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A photograph of three people in clerical attire laughing and talking in front of a large, multi-story brick building with a prominent tower. The man in the center is wearing a black cassock and a white clerical collar. The man on the left is also in clerical attire, and the woman on the right is wearing a yellow cardigan over a black and white checkered dress. They are all smiling and looking at each other. The background shows a large brick building with a tower, surrounded by green trees and a paved walkway.

## Forming Priests *for an* Apostolic Age

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR

### Dear Friends,

In times of change, when missteps and uncertainty can abound, there's an enticing tendency to grasp for quick answers. While it can be helpful to seek a solution, I believe it's important to ponder, "Are we asking the right questions?"

In the Gospels, the rich young man, desirous of greatness and asking questions, "*went away sad, for he had many possessions.*" What happened next for him is unknown, yet seminary formation continually invites men into this space: will I walk away from Jesus or stay with him? Rather than turning away, the relational choice is about bringing whatever is arising in one's life to Jesus, both the self-inflicted and the crosses that come our way.

Isolation is the ailment of our age. Making the choice to be with God and others pushes against the tsunami of distractions and habits that keep us from being attuned to persons, especially the Persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For the rich young man to be healed of his attachment to many possessions, he needs to stay in relationship with Jesus. Healing comes through relationship.

That will be the primary lesson of the Church's newest stage of formation, the propaedeutic. It's a re-founding of the conviction that the seminary is not so much a place, as a set of relationships that integrate a man's human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral strengths and weaknesses. Seminary becomes first about healing and can only become about schooling in the context of that healing. Each year we look to renew and deepen the relational expertise which will facilitate that healing in the men. Our Herald testifies to this commitment.

Men can learn lots of things. In fact, many would prefer it, "just tell me what to do and how to do it." That seems "safer." But it's not really safe if the man is still trapped in the illusion of control. His experiences, skills and knowledge become "riches" that he's stockpiled and tempt him to manage on his own. To raise up a man of faith — a man who can be configured to Christ — is to see his personal adherence to God (CCC, #150) happen through his "*lack*," that space where Jesus' splendor shines upon the seminarian, and he endures conversion to a more excellent way: "*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*"

In Christ,

Father Paul Hoelsing  
President-Rector



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**Cover:** Samuel Ogden, Configuration II – Grand Island, and Jacob Miller, Configuration II – Lafayette, chatting outside the seminary with Jen Ryan, Director of Pastoral Education, Evangelization, and Apostolic Service.

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## LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's a season of change!

There's change happening in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. There's change happening at the Seminary, too! There are new people working at the Seminary — some of whom you'll meet in these pages. There's also new programming at the seminary as we begin to implement the 6th edition of the Program of Priestly Formation.

Change is stressful for a lot of people. And, for many, that stress can be discouraging.

But, in the face of change, stress, and discouragement I want to ask two questions: 1) Have you interacted with the seminarians lately? 2) Have you interacted with the faculty and staff lately?

I ask the first because those who interact with our seminarians invariably come away encouraged, because these men bring an amazing openness to God in their lives. To be sure, they have “stuff” in their lives, as we all do! But rather than trying to manage their stuff they focus on letting God into it and moving with God through it. Encountering that openness gives you a sense of fresh beginnings. That's encouraging!

I ask the second because those who interact with our faculty and staff invariably come away with a deep confidence about how things are moving in formation these days. They bring not only deep theological knowledge but also deep human and spiritual wisdom to the task of forming men for the priesthood. Encountering that combination of knowledge and wisdom gives you a sense of steady depth and sure movement. That's encouraging, too!

When Jesus was preparing his disciples for his departure he said: “It is better for you that I go.” He knew that change would be hard for them; he also knew they needed this change. As we all deal with change in the Church we could use an encouraging word from Jesus, too! What's happening at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary — with our seminarians, faculty, and staff — is a living word of encouragement offered by Jesus to all of us. As you read these pages, I hope you'll sense that word of encouragement addressed to you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis



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# Forming Priests for an Apostolic Age

## Introducing Jen Ryan, Director of Pastoral Education, Evangelization, and Apostolic Service

By Dr. Ed Hogan, Academic Dean

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### THE BACKSTORY

In the Spring of 2023, several of us traveled to Chicago for a symposium on the new Propaedeutic Year. We wanted to think deeply, together and with colleagues around the country, about our implementation of this new program.

While we were at the symposium, we met with a friend who coordinates pastoral formation at another seminary. We found ourselves thinking: wouldn't it be great to get someone like that in St. Louis – not because there's a problem with our pastoral formation (which is good), but to help us take things to the next level?

We returned to St. Louis and continued to think and pray with this desire. Then one day it dawned on us: *that person is already here, has all the necessary background, and knows our parishes!* That person is Mrs. Jen Ryan.

