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## CARDINAL GLENNON COLLEGE: Forming Men of Virtue

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Cover:** Seminarians Alex Cammarata (College I – St. Louis), Ryan Geris (College II – Kansas City in KS), and Joseph Esserman (College IV – St. Louis) welcome new Vice-Rector, Fr. Jason Schumer.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR



### *Dear Friends,*

A few months ago, through the generosity of a local benefactor, I went to the batting cages with some seminarians and priest faculty for some late-night exercise. We were met by a sign that caught our attention: “Cheaper than therapy.” It was the end of the year, and some much-needed stress release was in order! We have some punching bags in our workout facility, and they can do the job. But there’s nothing for stress relief like the feeling of repeatedly striking bat to ball.

As I am prone to do, I entered the cages with great zeal but no batting gloves. And I stayed in the cage long past my time. So the next day, at Sunday Mass, my hands were visibly torn up. One of the servers told me that he once heard a priest say: “My hands were made for chalices, not calluses.”

While I was processing up to the altar, I began to think about that. It’s catchy, but misguided. The fact of the matter is that Catholicism doesn’t usually involve putting forth either/or propositions – either faith or reason, either Jesus or Mary. We usually take a both/and approach. And that’s the approach we should take to the hands of a priest. Yes, my hands consecrate and elevate and distribute the sacred body and blood of our Lord. But that doesn’t mean those same hands can’t also swing a bat repeatedly, and very much enjoy the physical exertion. St. Paul is known as the “Apostle to the Gentiles” but that did not stop him from also making tents. (Acts 18:3).

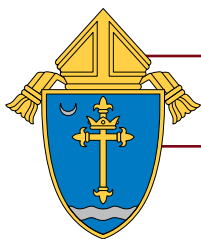
“Ite Ad Ioseph” (Go To Joseph). These are the words inscribed in the front of our St. Joseph Chapel. The command leads us to a man whose hands tenderly held the baby Jesus and also yielded axes, saws and hammers. St. Joseph would have been comfortable with both chalices and calluses. That’s our model for spiritual fatherhood.

The formation program at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is one that encompasses the both/and approach exemplified by St. Joseph. We want each seminarian to become a priest who’s a man of prayer and a man of action, a man of gentleness and of fortitude, a man who speaks the truth of Jesus Christ to our current culture and does so with love.

Thank you for your continued support. You’re an integral part of our mission to form healthy, holy, and joy-filled priests for our parishes – priests with hands for chalices and calluses.

In Christ,

Father James Mason, J.D.  
President-Rector



## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

### *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

In light of the revelations about the sexual abuse crisis, I have received many questions about the ways the Church prepares men for the priesthood.

Let me first say: We cannot ignore the crisis. There are real victims. There is real pain. Atrocities have been committed by priests who were trusted to bring Christ's love to light within their parishes, and by bishops who were supposed to keep watch over the flock. I encourage anyone who has been a victim of child abuse to contact legal authorities, and I apologize on behalf of the Church for these sins.

But let me say, too, that Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's response to these issues began decades ago. Many changes have been made across those decades to ensure that our program of formation is comprehensive and thorough, and that each graduate is formed to be a healthy, holy, joy-filled priest. These changes cannot wipe away the pain of the past. But the seminary has worked, and continues to work, to make sure it does not happen again.

For example, the seminary's admission process requires each applicant to undergo a thorough psychological evaluation, so that we have detailed knowledge of the man's mental and psychological health. We have two full-time psychologists on staff at the seminary to assist in human development. Each man meets regularly with an in-house spiritual director and formation advisor. In addition, the faculty, administration, formation advisors, and psychologists meet three times a year to discuss the progress of *each* seminarian in every dimension of formation, so that any potential

problems can be identified and addressed—for the sake of the man and of the Church.

I am proud to say that our policies and programs have been modeled by other seminaries which seek to improve their own practices in these areas of formation. Fr. Mason, Fr. Paul Hoesing, Dr. Sue Harvath, and other members of our community have been sought out to speak about best practices to help men be "parish-ready."

But there is always more to be done. We are always working to improve, and make the seminary a healthier environment, both for our seminarians and for their future parishioners.

I am also proud of our seminarians, and you can be, too. They know that they will have to help make reparation for sins they did not commit, and they are willing to do so. They also know that, while the seminary helps them prepare for ordination, their formation will not stop when they graduate. They know they'll have to be able to listen and continue to be formed by their parishioners.

These young men are not facing an easy priesthood. But they're on fire with the faith and are willing to say "yes" to God's call, to take up the Cross and follow Jesus. I ask for your continued prayer for them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis



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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson



# CARDINAL GLENNON COLLEGE: Forming Men of Virtue

By Joseph Esserman, College IV – St. Louis

“A GOOD COLLEGE SEMINARY PROGRAM PROMOTES EXCELLENCE  
AND TAKES NECESSARY STEPS FOR STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE IT.”

(PROGRAM OF PRIESTLY FORMATION #146)

Seldom does one find a college institution where every person involved has the same end goal in mind. Universities across the country may have a mission statement, but every professor has a certain bias and every student a certain major. It is laudable for a college to seek to provide as many opportunities for its students as possible. Unfortunately, with such an array of services, it is hard for many universities to find one unifying identity.

This is one of the reasons why we are so blessed at Cardinal Glennon College (CGC), the minor seminary program within Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Every effort of the faculty, staff, and seminarians is ordered toward the same purpose – forming men’s hearts closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During my freshman year in the college, Fr. Donald Anstoetter, Director of Worship, brilliantly expressed this unifying purpose by telling us, “Gentlemen, right now in college seminary you have one job: to fall deeper in love with Jesus Christ.” A man in formation at CGC is given every opportunity necessary to pursue that excellence to which he is called.



