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## FAITH & SCIENCE

*"Faith and reason are like two wings on which  
the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."*

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II, FIDES ET RATIO



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR



### *Dear Friends,*

Seminary formation used to be described as having four “pillars” – human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. And the old joke was that, instead of four pillars, seminary life was really three toothpicks and one pillar – intellectual formation.

While that may be true in some places, here at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, we don’t talk about “pillars” of formation. We talk about inter-related *dimensions* of formation. And our professors are experts at integrating all the dimensions of formation in the classroom.

In part, that is because we’re guided by *The Program of Priestly Formation* which says: “the basic principle of intellectual formation for priesthood candidates is noted in *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, no. 51: ‘For the salvation of their brothers and sisters, they should seek an ever deeper knowledge of the divine mysteries...This knowledge is not simply for personal possession but is destined to be shared in the community of faith. And that is why it is ‘for the salvation of their brothers and sisters.’ Intellectual formation has an apostolic and missionary purpose and finality.”

Our faculty is dedicated to the implementation of that vision. I’m grateful for how receptive they are to the idea of designing their classes and tests with a view to a man’s life as a parish priest. The men are encouraged to think: “*How can I share the beauty of this Church teaching with my parishioners? What are the everyday struggles of the people in my parish, and how can my studies prepare me to address them?*” Pastoral application is a hallmark of our classes.

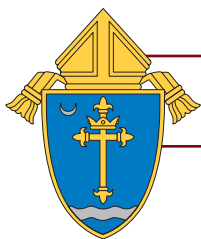
All of our teaching faculty are also part of our human formation team. They regularly offer observations and advice in forming each man, asking very concrete and basic questions such as: “*What are his strengths and weaknesses? Would I want this man to minister to my family as a priest? Why or why not?*”

“*What will this look like in a parish?*” is a constant mantra in our classrooms. Our faculty are dedicated to rigorous intellectual study! But they also understand that the end goal of studies at the seminary is to help form healthy, holy, joy-filled parish priests.

In Christ,

Father James Mason, J.D.

President-Rector



## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Almost everyone remembers the story of Gregor Mendel – the Augustinian monk (and later abbot) who discovered the basic laws of genetics.

Fewer know the story of Fr. Georges Lemaitre – the Belgian priest and astronomer who first proposed the Big Bang origin of the universe.

Fewer still know the story of Bl. Nicolas Steno. A Danish scientist, he founded the modern field of geological stratigraphy, later became a bishop, and was beatified by St. Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Closer to home, we do well to remember the story of Fr. James Macelwane, S.J. One of the founding fathers of modern seismology in the United States, Fr. Macelwane founded the first Department of Geophysics in the Western Hemisphere at Saint Louis University in 1925. A building there is named in his honor.

And almost everyone has forgotten – but it's time to remember! – the story of Msgr. Martin Stanislaus Brennan. Msgr. Brennan wrote several books on science and religion and was named most popular pastor in Saint Louis in 1891. He served as professor of astronomy and geology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary starting in 1892. (see page 6)

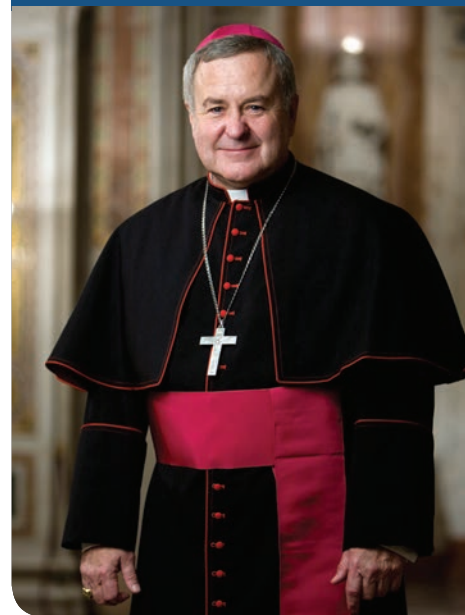
The Church has a long history of supporting the sciences. And, far from seeing them as opposed to each other, the Church sees faith and science as complementary gifts from God. Rather than choosing between them, then, we need to see and foster their harmony.