### THE PERFECT FIT

Jen had been working in ministry in various capacities for sixteen years. She had served as a Youth Minister for six years at Queen of All Saints. She had been a Clinical Therapist for two years with Catholic Family Services (now St. Louis Counseling). She had been a Catholic Campus

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Minister for three and a half years at George Mason University. She had been Pastoral Associate for over four years, first at St. Elizabeth of Hungary and then at Church of the Magdalen in St. Louis City.

In addition, Jen has a BA in Psychology from the University of Missouri in Columbia (2007), an MA in Counseling from Webster University (2011) and has been a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Missouri since 2015.

In other words, Jen had both the credentials and the “boots on the ground” experience that we needed.

## THE PROJECT

Our Pastoral Formation program has always been good. Seminarians serve in parishes, teach in schools, receive supervision and feedback from pastors, and do weekly theological reflection on their parish experiences. That’s nothing to sneeze at!

But we must admit: our academic curriculum and human formation programs are far more deliberate in their scope and sequence than our pastoral formation program. Can you imagine, for example, what could happen if seminarians received a six-year curriculum in Evangelization comparable to their six-year curriculum in philosophy and theology? That’s what we want to do: develop the same kind of deliberate, developmental, multi-year approach to pastoral formation.

“What’s so amazing about pastoral formation is that it’s an integration of the other three dimensions: the exterior fruit produced by the interior fire, the invisible made visible, sweat becoming like drops of blood! It gets vivid and tangible. And practical. And messy, but real. Just like parish life! Because it takes place within parish life!”

From Jen’s meeting with seminarians  
(in the Configuration and Synthesis stages)  
on August 17th, 2023

Jen’s come on board not just to do that for us, but to do that with us, because we believe that teamwork – seeing things together, and acting on things together – is what actually makes formation work.

We’re excited to have Jen as part of the team, and excited to develop our pastoral formation program together in the coming years. ✚





# “How Will You Bring Him to Them?”

By Jen Ryan, Director of Pastoral Education, Evangelization, and Apostolic Service

## **Come with Marshmallows (because our Seminary is on fire!).**

Artistic depictions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reveal a Heart on fire. This teaches us something! Jesus said, “*I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!*” (Lk. 12:49). A single flame has an amazing contagion effect. So, too, does the spark of the Holy Spirit. The Church “moves forward one soul at a time, as each individual catches the fire of belief from another and is grafted into the body of Christ. The importance is not found in numbers but in the intensity of the flame,” (*From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*).

Jesus ignites the fire. But how does one learn to protect, stoke, and wield the fire within?

During orientation week at the Seminary, we kicked off the year by dividing the seminarians into groups for stage-specific trainings related to their pastoral assignments or apostolic service experiences. We wanted to help the men construct a framework for their new apostolates before being sent out, and we were delighted to welcome some presenters who are pastoral powerhouses to share how they fan the flame in their own respective fields.

**Configuration I** seminarians, who will serve in parish youth ministry settings this year, were trained in best practices of *Parish Youth Ministry* by Amy Eschelbach and Laura Jablonski from the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry.

**Configuration II** seminarians, who will make pastoral care visits, were trained in *Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound* by Fr. Dan Kavanagh, Director of Catholic Deaf Ministry; and Jane Guenther, Director of the Catholic Renewal Center, offered instruction in *Ministry to the Dying*.

**Configuration III** seminarians, assigned in education, received a crash course in *Lesson Planning and Classroom Management* from educators at St. Justin Martyr School: Marge Kathalynas, Director of Faith Formation and Missionary Discipleship and Teresa Killian, Middle School Religion Teacher.

The **Transitional Deacons** in Pastoral Synthesis workshopped best practices in *Parish Young Adult Ministry* with me and then met with Fr. Conor Sullivan, PsyD, Class of 2014 – St. Louis, for a seminar on *Transition to the Clerical State*.

Finally, I worked with the **Collegians and Pre-Theologians** in the areas of *Working with Children*, *Engagement with the Poor*, and *Nursing Home Visits* in preparation for their respective apostolic sites.

The educator sessions were swimming in resources. The youth ministry trainees prayed *visio divina* with a modern adaptation of Caravaggio’s *The Calling of Saint Matthew* that pictured Jesus calling a teenager with a smartphone. The men who will be working with children role-played scenarios from the dramatic life of the American playground. The presenters, each in their own way, strove to introduce seminarians to the needs of the people of God across the lifespan. Beginning with this foundation, the man can use the skills he has honed in formation to build bridges connecting him to the people to God.



Amy Eschelbach, Director of the Office of Youth Ministry, presenting on healthy Youth Ministry.

Now that the pastoral placements have launched, the real fun begins! I look forward to accompanying the men throughout the year as they integrate what they have received and process what they are called to offer. In a particular way, we will ask: *How does Jesus desire to enter into the lives of the people you are serving, and how will you bring Him to them?*

As this sense of pastoral discernment grows, the seminarian recognizes the fire of Christ’s Heart burning in his own, as he offers God’s love to those he encounters. ✚

# THE GOOD NEWS *at Home*

By Jimmy Fitzsimmons, Configuration I (Theology I) – Sioux City



God will always give us exactly what we need when we need it. For my family and me, that was my little sister Mary Kate (MK). From the time she was a toddler, we could tell there was something special about her. She was extremely gifted in everything she did and had a love and a docility that was different from most children.