CGC has been pursuing its mission of forming men’s hearts to the heart of Christ since its foundation in 1931 by His Eminence John Joseph Cardinal Glennon. It was during this year that the present day seminary building was constructed. It was originally built as a house of formation for both the high school seminary and college seminary students. In 1957, the program solidified into CGC and has since been a place for college formation.

The basis of the college program is the four dimensions of priestly formation outlined by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in the *Program for Priestly Formation*: human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral. Every Wednesday evening during the academic year, the college meets with the

Vice-Rector and other members of the formation staff for a formation conference that focuses on one of these various dimensions.

An adage commonly used by the formation staff at CGC is, “Before a man can be formed to Christ the Priest, he must be formed to Christ the Man.” Human formation, as expressed in St. John Paul II’s encyclical *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, is

the “necessary foundation” for priestly formation. All the other dimensions of formation rest upon a man’s capacity to grow in the virtues that human formation is meant to develop. Human formation enables the man to live in freedom and upstanding moral character, thus to serve more effectively as a bridge between others and Christ. We regularly meet one-on-one with Deacon Charles Durban, Assistant Director of Psychological Services, who offers important services, including counseling and evaluation with physiological, emotional, traumatic, interpersonal, and other challenges.

One of the greatest tools that a man can use to grow is the fraternity within our community. There are a few ways in which

we intentionally try to promote and encourage fraternity at CGC. On one Saturday morning each month, we get together for intramurals and engage in some healthy competition. Scattered throughout the year are fraternal gatherings we call *Gauds*, derived from the Latin *Gaudemus* meaning “Let us rejoice.” Glennon men are also divided into three “houses,” which are smaller communities that meet throughout the week to pray and check-in with each other. Sadly, secular society often equates “fraternity” with immorality. At CGC, we strive to embody fraternity in its purest meaning, challenging one another to be men of greater virtue.

The life of excellence that a Glennon man pursues is only attainable if he chooses to seek a deeper spiritual life, rooting his identity and everything he does in his relationship with the Lord. During the week, we rise early in the morning, starting every day with meditation beginning at 6 o’clock. We also pray the Liturgy of the Hours in community during the morning, evening, and night hours. Every day we attend Holy Mass together as a community, receiving our Lord’s Body and Blood as nourishment for our journey. CGC also has the tradition of a Sunday night Holy Hour, where we gather in The

Chapel of St. Joseph to thank the Lord for the blessings of the previous week and ask Him to give us the graces needed for any forthcoming challenges. We meet bi-weekly with spiritual directors to reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives. In a profound and beautiful way, the spiritual life of a Glennon man is one characterized by selflessness and



abandonment to God’s Divine Providence. He loses his life for Christ’s sake so as to find it, leading him to his true identity and vocation in life.

The intellectual formation program at CGC includes a strong partnership with St. Louis University. On April 23, 2018, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, the Archbishop of St. Louis, and Fred P. Pestello, the President of St. Louis University (SLU), signed an agreement that strengthened the

ties between SLU and CGC. The agreement has little implications on the daily classroom routine, but certainly changes things on the administrative and financial aspects of the program. All philosophy courses that were previously registered through the seminary as part of its college curriculum are now registered through SLU. The professors and content of the courses remain the same and continue to be held on the seminary campus. While the college still holds the right to give its own degrees, the Bachelors in Arts and Philosophy that a Glennon man receives upon his graduation, is now given by SLU. Also, the SLU-Glennon agreement relieves much of the financial burden for the collegian, with SLU and the diocese covering much (or, in the case of the men from St. Louis, all) of the cost of tuition. We are

very blessed and grateful to have this agreement with SLU and hope that it will aid our mission of forming men of intellectual virtue.

The pastoral formation of a Glennon man gives him exposure to some of the active ministries of the Church, in order to foster in him the pastoral sensitivities that are necessary to the life of a parish priest. Every Tuesday evening, each class goes to its respective apostolic assignments, seeking

## ✦ Meeting Financial Needs ✦

**BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**, all college seminarians from sending dioceses received a scholarship granted through the SLU-Glennon Fund in the amount of \$12,000 to help them, their dioceses, or their families meet the cost of tuition. Likewise, St. Louis seminarians received a full tuition scholarship (\$32,370) and are only expected to pay for basic fees and room and board at the seminary (\$12,820). Men in College and Pre-Theology also have the benefit of taking classes outside the philosophy program, such as classes in language, business, Catholic studies, and more. Every gift made to the SLU-Glennon Fund through the Archdiocese of St. Louis’ Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) can be multiplied up to *four times* the original amount. For more information about ACA matching gifts, contact ACA Office at 314-792-7685.

# MEN of Prayer, MEN of Action

**Our seminarians “go out”** as part of their formation because that’s where they encounter God’s people. At the seminary and in the parish, the seminarians learn to become men of prayer and men of action – eager to meet the needs of those they serve.

Your ongoing support helps ensure that they are ready to serve in the parish – the point of encounter for the priest and God’s people. Your generosity supports the education and formation of our future priests, whose ministry will impact parishes, schools and apostolates for generations to come.

You are invited to offer your sacrificial support as a member of the revitalized Kenrick-Glennon Society.

More than a school of theology, the seminary is a community – a place where the seeds of service are sown and men grow spiritually and pastorally for a life of ministry, a life of serving God’s people. Please join our mission of teaching, forming and leading young men, as they prepare for lives of humble service.

To make a contribution as a member of the Kenrick-Glennon Society, visit [kenrick.edu/support](http://kenrick.edu/support).

