedly with Christ's pastoral charity. It is crucial during this time of formation that each man has the opportunity to be With & For God's People."

– Michael Laugeman, Theology II

Thanks to your generosity, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is forming men who are devoted to discipleship. Please know of our tremendous gratitude for your support, especially the gratitude of our seminarians! ✚

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HIGHLIGHTS

The seminary thanks the following individuals as they **conclude their generous service** on the Board of Trustees: Bishop David Kagan, Mr. David Laughlin, Mrs. Virginia Klein, Archbishop George Lucas, Mr. Dick Tracy, Mr. John Federer, Mr. Joseph Giljum, Mr. Paul Shaughnessy.

The Board of Trustees welcomes **four new members**: Mother Mary Mediatrix Bexten, FSGM (Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George), Mr. Greg Eilerman (President of Buchheit Concrete), Mr. Jim Killeen (Vice President at ASPEQ Heating Group), Mrs. Laura Shaughnessy (community volunteer).

Fr. Paul Hoelsing, President-Rector, is among 46 priests from across the United States who have been selected to serve as **National Eucharistic Preachers**. Former President-Rector, Fr. James Mason, was also selected. They are commissioned to enkindle the flame of Eucharistic faith and devotion.

Dr. John Finley, former Professor of Philosophy, **published his book** *Sexual Identity: The Harmony of Philosophy, Science, and Revelation*. This book is a collection of essays written by experts in fields such as philosophy, obstetrics and gynecology, endocrinology, psychology, plastic surgery, and theology. Dr. Finley was awarded a Science in Seminaries grant from the John Templeton Foundation in 2016 to pursue this interdisciplinary research.

Dr. Larry Feingold, Professor of Theology & Philosophy, is presenting a series of 12 monthly presentations on **"The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion"** as part of the Eucharistic Revival within the Archdiocese of St. Louis. More information is available at allthingsnew.archstl.org/Eucharistic-Revival-Events.✝



ADVENT NOVENA

You are invited to join the Seminary community as we prepare for the joy and splendor of Christmas. Each evening of the Novena will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Joseph and will include prayer, Scripture, a reflective homily, and hymns led by the seminarian choir. All are welcome in-person and on our livestream.

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2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

June 30, 2022 marked the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2022 as well as the end of Fr. James Mason's tenure as President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Throughout the Spring 2022 semester, Fr. Mason and Fr. Hoelsing worked closely together to ensure continuity with our programs of formation and education. Their friendship and shared love for priestly formation was inspiring to the Kenrick-Glennon community.

Despite the change in leadership, their shared vision to form happy, healthy, and holy men remains. We are asking, "Can these men make disciples?" In a year where the Archdiocese of



Souls & Goals

The Kenrick Lions soccer team started practices in preparation for the annual Souls & Goals soccer game against the St. Louis "Clergy & Co." team. The team also competes throughout the year against teams from other seminaries.



New President Rector

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski announced Fr. Paul Hoelsing as our new President-Rector.

2021-2022

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY



Convivium

Nearly 500 guests attended the Convivium Dinner Auction. The event is the seminary's sole annual fundraiser and an opportunity for friends of the seminary to unite as a community of faith in support of priestly formation.

Nazareth Nights

Young adults joined seminarians for Adoration, reconciliation, praise and worship, and fellowship during Nazareth Nights throughout the academic year.



St. Louis embarked on a pastoral planning process, we know that priestly formation is now more important than ever before. Society needs priests that can make disciples! This shared love of mission is a highway to the heart of Jesus.

The men attending Kenrick-Glennon Seminary are discerning a life of selfless service not alone but together in community. As you can see in the following timeline, we have had the opportunity to increase community not only between the seminarians but also with the people that they will one day serve. We are truly blessed with the opportunities we have been given this year. We thank you for being a part of it and for sharing this same common love of mission through your prayers and generous donations.

Kenrick Mile

The seminarians had an opportunity for great fraternity during the 2nd Annual Kenrick Mile. The competition was followed by a shrimp boil in the refectory.



APRIL

MAY

May Crowning

Cardinal Glennon College celebrated this Marian month of May with the crowning of the statue of Our Lady in the campus grotto.



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Final Sendoff for FR. MASON

Fr. James Mason concluded his term as President-Rector of the seminary on June 30th. He returned to his home diocese of Sioux Falls, SD, to serve as pastor at Holy Spirit Parish, co-pastor at St. Lambert Parish, and Vicar for Clergy. As the academic year drew to a close, the Seminary community celebrated and thanked Fr. Mason for his leadership and spiritual fatherhood.