After going to college, living in North Carolina, and serving in the army for over three years, I came back home to Sioux City in 2020 to begin my seminarian journey. Mary Kate was a senior in high school and was very serious about her faith. She was 10 years old when I left for college and, in my mind, she had stayed that age. So, when I came home as a seminarian, she was now 18, incredibly mature for her age, and the Lord was prompting her to dive deeper into her faith. As I prayed holy hours, the Liturgy of the Hours, and went to daily Mass, she was eager to join me and see what Jesus desired for her. She jumped in with both feet, so much so that my mom had to lecture me several times for letting her come to holy hours with me before school, when she had been up late the night before studying and praying. Once she saw what was possible in her relationship with the Lord, there

was nothing that could get between her and Jesus. Not sleep, not school, nothing. We could see and feel the joy on her face while spending time with Jesus in adoration or while sitting next to her at Mass.

Her joy was infectious - especially for me, a young man who was very concerned with duty and responsibility but not as focused on relationship and love. God knew exactly what I needed at this point in my life. I needed MK. Through her witness, the Father showed me just how incredible falling in love with the Trinity could be. And she needed me. The Father put me in her life to show her how to take that first step, to encourage her to trust God with her life, to model how she could take the leap of faith and, in doing so, be guided to His heart.

None of this would have been possible without our parents who instill in us that God could not just be another thing we do. God deserves our first fruits, and it is in giving God our first fruits that we find our own true happiness. MK is now Sr. Mary Catherine (she will receive her new name in February 2024) with the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, AL. ✝

Jimmy (bottom), Joey (middle), and Sr. Mary Kate (top) Fitzsimmons.

# DETOX FROM THE Digital World

By Fr. Donald Anstoetter, Director of Worship

Most of us are more attached to our phones than we care to admit. We spend too much time scrolling, reading the news, watching YouTube, or binging the latest season of Ted Lasso. We experience the feeling of, *“I can’t focus like I used to because I constantly have a dozen tabs open”*. And every ding or buzz triggers a compulsion to check my phone just in case some emergency needs my attention. And I grew up without a smartphone, when only firefighters, ER doctors, and the President needed to be available 24/7.

The men entering college seminary today are “digital natives”. They grew up with smartphones, and technology shapes their every experience of reality – their relationships, their studies, their leisure. It also affects their prayer. Given the frenetic pace of the internet, it’s hard to slow down long enough to make a holy hour. Given the din of digital noise, it’s hard to hear the voice of God!

The Church is asking seminaries to address these unique challenges of our age. The new propaedeutic stage – that’s Vatican-speak for “preparatory stage” – is meant to help seminarians heal from their exposure to the negative elements of our culture. One aid to this healing is a technology fast.

We are providing all new seminarians with an opportunity to detox from the digital world. A chance to reset their relationship with technology and to re-learn – or learn for the first time – how to engage others without filtering the experience through the internet. A chance to restore their focus, to develop hobbies that don’t involve a screen, and to grow comfortable being alone with their thoughts. And, most importantly, a chance to reclaim their time with God in the silence.

The prospect of a technology fast can be daunting. But our seminarians are embracing this radically counter-cultural experience. Last year, about half the college seminarians chose to participate in an optional technology fast pilot program. The men were free to craft the parameters of their fast – its duration



and strictness. Some switched to “dumb” phones; others restricted their smartphones, removing web browsers and the App Store. Some put time limits on their devices. Some deleted social media accounts. Some turned their rooms into technology sanctuaries – no screens allowed. All had accountability partners to help them follow through on their resolutions.

The impact on these men was immediate. I witnessed an explosion of creativity as they shifted their energy to more analog pursuits. They spent more time with the community, playing more sports and card games. Some guys started reading for fun. Some learned to cook. Some took up drawing, calligraphy, or mosaic work. One guy even built a rocking chair. Some noticed they had an easier time getting their homework done; others had less trouble falling asleep at night. They had more time and energy to dedicate to their formation.