## KENRICK-GLENNON SOCIETY

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Apostle’s Circle	\$10,000-24,999
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to grow in knowledge and love of Christ the Good Shepherd. The freshmen spend time with the sick and elderly at nursing homes throughout the diocese. The sophomores go to the Missionaries of Charity in downtown St. Louis, lending a helping hand to the sisters at their afterschool program. The juniors spend time at local soup kitchens, meeting Christ in the poor and needy, while the seniors teach in the Parish School of Religion at Immaculate Conception Parish in Arnold, MO. We are blessed to serve at these places in a unique way, forming ourselves and leading others to the love of Jesus.

The College is graced to enter this upcoming academic year under the leadership of our newly appointed Vice-Rector, Fr. Jason Schumer. Fr. Schumer is himself a graduate, CGC Class of 2006 – St. Louis. He is very excited to lead the community and seeks to provide all that he can for the betterment of our formation. Also, Fr. Charles Samson, CGC Class of 2009 – St. Louis, is serving as a new assistant to formation for the college and will be working closely with the college men.

CGC is a place of excellence in college seminary formation. A Glennon man is given every tool he needs to prepare himself for his formation in the theologate so that, upon ordination, he may have complete freedom to give himself fully to his vocation.

At CGC, I have discovered more about myself and about the Lord than I could have ever imagined. I have formed friendships that I know will last a lifetime and, above all, I have claimed my true identity as a Disciple of Christ, seeking to learn more and more every day about His love for me and His Church. I will always be proud to call myself a Glennon man.





# A Year of Pastoral Ministry: *Growing in Confidence*

By Arick Middeke, Theology III – St. Louis

## What was the *best* part of your pastoral year?

This is a question I am often asked as I return to the seminary community after a year of pastoral ministry. Whenever I hear that question, my mind begins to race through the ten months I spent at St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville. There are so many memories that come to mind as I try to pin down what was the *best* part...

I reminisce about the every-day joys of parish life, the half-hour conversations with daily Mass-goers in the church parking lot, and the smiles and high-fives from school kids at carpool. The parish is a lively place, as proven by the continual laughter from the parish office on busy work days and the banter from the Knights of Columbus, teaching me how to serve chicken, fish, and beer in the social hall. My duties included bringing Holy Communion to homebound parishioners. Those were delightful visits! And of course, I cannot forget the weekly Dairy Queen trips with the youth group after prayer time in the church on Sunday nights.

I reflect on the daily witness of the priests as they gracefully entered into the tasks and rhythm of parish life. They generously trusted me to assist them with parish responsibilities. More than supervising my efforts, the priests at the parish accompanied me in my formation as brothers, while also advising me as spiritual fathers.

At the parish, I felt like a member of a true family. It was not *what I did* at the parish that made the biggest difference, it was *who I was* in a caring relationship with the people, sharing all their joys as well as the sufferings and messiness of life, which made an impact.

In return, I experienced God's personal love through the love that the people and priests of the parish showed me. In this way, I gained a deeper confidence in my vocation to live my whole life as a parish priest.

The answer to the question about the *best* part of my pastoral

year could be summed up in this deeper confidence I gained in my vocation to the priesthood. Reflecting on the joys of the year makes me even more grateful and excited about my own vocation. I have lived it out, in a sense. And I know more fully that what I have experienced is indeed, the life I am called to live.

The pastoral internship year has been a positive asset to my seminary formation. It is no surprise that Pope Francis would include pastoral experience in his recent apostolic constitution, *Veritas Gaudium* (*The Joy of Truth*) on education standards in the formation of future priests. Following the Holy Father's lead, seminarians in the Archdiocese of St. Louis are now required to serve a year in pastoral ministry, prior to ordination. I am

thrilled for them and I know from my experiences that the lay faithful are thrilled, as well.

The people at St. Patrick Parish constantly remarked to me how blessed they felt to have a seminarian for an entire year. Not only do they benefit from extra help and enjoy the witness of a young vocation, they also, like me, gained a sort of confidence – a confidence that their priests are receiving a healthy, happy, and wide array of pastoral experience.



Arick Middeke presented regular faith formation classes to students during his pastoral year.

# Summer Ministry

## Christ in the City • By Donald Morris, Theology II – St. Louis

When Fr. Brian Fallon, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, asked me to discern working with *Christ in the City* as my summer assignment, I had no idea what this program was. After watching a few videos about the program and bringing it to prayer, it quickly became evident to me that our Lord desired to work tremendous things in my soul through this program. And that He did! For nearly 10 weeks I lived in Colorado, walking up and down the streets of downtown Denver, getting to know the homeless people who regularly camp in that area. There were approximately 10 people I would interact with on a daily basis, and countless others I would see throughout my time on the street. Getting to know the homeless was one of the most formative experiences in my time at the seminary thus far. I never understood how important an encounter between two people could be until this summer. I never imagined that a few homeless people could hold a special place in my heart. I never imagined that I would fall asleep worrying about them for nearly a month after I finished this program. Ultimately, I never realized how right St. Teresa of Calcutta was when she spoke about seeing Christ in the poor, “*each one of them is Jesus in disguise.*” I hope this love for the poor will stay with me throughout my life and into the priesthood and that I am able to minister to all those whom our Lord entrusts to my care as if they are Christ Himself.



## Serving at Prairie Star Ranch • By Aaron Waldeck, Pre-Theology II – Kansas City in KS

I spent this past summer serving at Camp Tekakwitha on the Blue Team at Prairie Star Ranch in my home Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. The camp began in May with training and ended the first week of August. This was not a typical summer camp counselor experience! Working on the Blue Team consisted of daily management and administration of the staff and activities, writing Bible studies for the entire summer, and working behind the scenes, running events throughout each camp session. The Blue Team served the counselors so that the counselors, in turn, could serve the campers. The Blue Team was named after Mary – who is often depicted wearing blue – in honor of her unfailing humility and because of the amount of unnoticed, quiet work that must be done throughout the summer. Among the great blessings of the summer were the friendships I developed with my co-workers, the chance to serve with four of my diocesan seminarian brothers, and the opportunity to serve and be a resource for the counselors who are mostly incoming college students. A motto heard non-stop throughout the camp season was “camp is for the camper,” which is indeed, true. However, the service I had the chance to render in the scorching Kansas summer has left me with a grateful heart and a joyful spirit upon my return to the seminary.