As Pope Francis has said, *"Proclaiming the Gospel message to different cultures involves proclaiming it to professional, scientific and academic circles. This means an encounter between faith, reason and the sciences with a view to developing new approaches and arguments on the issue of credibility, a creative apologetics which would encourage greater openness to the Gospel on the part of all."*

Our seminarians need to be informed about the intersection of science and faith and prepared to proclaim the Gospel in a world dominated by science and technology. In this issue of *The Herald* you'll learn about some of the ways they are gaining the knowledge and practical experience they will need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis



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# FAITH AND SCIENCE in the Classroom

By Deacon Padraic Stack, Theology IV – Omaha

“FAITH AND REASON ARE LIKE TWO WINGS  
ON WHICH THE HUMAN SPIRIT RISES TO THE CONTEMPLATION OF TRUTH.”

(St. Pope John Paul II, *Fides et Ratio*)

These words of St. Pope John Paul II can easily be applied to the relationship between theology and science.

Unfortunately, our current culture has seen a great movement to divorce theology and science. Some, attempting to gain notoriety for science, claim that science is the only way to gain true knowledge. Others, attempting to save the credibility of faith, diminish science, holding fast to fundamentalism. Sadly, both strategies employ only one of the two wings and have thus hindered many in the last century—leaving them grounded, or at best flying in circles.

The Church, for her part, champions the position that theology and science both aim to arrive at truth and ought to inform one another along the way. Recently, there have been individuals mending the unnecessary divide; some come from scientific backgrounds, though there have been theologians and philosophers as well—most notably Fr. Robert Spitzer, who gave the John Cardinal Glennon Lecture at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in the spring of 2017.

While progress is being made in healing the relationship between theology and science, much of what has been written remains highly intellectual and therefore widely unknown. A few will be called to forge the deep foundations of the relationship. Others, such as parish priests, will be called to help their people see and accept the overall truth—namely, faith and reason are both gifts of God.

During my class’ Holy Land Retreat & Pilgrimage in January, the tour guide provided an insight to the harmony between faith and science. He said: “I believe in two things: Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, and archeology.” The point of his dramatic statement was that archeology is uncovering evidence to support what we have known through Scripture and Tradition. At the same time, our Faith is informing archeologists of what exactly they are uncovering. By means of our travels and our guide’s instruction we saw concrete examples of the symbiotic relationship between faith and science—examples that we can share with the faithful.



The need for priests to engage the current culture—to be able to speak intelligently on scientific issues, and relate to those who have been steeped in a belief that truth comes through scientific proof alone—is more important now than ever before. It is crucial to the mission of today’s priests, priests of the New Evangelization, to engage not only those in the pews, but those who have left and are leaving the pews. Many high school and college-age Catholics are leaving the Church and their Faith because they perceive an irreconcilable conflict between science and religion. As such, there exists a great need to engage these individuals in dialogue and help them to understand that there is no conflict, that science and religion are not mutually exclusive. Yet for many priests there remains a



hesitancy to enter into scientific discussions. Seminary studies are, understandably, geared toward theological, philosophical, doctrinal, and pastoral topics. However, it seems as though some foundation in the physical sciences would be greatly beneficial.

Even though all sciences strive for understanding of truth, they approach it from different angles. Consider a scenario in which a neurologist and a psychologist both study brain function. They do so for different purposes: one for the sake of diagnosing and healing physical maladies, the other for the sake of addressing psychological and emotional issues. Both want to help. Both are needed for a true healing. But each will work in his or her own way. Each can be greatly beneficial to the other, but communication becomes more difficult without a common language.

Now, imagine that the neurologist and psychologist are native to and live on opposite sides of the world! This begins to give a picture of the current relation between science and theology. There's a need to bridge the language barrier.

Fortunately, there has been a recent effort to start bridge-building. And what better place than seminaries? This was the thought of Dr. Doris Donnelly of John Carroll University, who is leading a project called *Re-Engaging Science in Seminaries*. In its first year, this project provided 15 Roman Catholic seminaries around the country with grants of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing classes that deal with the relationship between theology and science. The grants are funded by the John Templeton Foundation. The second round provided the same offer.

Kenrick-Glennon is blessed to be one of eight seminaries to have received two grants—one in each round. This semester, Dr. John Finley, Associate Professor of Philosophy,

is teaching a class on science, philosophy, and gender that examines how science, philosophy, and theology can work together to provide a deeper understanding of man and woman (see page 11). Last fall, Dr. Ed Hogan, Academic Dean, offered a course, *Theology and Science in Dialogue for the New Evangelization*.