The technology fast is not a panacea. Smartphones and laptops are a fact of life, and we all need to learn how to integrate them in a healthy way. The tech fast can, however, help our seminarians reset their relationship to technology in a way that frees them to be more present to others and to listen more closely to God. ✚



# BECOMING MEN OF FREEDOM

**“The foundation and center of all human formation is Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. In His fully developed humanity, He was truly free and, with complete freedom, gave Himself totally for the salvation of the world.”**

*Program of Priestly Formation, n. 181*



**Joe Corrigan, Propaedeutic II (College II) – St. Louis**

“During my fast last year, I created a tech sanctuary in my room. I put all my technology into one of our study rooms where we all work. It was really beneficial because I had more time where I was alone with my thoughts and was able to produce a greater solitude. I was able to pray in my room, I was able to go to bed quicker, and less of my time was wasted mindlessly on social media. I had some concerns going in that I wouldn’t be responsive to text messages and phone calls, which totally happened. I got a “dumb phone” for the year, but I really enjoyed it because I was not tempted to use social media. It helped me prioritize how I communicate. I ended up going back to a smartphone this year, and I feel way freer using my smartphone now. I still have no social media, and I don’t have any temptation to go back to it. I don’t feel like I’m missing

out – the fear of missing out that I had going into the fast is now gone because I’ve learned there’s more to life than social media as a way to interact.”

**Thomas Hashbarger, Propaedeutic II (College II) – St. Louis**

“For my fast, I downloaded apps like “FocusMe” on my laptop and a Screen Time app on my phone. They both allowed me to step away from social media and have accountability through Joe (Corrigan) who had the passwords for everything. It also gave me greater freedom in my leisure time to spend it in fraternity, playing sports, and just getting work done in general. I felt that I was a lot freer to make decisions, and once we got back for the second semester, I was better able to do homework and better able to understand why I did the fast. I did it because I really wanted the freedom to use the phone as a tool rather than be used by the phone, and having enough time to see that change really impacted me.” ✚



## Human Formation as an Instrument of Grace

“A significant imbalance is present between the lifestyle promoted by contemporary society and priestly formation. There are many generous young men open to a priestly call who nevertheless need more intensive preparation before they are ready to enter into the discipleship stage of formation; thus, a propaedeutic stage prior to the discipleship stage is essential. Indeed, even men who have benefited from stronger formation from family and parish life can still profit from a period of consolidation and growth in prayer, trust, and fraternity.” (Program of Priestly Formation, 119).

Pope St. John Paul II’s encyclical, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, tells us, “The basic principle of human formation is that the human personality of the priest is to be a “bridge and not an obstacle for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ the Redeemer of the human race” (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*, 43). The human formation of the college seminarian for the priesthood aims to prepare him to be an apt instrument of Christ’s grace. Human formation fosters the seminarian’s growth as a man of freedom, and enables him to be a bridge to sharing the Gospel. ✚

## ORDINATIONS

With great joy and thanksgiving to God, we announce the ordinations of 11 alumni to the Sacred Priesthood and 10 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate for 10 dioceses. We are grateful for the many prayers and contributions which have sustained these men and all seminarians in their preparation for a lifetime of faithful ministry. Thank you!

### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS – MAY 27, 2023

Fr. George Rhodes

ST. LOUIS – MAY 27, 2023

Fr. Jacob Braun

Fr. Joshua Deters

Fr. Ryan Quarnstrom

Fr. Jacob Wessel

LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA – JUNE 3, 2023

Fr. Jordan Boone

SIOUX CITY – JUNE 3, 2023

Fr. Peter Khoan Van Pham

SAN ANGELO – JUNE 10, 2023

Fr. G. Michael Elsner

BISMARCK – JUNE 12, 2023

Fr. Dustin Johns

BELIZE CITY & BELMOPAN – JUNE 17, 2023

Fr. Emmanuel Medina

Fr. Shajir Pech

### ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE

ST. LOUIS – MAY 6, 2022

Deacon Jeffrey Fennewald

Deacon Robert Lawson

Deacon Joseph Martin

KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS – MAY 20, 2023

Deacon Aaron Waldeck

KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH – MAY 20, 2023

Deacon Samuel Horan

BISMARCK – MAY 24, 2023

Deacon Eric Artz

Deacon Ryan Martire

OMAHA – MAY 26, 2023

Deacon Zachary Eischeid

SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS – MAY 26, 2023

Deacon Daniel McGrath

WICHITA – MAY 27, 2023

Deacon Jesus Banuelos

To make a gift in honor of the newly ordained priests and deacons, visit [kenrick.edu](http://kenrick.edu) or mail a check to: 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119.



1. Fr. Mike Lydon and his parishioners from Sacred Heart in Troy, MO traveled to Belize for the ordinations of Fr. Emmanuel Medina (center) and Fr. Shajir Pech who had ministered to their parish during seminary formation.

2. In remembering Bishop Kagan anointing his hands, Fr. Dustin Johns said, "My human hands, which for many years worked in earthly and material things, were now going to be taking part in the Divine; through holding Jesus the moment the bread and wine turn into His Body and Blood, to anointing the sick and dying, to baptizing and all the sacraments of the Church."

3. Fr. Ryan Truss, Class of 2021 – St. Louis, prays over his newly ordained cousin, Fr. Jacob Wessel, Class of 2023 – St. Louis, during his ordination.

4. Deacon Zach Eischeid (center) poses with Omaha Vocations Director, Fr. Scott Schilmoeller (left), Class of 2017, and Fr. Brett Jamrog (right), Class of 2022, following his diaconate ordination.