# Forming Disciples in the Holy Land

By Fr. Charles Samson, Assistant Professor of Scripture

At the time of Our Lord Jesus, an aspiring rabbi was required not only to study Sacred Scripture assiduously, he also was expected to spend extended time in his master's presence.

That is, the “learner,” as he was called (in Hebrew *tamîd*), had to walk where the rabbi walked, repeat what his teacher said, and inculcate the master's very own life of faith, in such a way as to be able, someday, to be ready and able to be called a rabbi, himself.

In this manner, the learner—or, *discipulus*, in Latin—would be able in the future to provide himself a similar avenue of discipleship for his own eventual followers.

Such an historical setting encapsulates the vision for, and goal of, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's annual Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage. With this trip, we seek to provide our priests-to-be an exceptional opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ and what he came to share with each and every one of us: that is, the love of God the Father.

Or, perhaps better, the goal of this annual retreat and pilgrimage is to form these men into better disciples—to furnish them with the knowledge, especially of Scripture, and of our faith's early history that will allow the originality, vivacity, and freshness with which the long-ago words of the Lord rang off of the hills and waters of Galilee and Judea to ring true and anew from the lips and hearts of our future shepherds.

Spending extended time with the word of God, especially as we read, study, and pray with it in the very places in which the Word of God proclaimed it, is a truly unique experience. Indeed, it is a decisive moment for growth in discipleship. It's neither accidental nor incidental that St. Jerome famously referred to the Holy Land as the “Fifth Gospel.” For, it is there in the land of Ancient Israel that one gains insights into Jesus—who he was and is, why he did and said what we read about in the Gospels—that one could never gain elsewhere or otherwise.

While in the Holy Land, the seminarians study, from the points of view of history, archaeology, topology, and theology, such enlightening topics as: why does it matter to take into account of where Jesus was when he preached what he preached; how do we talk about faith and reason, the “two wings” on which, per St. John Paul II in his encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, the “human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth;” how did Jesus fulfill



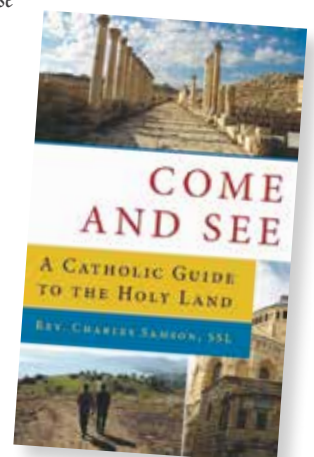
Fr. Samson standing on Eremos Hill overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

the Old Testament prophecies and promises, and reveal to us the authoritative view and value of the Law and all of the Hebrew Scriptures, especially for us who believe in him as the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?

On-site exploration of these and many other topics equip our seminarians with insights to fuel their own personal prayer and conversion of heart, as well as the eventual homilies, catecheses, and ministry that they will undertake with the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16) and the heart of the Good Shepherd (Mt. 11:29).

A heartfelt word of thanks to our many benefactors who make this yearly journey possible. Yours is an investment in a uniquely formed priestly ministry, one that is enhanced by this Holy Land pilgrimage. May the Lord bless you from Zion (Ps. 128:5)!

*Fr. Charles Samson is a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and a 2009 graduate of Cardinal Glennon College. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and a License in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. Fr. Samson studied language, history, and archaeology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His book, Come and See: A Catholic Guide to the Holy Land, is a comprehensive tool used to help guide future seminarians and all pilgrims throughout the Holy Land.*



# ALUMNI News

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

### OMAHA •

June 2, 2018

Fr. Taylor Leffler

Fr. Patrick Moser

Fr. Padraic Stack

### ST. LOUIS •

May 26, 2018

Fr. Gerson Parra

Fr. Christopher Rubie

### WICHITA •

May 26, 2018

Fr. Christopher Martin

Fr. Todd Shepherd

## ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

### KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS •

May 19, 2018

Deacon Nicholas Ashmore

Deacon Colin Haganey

Deacon Joel Haug, A.V.I.

### KANSAS CITY – ST. JOSEPH •

May 12, 2018

Deacon Andrew Kleine

Deacon Emmanuel Lopez

### OMAHA •

May 25, 2018

Deacon William Cremers

### ST. LOUIS •

May 5, 2018

Deacon Andrew Auer\*

Deacon Samuel Inameti

Deacon Mark Madden

Deacon Anthony Ritter

Deacon Patrick Russell

Deacon Stephen Schumacher\*

Deacon George Staley

### WICHITA •

May 19, 2018

Deacon Andrew Dellasega

Deacon Kurt Pauly

*\*Deacons Andrew Auer and Stephen Schumacher study at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Deacon Auer is a graduate of Cardinal Glennon College and Deacon Schumacher completed the Pre-Theology program.*

Thank you for your support for the 22 men ordained to the Sacred Priesthood and Transitional Diaconate this spring. Strengthened by your prayers and encouragement, these men are ready to begin their new lives of ministry in dioceses throughout the Midwest.



1. Fr. Todd Shephard gives a big blessing to a little girl.

2. Fr. Gerson Parra offers a blessing to his mother after ordination.

3. Archbishop Robert J. Carlson ordains Fr. Christopher Rubie to the priesthood at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

4. Fr. Taylor Leffler during his first Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, NE. He was joined by newly ordained Transitional Deacon, Deacon William Cremers, Theology IV – Omaha.