In addition to his own wealth of knowledge, Dr. Hogan brought in scientists on occasion to help provide a fuller presentation of the material. At the beginning of the semester, Dr. Tom Sheahan, Director of the Institute for the Theological Encounter with Science and Technology, shared his knowledge of superconductivity to help us better

understand what is being presented scientifically regarding the formation of the cosmos—specifically the Big Bang—and how this can be reconciled with the Scriptural presentation of Creation. Toward the end of the semester, Dr. Robert Wood, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs at St. Louis University, led two of our classes, in which he shared his expertise in evolutionary biology, which challenged us to consider how evolution can be reconciled with Scripture and Tradition.

Seminarians in various stages of formation and with varying backgrounds in science took the course—all benefitted. Knowing that the intellectual formation is not geared toward the physical sciences, Dr. Hogan placed a greater emphasis on them. At times, some of the material seemed over our heads! But it became far more accessible through further presentation and discussion. And it provided us with the opportunity to become familiar with scientific language and principles. This in turn aided in our ability to understand where the scientific world is coming from and why, so often, the scientific and theological worlds fail to communicate well.

By the conclusion of the semester, everyone in the class had a greater understanding of how theology and science together can lead people to a deeper appreciation of the created world and its Creator. In addition, we all grew in our ability to speak about and to share with others this beautiful relationship between faith and reason and how they are not mutually exclusive, but inform each other. This newfound

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ability was evidenced in the final class when each student gave one minute responses to two different questions about the relationship between theology and science. It was edifying to hear how well each of the seminarians did and how each response emphasized a different aspect or used a different analogy or example. This final exercise in the class provided everyone with quick and simple responses for those questions that we will undoubtedly receive in our ministry. It boosted our confidence so we will not shy away from those questions when they arise.

For my own part, I have always enjoyed both the arts and sciences. In the past, it fueled my love for design in the architecture and engineering fields—two fields that are often perceived to be in conflict with one another, but can



Dr. Ed Hogan and Dr. John Finley with Dr. Doris Donnelly, Project Director at John Carroll University. Dr. Donnelly is largely responsible for the Re-Engaging Science in Seminary Formation project.

and do work harmoniously to produce beautiful creations. Now, I find that same enjoyment of art and science fueling my love for the created world, for the Creator, and for the beautiful harmony that can be found in the relationship of faith and reason. My hope is that the fruits of my own study and contemplation will instill a similar interest in others and

thus encourage them to further study and contemplation. In this way, the love that once fueled the building of physical churches will now, in my priesthood, impel me to help build the Church made with living stones. With a greater interest in a symbiotic relationship, perhaps we can begin to build and fortify a bridge between science and theology, so that, with two strong wings, our spirits may rise to greater heights of contemplation of truth, of Him who is Truth.

## Fr. Martin Stanislaus Brennan: RENOWNED ASTRONOMER AND GEOLOGIST

**M**sgr. Martin Stanislaus Brennan was a Catholic priest and famous astronomer and geologist. As a young boy, Msgr. Brennan attended school at the Cathedral of St. Louis and served Mass there regularly. He attended Christian Brothers College, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1865 and Master of Arts and Academic Sciences degree a few years later.

He studied Theology at St. Vincent's College in Cape Girardeau and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1869. Msgr. Brennan would later earn his Doctorate in Science in 1896.

He served then-Kenrick Seminary as Professor of Astronomy and Geology, beginning in 1892. He was also a beloved pastor throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis, voted "most popular pastor" in 1891. Pope Pius XI named Msgr. Brennan a domestic prelate on May 27, 1923.



The first Astronomy Class at the new Kenrick.

Msgr. Brennan delivered lectures and contributed to various newspapers throughout his life on various scientific studies. Among his many written works, Msgr. Brennan's book, "What Catholics have Done for Science" links faith and science throughout the history of the Church and discoveries of the world of astronomy, geology, electricity, and beyond.

When Pope Pius XI granted Msgr. Brennan the Distinguished Service Medal of the Catholic Church, the then-Archbishop John J. Glennon remarked, "Fr. Brennan has been not only a great astronomer, but a great geologist. He looks up, and then looks down. He finds out if it is all right with the stars, and then he looks at the earth to see if there is any earthquake or evolution or convulsion or revolution of any kind."\*

*\*Archives, Archdiocese of St. Louis*



# Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus and Mary

By Deacon Taylor Leffler, Theology IV – Omaha

I found a new spiritual home on the Sea of Galilee. While participating in the Holy Land Retreat & Pilgrimage with the deacon class from December 31st - January 13th, I felt like one of the apostles, walking where Jesus walked, praying where he prayed, and seeing the nature that he saw. I feel a greater desire now to be a disciple of Jesus, to leave my nets behind and continue to follow Him wherever He goes.