# Feed Them Yourselves

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY  
FR. JORDAN BOONE, CLASS OF 2023 – LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA,  
AT THE ACADEMIC CONVOCATION FOR KENRICK SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY ON MAY 13, 2023.

One Scripture encompasses the entirety of my formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary: Jesus feeding the five thousand.

This Gospel came to life for me after I transferred here from another seminary. My internship pastor, who had also taught me RCIA 13 years prior, tragically and unexpectedly died. I was in my first semester at Kenrick, getting to know my brothers and engaging in formation, when this parish that I had loved for 15 months was suddenly without a priest. I was struggling to hold it together. I needed to mourn.

I asked Fr. Paul Hoelsing, my formator, if I could go to Indiana to be with the community. He said I could depart after Mass, because he wanted me to be grounded in the seminary community that loved me and whose prayers would go with me. Fr. James Mason, the Rector at the time, walked me to my car and told me that my job was to be the face of Jesus Christ to my people.

At the end of the funeral, the priests, deacons, and seminarians sang one last Salve Regina for their departing brother. I was a mess. Crying. Bawling. I turned around and saw kids from the school who wanted to say goodbye to their pastor. I was physically exhausted. I was spiritually and emotionally stripped bare. I couldn't put on any performance;



I could only be who I had been formed to be through my experience with Christ. So, in that moment of complete poverty, when everything else was stripped away, who was Jordan Boone?

I squatted down with those kids, and I asked if we could pray. I prayed with them, and we hugged.

Kenrick-Glennon formation prepares us to be reverent men. It saves us from the intolerable burden of having to be our own saviors. That is witnessed to us in all the faculty who provide a seamless transition from the Chapel to the classroom, from the classroom to counseling, from counseling to spiritual direction, from spiritual direction to

formation, and from formation back out into the parishes. Here, we are known, and we are honored. We experience the Resurrection because our faculty and staff are witnesses of the Resurrection themselves.

Pray that we deacons, especially as we approach ordination in the coming weeks, will continue to feed the people of God from our own experiences; that we will continue even as we minister to receive back from the Lord what he desires to give us; and that we will never cease to be amazed by the workings of God in our lives. ✚





# LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

By Deacon Ryan Martire, Pastoral Synthesis (Theology IV) – Bismarck

Our good Rector, Fr. Paul Hoesing, speaks of the seminary as a place of healing. All men enter seminary formation with wounds that need to be healed. During my seven years of seminary formation, I have experienced profound healing. Many have heard the common phrase: *"Hurt people, hurt people."* Just as true: *"Healed people, heal people."* Most recently I have had the gift to share my healing with my brother seminarians.

When I was 12, I suffered from the wound of my parents' divorce. While I did not recognize the trauma at the time, I later came to know the deep effect that it had on me. In my first encounter with Christ in high school, I experienced Jesus as one who gave meaning to my suffering. However, I did not yet see the depth of my need for Christ's healing power.

My first reaction to the divorce was a reaction of self-reliance: *"I am strong. This won't affect me. I won't let anybody see my pain or sadness."* These vows needed to be broken, to be brought out of the darkness of my heart into Christ's marvelous light. I have experienced the shattering of these lies in various ways throughout seminary. The most explicit healing, however, came through a ministry called Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic ministry for adult children of divorce.

In my fifth year of seminary, a religious sister invited me to partake in an online retreat with Life-Giving Wounds in the Spring of 2021. While it was a vulnerable invitation, I saw God's grace at

work and chose to partake in the six-week retreat. Through the retreat, I learned that I was not alone in the suffering of divorce, that Christ was with me, that others were with me.

Our former Rector, Fr. James Mason was pleased I took part in the retreat and challenged me: *"Do you know how many men in the seminary need this?"* When I returned to Kenrick, I discerned the possibility of facilitating a Life-Giving Wounds group at the seminary. With the help of the Holy Spirit and seminary formation staff, a community of seminarians and priests at Kenrick soon formed.

The shared sentiment of the 18 seminarians and two priests who participated in the seven-week retreat was the gift to know that we were not alone in the wound of divorce. We often convince ourselves that we are the only ones who suffer with a particular cross. Life-Giving Wounds provided the seminarians an opportunity to join in brotherhood around a particular cross which affected us in many of the same ways. Joined underneath the Crucified, around this cross of divorce, we received healing.

The goal of healing is not merely for our own freedom and well-being. Healing is meant to be shared. We are in seminary formation to be formed according to the wounded heart of Christ, to become Him who is the wounded healer. When He heals our wounds, He desires that we share this gift of healing with all the hearts that surround us. Life-Giving Wounds provided this gift for us. ✚

# Veritatis Splendor and the Pastor's Task

By Deacon James Keating, Professor of Spiritual Theology

The year 2023 marks the 30th Anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*. Kenrick Glennon Seminary marked this anniversary in August with a conference centered on truth and pastoral accompaniment.