5. Seven newly ordained Transitional Deacons for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on May 5, 2018.

## RETURNING AS A TRANSITIONAL DEACON

"I have loved being able to exercise my ministry within the context of the sacraments, particularly baptism and the Mass. I have only had the chance to do one baptism so far, but it was for some of my best friends and their first daughter, so that made it particularly special. (Her wailing face in the photo is pretty much par for the course after I accidentally poured the water directly into her eyes!)"

*Deacon Joel Haug, A.V.I. – Kansas City in KS*



# Msgr. Vernon Gardin

By Charles Archer, Theology II – St. Louis



## In Memoriam

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

**Fr. Terry J. Borgerding**, Class of 1977 – St. Louis

**Fr. John A. Ditenhafer**, Class of 1961 – St. Louis

**Fr. Edmund J. Fitzgibbon**, Class of 1959 – St. Louis

**Fr. Robert V. Fleiter**, Class of 1961 – St. Louis

**Fr. John V. Kerber**, Class of 1958 – St. Louis

**Msgr. Richard J. Lubeley**, Class of 1949 – St. Louis

**Fr. Frank C. Palermo**, Class of 1955 – Springfield/Cape Girardeau

**Fr. Dennis Ryan**, Class of 1966 – Wichita

Born in 1945 and ordained to the priesthood in 1971, Msgr. Vernon Gardin's ordination class of seven men was small for that time. His parish, St. Margaret of Scotland, fostered his vocation in the 50's and 60's. He was the 49th priest ordained from St. Margaret's. "It was one of those south-side priest factories," he said. "Everything supported a vocation at that time ... the nuns wanted every boy to be a priest, the family supported it, the movies supported it, and the entire culture supported it."

After a few years of serving his first priestly assignment as an associate at Little Flower in Richmond Heights, MO, Msgr. Gardin was asked to study for a doctorate

in clinical psychology. This prepared him to minister to children with special needs in the St. Louis Archdiocesan Department of Special Education and St. Mary's Special Services. Msgr. Gardin served there for over 40 years while continuing to help in parish ministry. "Basically, you make a difference in children's lives and in families' lives. You give them hope for the future, a sense of belonging, a sense of self-esteem."

When asked, "What most surprised you about the priesthood?" Msgr. Gardin responded, "I did not think I'd have to raise so much money for Catholic special education. It started with my very first assignment, raising money to have Youth Ministry. I also never dreamed that I would go into special education and clinical psychology. I'm now on the back end of life, but you are just starting. It's best that you don't know your future. With faith, it's all good. You can't just do what's easy!"





# COMMUNITY *Notes*

## Reparation for the Church

THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR began as the results of the grand jury investigation in Pennsylvania of abuse by former Archbishop McCarrick were revealed. It was a difficult way to begin the year. It was also an important moment to recognize the sins of others and to call for repentance and reparation. On August 31st, the seminary community offered a Mass for the Reparation of the Sins of the Church as well as a Day of Penance and Fasting. On September 7th, we began a Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows to implore from

her “the healing of those hurt by the clergy and the purifying renewal of the Church.”

This time in our Church’s history is also a moment to reaffirm our commitment to helping equip seminarians to be formed as healthy, holy, joy-filled parish priests. As Archbishop Carlson mentioned in his article on page 3, significant improvements have been made in recent decades to the seminary’s formation programs and admission processes, “but there is always more to be done.”

### Faculty/Staff Additions

**Fr. Donald Anstoetter**,  
Director of Worship

**Fr. Fadi Auro**,  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**Dr. Kevin Clarke**, Visiting Assistant  
Professor of Scripture

**Fr. Charles Samson**,  
Assistant Professor of Scripture

**Fr. Anthony Wieck, S.J.**,  
Adjunct Professor of  
Systematic Theology

### Changes in Rank

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

### Departures

**Dr. John Gresham**, Professor of  
Systematic Theology

**Fr. Laurence Kriegshauser, O.S.B.**,  
Assistant Professor of Old Testament

**Fr. Christopher Martin**, Vice-Rector of  
Cardinal Glennon College

**Mrs. Rebecca Young**, Electronic  
Resources Librarian

## ★ Highlights ★

The [American Association for the Advancement of Science](#) (AAAS) announced that Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is one of only seven seminaries selected nationwide for the “Science for Seminaries” project. The announcement was made in the May 25th print issue of *Science* magazine. The grant is intended to support seminaries in their efforts to foster deeper integration of science into seminary curriculum. Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is tentatively planning to conclude the Science for Seminaries project in November 2019 with a day-long conference on how science enhances faith, including the first ever “Gold Mass” in the archdiocese on or near the feast of St. Albert the Great, patron saint of science and scientists.

Bishop Robert J. Hermann, Class of 1963 and current in-house spiritual director at the seminary, received the [Distinguished Alumnus Award](#) at the Alumni Day celebration on October 3, 2018. Bishop Hermann was honored along with priests from the graduating Classes of 1993, 1968, and 1958 for their Silver, Gold, and Diamond Jubilees. The alumni and seminary community are grateful to these priests for their impact in the life of the Church around the world.

The seminary welcomed [Archbishop Joseph Naumann](#), Class of 1975 and Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, [Bishop Shawn McKnight](#), Bishop of Jefferson City, and [Mr. David Sliney](#),

President of Lamco Ventures, to the Board of Trustees and is grateful for their active support of the seminary’s mission.



As part of our 10-year evaluation, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will host visitors from [The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association](#) (HLC) from February 11-12, 2019 and the [Association of Theological Schools](#) (ATS) from February 25-28, 2019. Please visit [Kenrick.edu](#) for further information regarding the accreditation process, including the opportunity for public commentary.