We were granted special permission to

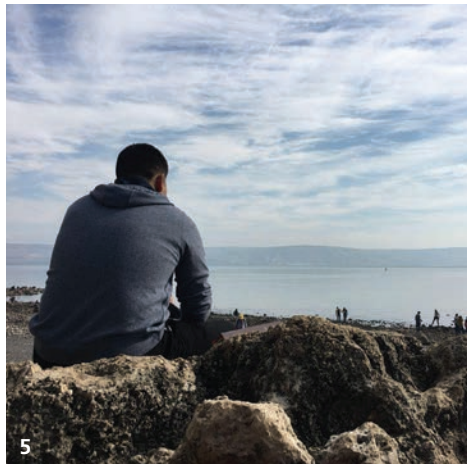
enter the childhood home of the Virgin Mary in Nazareth. I will never forget walking down the ancient steps that she walked down many times as a girl. One by one, each of the deacons and spiritual directors knelt and revered the stone marking the place where the Word was made flesh: *Verbum caro hic factum est*.

Together we prayed in the dungeon under the ancient house of Caiaphas the High Priest, where Jesus spent the night before being crucified. How intimate to

sit on the cold stone floor of that dungeon and pray with Jesus to the Father.

We walked down the steep stone steps to the ancient tomb where Jesus' friend Lazarus was kept before Jesus raised him from the dead. While we paused in silence there together, I could almost hear Jesus shout, "Lazarus, come out!"

Some of us spent an entire night in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. What a gift to spend hours inside the empty tomb and on the Mount of Calvary.



1. Special access inside Mary's home in Nazareth, where the Annunciation took place. 2. Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. 3. The Deacons pose in front of the statue of St. Peter in Capernaum. 4. Mass at the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. 5. The Holy Land Retreat & Pilgrimage begins with a five-day silent retreat, allowing the men to reflect on the word of God before following in the footsteps of Christ. 6. Taking time to pray and read the Gospel at the banks of the Jordan River.

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# ST. JOSEPH WORKSHOPS

By Travis Crotty, Theology II – Sioux City, IA

In John 21:12, the evangelist recounts Jesus' appearance to the Disciples by the Sea of Tiberias after His Resurrection. There, Jesus instructed his apostles to "cast the net on the right side of the boat" and invited them to "Come and have breakfast."

This verse happens to be one of the favorite verses of our Dean of Seminarians, Fr. Paul Hoelsing. He frequently quotes it during his human formation conferences. In fact, he began the academic year by challenging the seminarians to not become "Tupperware priests - priests who eat most of their meals over the sink out of Tupperware." He said that in coming to breakfast every day, sharing a meal with one another, and engaging in conversation, the seminarians might grow to be happy, healthy, and holy priests and the seminary might become a more human place.

As the seminarians follow Fr. Hoelsing's advice, it seems that some of our best conversations and ideas are shared around the breakfast table. One of these

morning conversations discussed the reality that many men in the seminary have acquired various skills from their fathers, uncles, or previous places of employment while others, for whatever reason, were unable to learn these specific skills. From this breakfast conversation, the St. Joseph Workshops were born.

This new extracurricular activity offers a place for men to share their skills and learn new ones which will ultimately help form them as adult men and, God-willing, as future priests. St. Joseph was chosen as the patron for these workshops because it was *from him* that our Lord learned the trade of carpentry and it is *to him* that we often turn to in prayer. The seminary is dedicated especially to St. Joseph, with the phrase, "Ite ad Joseph," or "Go to Joseph," found on the front of the baldachino above the altar in the chapel – a daily reminder of his intercession. St. Joseph was the model of masculinity for the Christ Child and continues to be the model for men preparing for the priesthood today.

St. Joseph Workshops occur every two weeks and have already spanned a wide variety of skills. "All Things Fire" was the name of

the first workshop, which began at the start of the fall 2017 semester, with some of the seminary's very own Eagle Scouts teaching fundamental fire starting techniques. It was quite the scene to behold as seminarians and priests struck ferro rods into their "bird-nests" of frayed rope with charred cloth to create a

flame. No longer will seminarians be relying on newspaper and matches to light camp fires! The evening continued with one seminarian teaching basic charcoal grilling tips while yet another man taught various methods of opening bottles - without bottle openers. The night ended with peach cobbler cooked in a Dutch oven over the fire. As seminarians in formation, we are often receiving from others. The workshops provided

a particularly fruitful way for us to give and receive together as brothers in a new and exciting way.