Deacon Ryan Quarnstrom, Theology IV–St. Louis, presented a unique gift on behalf of the seminarians during a surprise party in Fr. Mason’s honor: “When I think of Fr. Mason, one of the first images that comes to mind is opening the chapel door in the morning and seeing Fr. Mason sitting there. He’s always there. Father, you’ve taught hundreds of men the importance of prayer — to know and to love the name of Jesus. For a long time, there is one place where you sat and there’s one place in St. Joseph’s Chapel that’s uniquely yours. If there’s one image that you have of the Seminary, one place where you’ve spent consistent time, it’s before our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. On behalf of the men of the house and the men who have been here with you discerning God’s will over the past 8 years, I present to you this painting by Michele Chronister.”✚



FISCAL YEAR 2022:

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

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.

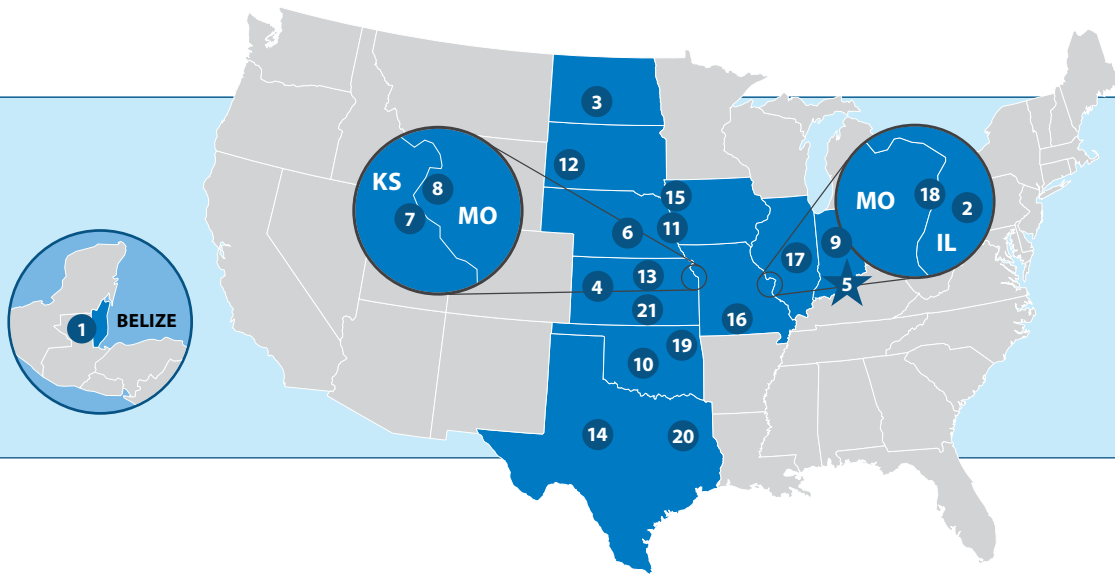
EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 1,008,644
Kitchen and Facilities	3,180,265
Kenrick Instruction	1,604,836
Formation	761,120
Glennon College	625,712
Institutional Advancement	686,710
Library and Bookstore	382,983
Worship	191,948
TOTAL	\$ 8,442,218

Please note that the expenses include a large amount of depreciation, a non-cash item.

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 2022-2023 academic year.



Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	TOTAL	Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	TOTAL	Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	TOTAL
1 Belize City-Belmopan, Belize	4	8 Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO	4	15 Sioux City, IA	4
2 Belleville, IL	3	9 Lafayette-in-Indiana	6	16 Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO	1
3 Bismarck, ND	3	10 Oklahoma City, OK	3	17 Springfield, IL	5
4 Dodge City, KS	1	11 Omaha, NE	9	18 St. Louis, MO	38
★ 5 Evansville, IN	1	12 Rapid City, SD	1	19 Tulsa, OK	8
6 Grand Island, NE	1	13 Salina, KS	2	20 Tyler, TX	6
7 Kansas City, KS	15	14 San Angelo, TX	2	21 Wichita, KS	7

REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 5,015,795
Tuition	1,074,547
ACA and Other Grants	425,575
Fees and ServiceS	1,219,085
Release from Restriction	1,037,611
Other Revenue	9,499
Operating Revenue	8,782,112
Investment Loss	(2,426,583)
TOTAL	\$ 6,355,529

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 variance is attributed to a variety of factors, including:

- Tuition and Room and Board revenue declined this year with fewer men from sending dioceses, following the nationwide experience of 8-9% lower enrollment in seminaries this academic year. A possible cause is the fact that Covid prevented discerners from visiting seminary campuses in order to make their decisions.
- Similar to most portfolios, the declining stock market had a negative effect on our revenue with an investment loss of \$2.4 million. However, operating results were favorable.



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