# LIFE Runners Chapter

By Michael Laugeman, College II – St. Louis

**LIFE Runners** is the world's largest pro-life running and walking team. Recently, a group of seminarians joined over 8,000 teammates, ages 1 to 101, in all 50 states and in 35 nations, with the goal of running and walking as a prayer to end abortion.

Our seminary LIFE Runners Chapter joins over a hundred chapters striving for an end to abortion and growth in the dignity of all human life. The chapter provides an opportunity for a monthly “huddle” in which seminarians are able to gather as a team to wear their “*REMEMBER The Unborn – Jer 1:5*” jerseys, pray, and run together. Fr. Edward Ahn, A.V.I, Spiritual Director, generously accepted the role as chaplain for the LIFE Runners Chapter. In this role, Fr. Ahn leads us in prayer and reminds us of our mission.

LIFE Runners provides men in formation an opportunity to become more involved with a highly pertinent issue in our time. In a beautiful way, a seminarian participating in Life Runners is physically sacrificing himself in imitation of how he will someday sacrifice himself in his priestly ministry. We look forward to expanding and becoming more involved with races in the local community.



## Fr. Kapaun Council #16869

By Keith Chadwick, Pastoral Internship – Kansas City in KS

ON NOVEMBER 1, 2017, a group of seminarians collaborated with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to found Council #16869 – the Fr. Kapaun Council. This new council was named after Servant of God, Fr. Emil Kapaun, Class of 1940, with the approval of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis. It was our hope to honor one of the seminary's most decorated and honorable alumni, a U.S. Army military chaplain who ministered to fellow POW's in a North Korean prison camp. Fr. Kapaun is a great role model and example for priests and seminarians alike. One of the primary reasons in forming a seminarian council is that, as future parish priests, we will be working in close contact with the Knights of Columbus on a frequent basis. This gives us a chance to become more familiar with the organization and to build a rapport with the Knights of Columbus so that we can one day, God-willing, become effective Chaplains for these groups in our parishes. Seminarians will also be able to serve within the council. We plan to host and collaborate on several events with other councils. As the Fr. Kapaun Council prepares to celebrate its first anniversary, we are looking forward to more opportunities to serve.



# THE COLLEGE HOUSE SYSTEM: Seeking Virtue in Fraternity

By Daniel Mauro, College III – Kansas City in KS

In the past decade, many schools throughout the United States have adopted a *House System* as both a means of strengthening interpersonal bonds within a school community and a means of outreach to potentially less known or less involved students. The basic idea is that a larger community is broken into smaller communities called “houses” that gather at appointed times, creating a space for more intentional and focused relationships. Last year was the inaugural year of the House System within the Cardinal Glennon College community. I had the privilege of working extensively with a similar system as a high school student, so when I found out that such a system would be part of my new life as a seminarian, I was excited to see what opportunities would be in store.

Each college seminarian is assigned to one of three houses with one upper-classmen designated as the House Prefect. The House Prefect’s task is to organize

house events and mentor the younger men within the house. The three houses are named after three holy men whose lives we ought to emulate as we grow as Catholic men and discern the diocesan priesthood—Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. John Paul II, and St. Padre Pio. I am a member of the Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati House.

Last year, my house worked to create a sense of fraternity within our new group, primarily by eating a meal together each week and participating in recreational activities together. We also undertook a technology fast together for over a month, seeking to lessen our attachment to non-Christocentric media that steals our attention. In order to do this, we monitored just how often we were on our smartphones. This proved to be an awakening experience for many of us! This year, we hope to find more ways to imitate Bl. Pier’s great love of the outdoors; we are looking into activities such as hiking, canoeing, caving, and camping.

The men in the Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati House also established the motto, *Veritas et Caritas - Truth and Charity*. We choose *veritas* because it is the principal motto of the Dominicans, of which Bl. Pier Giorgio was a third order member. Secondly, we need to be zealously devoted to the pursuit of Truth - not only because diligent study is our responsibility as students but because Jesus Christ is Truth Itself. By resolving to defend the Truth, we hope to commit ourselves more fully to His service. We chose *caritas* because of Bl. Pier’s great love for the poor. He was a man of immeasurable generosity and fostered deep fraternal affection for everyone he encountered. As a house, we hope to also imitate this charity by loving all those around us as brothers and sisters and responding generously whenever we encounter someone in need. We hope that our focus on *Truth and Charity* will draw us closer to God, who is Truth and who is Love.





In addition to giving groups a common mission and shared recreation, the House System provides the opportunity to pray within focused groups. For my house, this is realized by saying Night Prayer together twice a week and also the occasional Stations of the Cross. Other houses have taken up different devotional practices together such as praying the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or novenas. We hope that it can be said of each of us, *"This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them"* (Liturgy of the Hours, Common of Pastors).



In many ways, living the Christian life is a battle, a small participation in the celestial battle between angels and demons over souls. The House System implemented by Cardinal Glennon College helps to dispel the all-too-frequent lie that this battle can be fought alone. Through fraternity, accountability, vulnerability, and prayer, we cover each other's backs, herald impending attacks to those unaware, pull each other up, and urge each other constantly forward in the good fight. That's the goal at least - please pray that we may all be faithful to it!

## INTRODUCING FR. JASON SCHUMER, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College

By Ryan Quarnstrom, Theology I – St. Louis

Concluding the 2017-2018 Academic Year, then-Assistant for Formation Fr. Jason Schumer offered an encouraging analogy to the men of Cardinal Glennon College: when you're ahead at the end of a game, you have two options—pull back and play defense or run up the score. In seminary, he explained, we always run up the score. We never stop giving ourselves generously to our prayer, studies, community, or apostolate.

Sixteen years ago, Fr. Schumer entered Cardinal Glennon College as a freshman. Now, he begins this fall as Vice-Rector. Having formerly served as Director of Worship and Assistant for Formation, Fr. Schumer possesses a vast institutional knowledge and a natural organizational ability that will facilitate a seamless transition into this new role.