With the momentum building from this first exciting workshop, the second installment, entitled "Sharp Dressed Man," offered a little refinement in the areas of grooming and clothing. A few seminarians offered skills about mending tattered clothes and sewing buttons. Fr. Hoelsing spoke about the art of shaving and instructed men on the proper use of a safety razor. Msgr. James Ramacciotti, Class of 1985, Assistant Professor of Canon Law and Formation Advisor, talked about clerical attire. Several of the seminary priests and faculty have participated in the St. Joseph Workshops as both contributors and participants. Their presence is both encouraging and rewarding.

As the workshops grew in popularity, word of a fallen tree on campus reached the woodcutters in the group. This enabled the seminarians to teach chainsaw safety while also offering a hand to the seminary's maintenance staff. Shouts of triumph were heard on campus as axes fell and wood chips flew while attending







seminarians sported flannel shirts of all colors. Other workshops focused on teaching basic cooking skills, the ins and outs of hosting a dinner, and fundamental fitness tips, all necessary for healthy rectory life and good priestly fraternity.

While the men enjoyed all the fall semester workshops, most would agree that the best workshop was Firearm Safety and Shooting. Seminarians traveled a few hours south of St. Louis near Bourbon, MO. There, a friend of the seminary treated the men to a day of trap shooting on his range. The group consisted of one or two veteran hunters and marksmen as well as some first-time shooters. This particular workshop brought together seminarians who generally run in different social groups in seminary life, but the long drive and unique experience fostered many new friendships.

St. Joseph Workshops assist the human formation process of seminarians at Kenrick in a number of ways. The workshops offer a chance for seminarians to practice managerial and networking skills, connecting men who would like to learn new things with men who are more than willing to teach them. In addition, the workshops create a wonderful atmosphere of lighthearted fraternity where seminarians can spend quality time together working on a common goal or project. Most importantly, seminarians are given the opportunity to learn skills in the workshops that will not only make them happy, healthy, and holy priests, but will also help them connect with parishioners throughout their future dioceses and parishes. The seminarians look forward to future workshops and the new skills waiting to be learned and taught.



Msgr. Gregory Mikesch, Vice-Rector for Formation, shows Chad Thurman, Theology I - Oklahoma City, how to make fishing lures.

# CRUZCUTS

By Cruz Gallegos, Theology I – Kansas City, KS

When I first picked up a clipper five years ago, I would have been shocked to know that my future clients would one day include priests and seminarians.

But what I did know was that a haircut was one of the most important aspects of the appearance for a man. One professional in the barber business once told me, “80% of a good haircut is the natural hair of the client; 20% is the skill of the barber.” A haircut cannot be its best without that 20%!

Originally, I picked up barbering because my family was struggling financially. I knew I could help the family save money by giving haircuts to my Dad and four younger brothers.

My personal barber, Jaye-Bull, told me, “Look, Cruz...if you’re for real about cutting hair right, just watch videos on YouTube....” I took his advice and watched so many videos that I like to say I am now a YouTube Certified Barber. That’s not to say it went well from day one. Once, I messed up so badly on a hard line part of one seminarian’s hair that it looked like Moses parted it himself!

Since then, I’ve become a much better barber. In fact, I’ve fallen in love with it! That’s because some of the best conversations I’ve ever had happen while cutting hair.

I still cut hair in the seminary barbershop; in fact, it is my house job. And it’s a huge blessing to be able to continue serving my brothers at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in this way.



Cruz Gallegos gives a haircut in the seminary's barbershop.

# ❖ Life Issues ❖

## End of Life Choices: Q & A with Fr. Donald Henke

By Bill Cremers, Theology III – Omaha

As seminarians and future pastors, we need to be well-prepared to assist parishioners who are facing end-of-life decisions for themselves or their relatives. Fr. Donald Henke, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, instructs seminarians on medical, sexual, and social ethics. In this brief Q & A, Fr. Henke shares the foundation for making ethical end-of-life decisions:

### **Q:** What is the biggest challenge to upholding the dignity of life?

**A:** While *Gaudium et Spes* #27 and *Evangelium Vitae* #3 contain a whole list of crimes against human life, like abortion, euthanasia, genocide, etc., at the root of it all lies an inability or an unwillingness to accept and submit to the truth of who God has

revealed Himself and human beings to be. Ultimately, it means that God is not properly acknowledged as the Lord or Master of Life, and people fail to acknowledge themselves as beings of incalculable worth made in the image and likeness of God. It's what St. Pope John Paul II called the "eclipse of the sense of God and man."