As the American culture drifts increasingly into the ambit of relativism, carried by skepticism that the mind can reach moral truth, it is vital for the Church to re-visit *Veritatis Splendor* in an ongoing effort to form future clergy in the ways and means of objective moral truth and the formation of consciences. The goal of this conference was to help seminarians fashion genuine forms of pastoral accompaniment that are rooted in and lead to the truth of the Gospel, rather than false forms of accompaniment that lead away from the splendor of truth. False accompaniment promises an evolution of moral truth to suit the subjective desires of a person's fallen nature. The seminarians learned that only within an established relationship of trust between a pastor and his people can desire for moral conversion grow deep. The pastor's presence encourages and supports parishioners as they relinquish ties to conscience formation sources in political and popular culture which are deformed. As the pastor nourishes his people with sources bearing the truth of the Gospel, true moral conversion can be established anew in people's hearts. Such a conversion is a process in the hearts of parishioners, the seminarians learned, and that the virtue of patience is vital to possess as a priest, as well as an authentic love of his people. The goal is not to impose "right answers" upon believers but to open their eyes to the beauty of God's love for them and the truth that radiates from the Cross.

The conference brought together five of the more outstanding moral theologians laboring in seminary formation today. This includes Bishop Earl Fernandes from the Diocese of Columbus, OH, Dr. Justin Anderson from the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at St. Andrew's Hall in NJ, Dr. Beth Rath McGough from Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland, OH, Fr. Dennis Billy, from St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD, and Fr. Tom Berg from St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY and the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. ✚



1. Left to Right: Fr. Thomas Berg, Dr. Justin Anderson, Bishop Earl Fernandes, Dr. Beth Rath McGough, Fr. Dennis Billy, and Fr. Paul Hoising

2. Dr. Justin Anderson, College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at St. Andrew's Hall – New Jersey

3. Dr. Beth Rath McGough, Borromeo Seminary – Ohio

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# New Spiritual Director Appointed



## Fr. John Mayo, Class of 2009 – St. Louis,

has been appointed as a Spiritual Director at the Seminary. Since his ordination, Fr. Mayo has served as associate pastor and pastor at parishes across the Archdiocese of St. Louis, most recently at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish.

Fr. Mayo has completed a three-year Spiritual Direction Training Program with the Institute for Priestly Formation and a two-year program in healing ministry with the Pope Leo XIII Institute. He has been an Adjunct Spiritual Director at the Seminary for the past three years and will now serve as a full-time Spiritual Director. He will also continue his work with the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Catholic Renewal Center.

Fr. Mayo's predecessor, Fr. Paul Eberle, Class of 2005 – Bismarck, is beginning a new assignment in northwest North Dakota to be the pastor of the parishes in the towns of Williston, Grenora, and Trenton. ✚

# Don't Let Your IRA Benefit Expire

You may be looking for a way to make a big difference to help further the mission of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. If you are 70 ½ or older and own an IRA, you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our mission and benefit this year.

## Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri for the benefit of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.
- May satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Help further the work and mission of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Our partners at the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri can assist you and answer any questions you might have.

Please contact them at  
[giftplanning@rcfstl.org](mailto:giftplanning@rcfstl.org) or  
314-918-2890



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## HIGHLIGHTS

Please join us for the annual **Advent Novena** from December 4 – 12, 2023 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 homily, and hymns led by the seminarian choir. For more information, please visit [Kenrick.edu/Novena](http://Kenrick.edu/Novena).

Many of our seminarians travelled to Lisbon, Portugal for **World Youth Day** in August 2023. They visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and prayed with 1.5 million people who gathered from around the world for this event.

The **31st Annual Convivium Dinner Auction** will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023. The evening presents an opportunity for our seminarians to meet the generous friends who invest in our mission and thank them for their support. For more information, please visit [Kenrick.edu/Convivium](http://Kenrick.edu/Convivium).

Two of our alumni from the Diocese of Knoxville are serving with **Courage International**, whose mission is to serve men and women who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them. Fr. Zach Griffith, Class of 2020, is the new diocesan chaplain, and Fr. Colin Blatchford, Class of 2014, serves as the Associate Director of Courage International.

The seminary hosted **Concordia Seminary** for a softball game, theological discussion on Eucharistic Spirituality, and dinner. Dr. Larry Feingold represented Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (Catholic perspective) and Dr. Leo Sanchez represented Concordia (Lutheran perspective) in the discussion. ✚