St. John Paul II considered priestly formation "one of the most demanding and important tasks for the future of the evangelization of humanity" (PDV §2). This past year, Fr. Schumer served as my formation advisor, so I can attest that his unreserved commitment to this critical apostolate reflects the saintly pontiff's view.

"I look forward to the opportunity to accompany these young men who have generously given these years of their lives to seeking



God's will," Fr. Schumer said. "I remember my own time as a college seminarian with much gratitude. I consider it a blessing to be part of the formation of this new generation of college seminarians."

Since Cardinal Ritter instituted the current program in 1957, Cardinal Glennon College has developed a long tradition of excellence in priestly formation. My fellow alumni and I are filled with great hope and excitement at the future of the college under its new director.

By appointing Fr. Jason Schumer as Vice-Rector, Archbishop Carlson has made his game plan clear: in the work of priestly formation, Cardinal Glennon College will be running up the score.

# 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**THIS YEAR, KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY** marks the 200th anniversary of Bishop Louis DuBourg's request of assistance from the Vincentians in establishing the first seminary west of the Mississippi River. Bishop DuBourg's Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas had an enormous and sparsely settled territory that included the recent Louisiana Purchase. He entrusted the pioneering Vincentians with establishing the seminary, which evolved into our present-day institution.

200 years later, we look at our history in a spirit of gratitude and reflect on the exciting opportunities ahead of us. We are proud of our programs of formation and education that are grounded in the pastoral, consciously preparing our future priests for the challenges that lie ahead of them in parish ministry. We are grateful for the

support of Bishop DuBourg's successors and the generations of faculty, staff, alumni, and lay faithful who have been partners in our mission and ask for God's continued blessing on Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and all who are a part of our seminary family.

The implementation and evaluation of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's five-year strategic plan, *Configuring Men to the Heart of Jesus Christ Strategic Plan 2015-2020*, remains an active priority in the seminary's institutional planning. You can view the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan online at [kenrick.edu/strategicplan](http://kenrick.edu/strategicplan). With your help and the ongoing commitment of the seminary community, we are confident that we will continue to build on our successes and work to improve efforts in the future. Thank you for your continual support.

## A Year in Review

1. The seminary hosted hundreds of guests throughout the year at events specifically designed for the public, including the Advent Novena, Open House, Nazareth Nights for young adults, group tours, and the monthly Fiat Women's Group.
2. Nearly 500 guests attended our 25th Annual Convivium Mass & Dinner Auction at the Chase Park Plaza Royal Sonesta St. Louis.
3. The St. Joseph Workshops, hosted throughout the academic year, provided opportunities for seminarians to build fraternity, learn from each other, and grow in various skills and knowledge. Seminarians concluded the year with a karate workshop.
4. In January, each seminarian in the School of Theology participated in a three-day workshop. Topics included parish leadership, finance, human resources, pastoral planning, public speaking, and more.
5. Five seminarians earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degree (S.T.B.) in our second year of affiliation with the Pontifical Gregorian University. Gregorian liaison, Fr. Joseph Carola, S.J., conducted his second visit during the administration of the S.T.B. exams.
6. A collaborative agreement between Cardinal Glennon College and St. Louis University was signed by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and Dr. Fred P. Pestello, President of SLU, on April 23, 2018. See page 5 for more details.

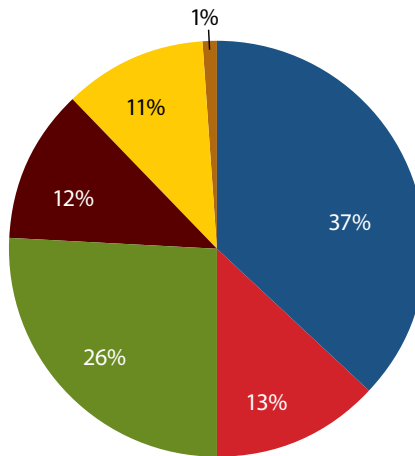


## Financial Review: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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.

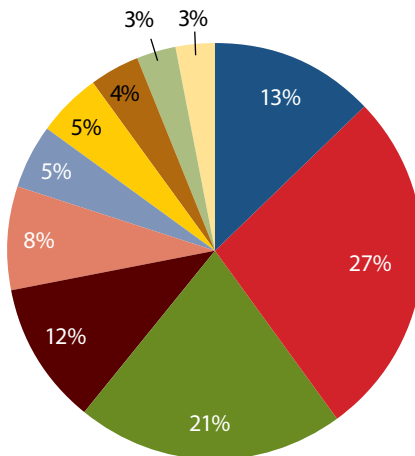
### REVENUE:

Contributions	\$ 2,702,746
ACA and Other Grants	923,265
Tuition	1,893,214
Fees and Services	917,741
Investment Income and Elections	783,005
Other Revenue	1,002
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 7,220,973</b>



### EXPENSES:

Administration	\$ 942,559
Kitchen and Facilities	1,938,915
Kenrick Instruction	1,488,134
Kenrick Formation	801,241
Glennon College	564,251
Development	385,620
Library	382,012
Worship	233,890
Restricted Fund Activity	222,228
Other	181,070
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,139,920</b>



The expenses include a large amount of depreciation, a non-cash item. Please note that this unaudited report excludes contributions and expenses associated with the Faith for the Future Capital Campaign and the renovations project.

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# Pastoral Improvisation

By Deacon Nicholas Ashmore, Theology IV – Kansas City in KS

Conflict — at its first sight, some come running and others run away. Even though it is a normal part of living with others, for many, it is seen more as a burden and less as an opportunity for communication, requiring tact, compassion, and firmness. This is exactly why our President-Rector, Fr. James Mason, offers seminarians a *Scared Straight for Seminarians* workshop, designed specifically for the Theology III class every year and based on his own personal pastoral experiences. By discussing real-life situations, exploring the nuances of professional dialogue, and creating hypothetical scenarios in which seminarians must use their newly sharpened skills, the workshop intends to assist the seminarians to grow as fatherly



Deacon Nicholas Ashmore greets a parishioner of Annunziata parish after Sunday Mass.

leaders who know when and how to lead in the midst of conflict-filled situations.

When I was first put in a scenario in which I needed to address an administrative conflict with one of my “parish staff members,” I was surprised at how nervous I became. My heart began racing and my legs shaking as I progressed step-by-step with my plan of action. At

another point in the workshop, my scenario required quick answers to controversial questions and I could feel the overwhelming effect of rapid ‘machine-gun’ dialogue. Both situations and others were uncomfortable, for sure. After practice, however, I could feel myself growing more comfortable with the tension of the moments. I could see the good that a bit of courage in these moments could bring about.

Because of these practical improvisations, I am no longer as fearful of the normal conflict one finds in parochial life. Rather than seeing conflict as a mine-field of potential disasters, this workshop allowed me to realize more profoundly how conflict is an opportunity: an opportunity for growth for me and the other.

## Seminary Stats

75 Seminarians in Theology

23 Seminarians in Pre-Theology

22 Seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College

10 Seminarians on Pastoral Internship

38 Total Faculty



3,230 Number of Donors



44 Total acres of seminary campus

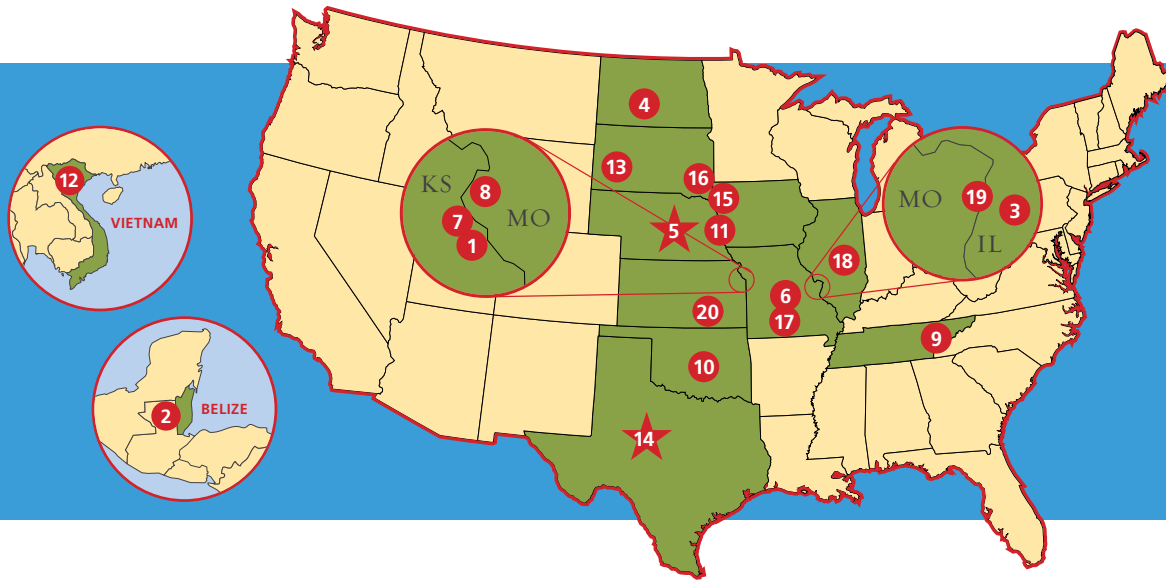


Student and faculty numbers reflect the beginning of the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

## Students by Diocese/Archdiocese

● The dots on the map below indicate dioceses that currently send seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

★ The stars indicate new sending dioceses during the 2018-2019 academic year.



Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	Total	Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	Total
1 Apostles of the Interior Life*	3	11 Omaha	8
2 Belize City-Belmopan, Belize	4	12 Phat Diem, Vietnam	2
3 Belleville	2	13 Rapid City, SD	2
4 Bismarck	10	★ 14 San Angelo, TX	2
★ 5 Grand Island, NE	1	15 Sioux City, IA	2
6 Jefferson City, MO	1	16 Sioux Falls, SD	1
7 Kansas City in KS	16	17 Springfield-Cape Girardeau	5
8 Kansas City-St. Joseph	8	18 Springfield, IL	5
9 Knoxville	3	19 St. Louis	42
10 Oklahoma City	4	20 Wichita	9

\*The Apostles of the Interior Life is a religious community in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS.

## Let's Keep in Touch!

Be sure to follow Kenrick-Glennon Seminary on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. The stories, photos, and videos posted on these social media sites give a behind-the-scenes glance at seminary life, inviting you to participate in the day-to-day prayer and activity of the seminary community.





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## CALENDAR *of Events*

### NOVEMBER

**Saturday, November 3:** 26th Annual Convivium Mass & Dinner Auction

**Thursday, November 8:** Souls and Goals Soccer Cup

**November 16-18:** Junior/Senior Retreat

**November 21-25:** Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

**December 5-13:** Advent Novena

**Tuesday, December 25:** Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 30:** Holy Land Retreat & Pilgrimage Begins

### JANUARY

**Saturday, January 12:** Holy Land Retreat & Pilgrimage Ends

**Monday, January 14:** Spring Classes Begin for Cardinal Glennon College

**January 14-16:** Student Workshops

**January 17-20:** March for Life in Washington, DC

**Monday, January 21:** Spring Classes Begin for Theology

### FEBRUARY


**February 15-17:** 40 Hours Devotion

**Sunday, February 24:** Seminary Open House

### *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  
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