## *In Memoriam*

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

**Msgr. Jerome D. Billing**  
CGC Class of 1968 – St. Louis

**Fr. Paul M. Dede**  
Class of 1964 – Indianapolis

**Fr. Ernest L. Gauthier**  
Class of 1962 –  
Kansas City – St. Joseph

**Fr. Donald A. Glastetter**  
Class of 1965 – St. Louis

**Msgr. John E. Leitner**  
Class of 1955 –  
Kansas City – St. Joseph

**Msgr. Bernard O. McGarty**  
Class of 1949 – LaCrosse

**Msgr. Herbert I. Panton**  
Class of 1963 – St. Louis

**Msgr. Salvatore Polizzi**  
Class of 1956 – St. Louis

**Fr. Donald L. Ryan**  
Class of 1963 – St. Louis

**Fr. Scott J. Sautner**  
Class of 2000 – Fargo

**Fr. Jerome I. Spenner**  
Class of 1964 – Omaha

**Fr. Thomas F. Stratman**  
Class of 1950 – Davenport

# 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, June 24, 2022, the Program of Priestly formation, 6th edition, was promulgated by the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations. The announcement required all Catholic seminaries in the United States to address anew the task of formation of men to the ministerial priesthood. With Fr. Paul Hoelsing beginning his time as President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, the setting forth of new guidelines for priestly formation launched our community into a period of intentional discernment, dreaming, and listening to the Holy Spirit, as to how we could best respond to the Church's needs through our formation programs.



Fr. Paul Hoelsing was installed as President-Rector during the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit.



The Chapel of St. Joseph was filled during the annual Advent Novena, nine evenings of prayer and songs in preparation for Christmas.

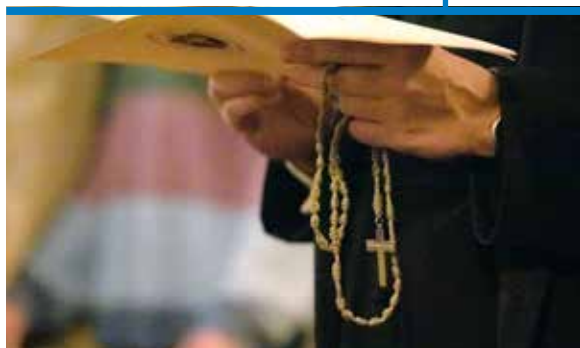
2022-2023

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY



The seminary released four videos featuring Fr. Hoelsing and seminarians praying the Rosary together. The videos, which are available on our website and on YouTube, invite viewers to pray with us and grow closer in relationship to Jesus through Mary.



The Classes of 2023, 2022, and 2021 traveled to the Holy Land where they visited the holy sites in and around Galilee and Jerusalem.

With hearts of gratitude and excitement for where we've been, this past year has been one of great expectation for where we're going. With new desires, new ideas, and new inspirations, we are placing ourselves before God in humility, asking for the grace to respond to his love in courageous ways as individuals and as a community.

The men of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary are faithfully discerning a life of service to Christ and his Church. Each day affords new opportunities to open themselves up to God's healing love, which is then shared with all the faithful. As seen in the following timeline, configuration to the Heart of Christ is fun. It is adventurous. It is transformative. It is worth it. And we are truly grateful for all the blessings we have received and for those who choose to embark upon this journey with us.



Seminarians processed through the halls and visited four altars throughout the building for 40 Hours Devotion, an annual weekend of Eucharistic Adoration.

**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH**

**MAY**



The end of the school year includes many fun community events, including a mile fun run, shrimp boil, softball game and BBQ.



Seminarians hosted an in-house open mic night, showcasing the many and diverse talents of the seminarians.

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# Mission in Action: SLU CATHOLIC STUDIES

By Adam Barger, Discipleship I (College III) – St. Louis

Every weekday, the underclassmen of Cardinal Glennon College make our way to St. Louis University (SLU) for classes. It can be intimidating going to a place with so many people we don't know, away from the safety of the seminary. But the Light of Christ is very present on campus at SLU, and it is especially present in the members of the Catholic Studies Center.

The Catholic Studies Center hosts many events for Catholic students at SLU to attend to strengthen their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a great witness to hope, and it has personally brought me so much joy. I know many of us benefit greatly from these friendships, as we recognize the gift and the witness they are to us as we strive to be the same for them.

Many conversations with the members of Catholic Studies have deepened the invitation from Jesus to be myself, and the friends I have made have shown me that I am loved by so many people when I'm genuinely being myself, which is exactly who Jesus wants me to be. ✚



Adam Barger, Discipleship I (College III) – St. Louis

*“One of the biggest gifts to my daily formation is seeing the witness of the college students at SLU’s Catholic Studies Center striving for sainthood. As a seminarian, it is constantly edifying to be involved in a college community filled with students who desire to fall in love with Jesus just as strongly as my brother seminarians do. It is a beautiful daily reminder of the ways that the Lord is making Himself present to everyone, in every place. My friendships with students at the Catholic Studies Center have shown me the face of Jesus in a special way — their daily joy to see me is a constant reminder of just how close Jesus is to me in every moment of my day.”*

Patrick Klassen, Propaedeutic II (College II) – St. Louis

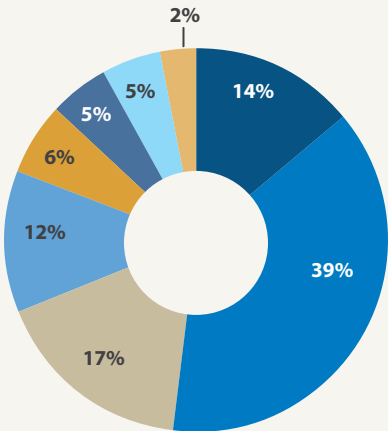
## FISCAL YEAR 2023: JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

### 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	\$ 1,176,110
Kitchen and Facilities	3,254,141
Kenrick Instruction	1,419,971
Formation	1,049,189
Glennon College	510,808
Institutional Advancement	456,150
Library and Bookstore	408,728
Worship	193,033
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,468,130</b>

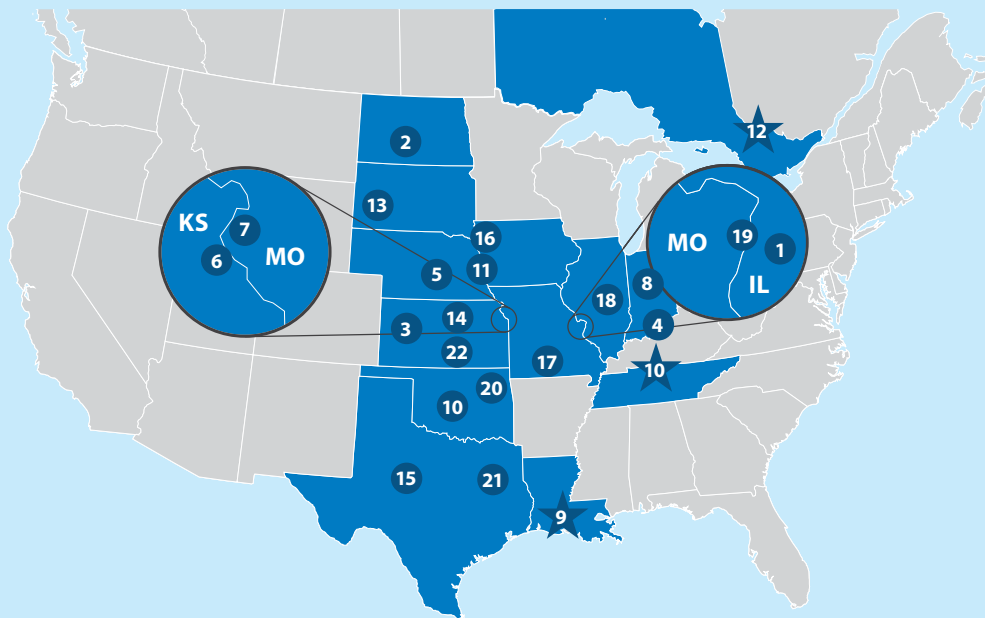


*Please note that the expenses include a large amount of depreciation, a non-cash item.*

## SEMINARIANS BY DIOCESE/ARCHDIOCESE

● **THE DOTS** on the map below indicate dioceses that currently send seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

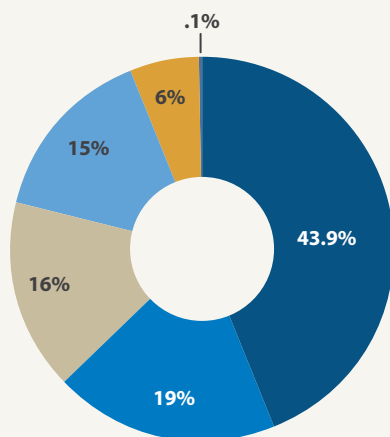
★ **THE STAR** indicates a new sending diocese during the 2023-2024 academic year.



Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	TOTAL
1 Belleville, IL	1
2 Bismarck, ND	4
3 Dodge City, KS	1
4 Evansville, IN	2
5 Grand Island, NE	1
6 Kansas City, KS	16
7 Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO	4
8 Lafayette-in-Indiana	5
★ 9 Lafayette, LA	2
★ 10 Nashville, TN	3
11 Omaha, NE	8
★ 12 Pembroke, Canada	1
13 Rapid City, SD	1
14 Salina, KS	2
15 San Angelo, TX	1
16 Sioux City, IA	4
17 Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO	1
18 Springfield, IL	5
19 St. Louis, MO	32
20 Tulsa, OK	8
21 Tyler, TX	7
22 Wichita, KS	7

## REVENUE

● Contributions	\$ 3,368,480
● Release from Restriction	1,446,163
● Fees and Services	1,231,431
● Tuition	1,168,946
● ACA and Other Grants	445,850
● Other Revenue	7,547
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>7,668,417</b>
Investment Loss	(1,436,528)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,231,889</b>



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:**

- One increased expense was the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This trip included three class years of seminarians, including alumni who were forced to postpone their FY21 and FY22 trips due to Covid.
- Like most portfolios, the declining stock market had a negative effect on our revenue with an investment loss of \$1.4 million.



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## 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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