### **Q:** What are the fundamental principles regarding end-of-life decisions?

**A:** The basic parameters for end-of-life decision-making flow from the four general principles that govern our lives. They are:

1) God is the Master of life, 2) Human beings are stewards of the life they have received, 3) Human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, and 4) Human life is a fundamental, but not an absolute good – in other words, human life does not need to be preserved at all costs using all means available.

In terms of specific treatment decisions, the Church upholds guidelines on the ordinary (proportionate) means of preserving life and the extraordinary (disproportionate) means of preserving life. Very generally, individuals are morally obliged to accept ordinary means to preserve their lives (measures that offer a reasonable hope of benefit without excessive burden or inconvenience), but they are not required to accept extraordinary means (measures that do not offer a reasonable hope of benefit or are excessively burdensome).

### **Q:** Where can someone find resources on Church teachings?

**A:** An excellent resource is the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* (Fifth Edition) from the USCCB. Another resource is the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, PA. Their website, [nbccenter.org](http://nbccenter.org), offers brief and accurate assistance on many moral issues.

## March for Life 2018

By Michael Meinhart, Theology II – Springfield, IL

This year sadly marked the 45th year since abortion was legalized in our country. Since then, the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision has been commemorated with an annual peaceful protest in Washington, D.C., known as the March for Life. Each year, nearly 100 priests and seminarians from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary join their voices to the hundreds of thousands of people gathered to proclaim the good news of life. The seminary joined *Generation Life*, a program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, which sent over 2,000 young pilgrims this year to the March for Life. *Generation Life* provides fun and educational programming for the youth while in Washington, D.C. and works to promote the dignity of all life throughout the year in St. Louis. Seminarians will hopefully continue to be formed by this pilgrimage and bring the pro-life message of hope and love into the parishes and into their priestly ministry. As the theme of the March stated this year — Love Saves Lives!





# Man and Woman He Created Them: What Science and Philosophy Tell Us About Gender

By Dr. John Finley, Associate Professor of Philosophy

A few years ago, the Science in Seminaries program at John Carroll University announced a number of grants, funded by the Templeton Foundation, which would be awarded to faculty at Catholic seminaries. The goal was for professors to construct courses which would substantially integrate theology and philosophy with contemporary science. Thanks to the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation in awarding a grant, I am offering an interdisciplinary course this semester titled, *Man and Woman He Created Them: What Science and Philosophy tell us about Gender*.

For a while, my own research and writing had targeted the nature of the human person—in particular the person as man or woman. Despite the manifest significance of gender in our everyday life, it has not been a significant topic in the history of Western philosophy. Yet the 20th century saw gender come to prominence in a variety of contexts: the Women's Liberation Movement, the Sexual Revolution, and biological discoveries revealing the genetic structures of the human organism. In response to these social and scientific phenomena, the Church reflected more deeply on human sexuality and we have seen remarkable magisterial and theological fruits of that reflection: think of Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae*, St. Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and his letter *On The Dignity and Vocation of Woman*, to name a few.

Given these teachings, it is important for philosophy to build on the truth of the human person as a radical unity of soul and body, extending this account to man and woman. Not only does philosophy deepen human understanding, it also serves a crucial role in properly integrating theology and science, the latter having become a dominant voice of authority in our largely secular culture.

In light of these concerns, I drafted a grant proposal for a course which would examine man and woman philosophically, with the help of contemporary science and in the context of Revelation. In the spring of 2016, I spent a good deal of my

sabbatical at Oxford University in England working on this project, and that summer was awarded the grant.

The next step in constructing this course was to obtain excellent scientists, medical professionals, and theologians as guest lecturers who shared the Church's vision of the human person. Fortunately, St. Louis is home to many of these individuals. My colleague at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, Dr. Shawn Welch, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, will contribute her theological expertise to the class. Dr. Paul Hruz, professor of pediatrics, endocrinology and cell biology at Washington University in St. Louis, and Dr. Dustin Baldrige, a pediatric

geneticist also at Washington University, will speak on gender from the standpoint of their disciplines. From outside St. Louis, Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, OP, a moral theologian and molecular biologist at Providence College, will address the origins of male and female from an evolutionary perspective. Dr. Andrew Sodergren, Psy.D., from Cincinnati, Ohio, will articulate man and woman through the lens of psychology.

I am very grateful for the enthusiastic participation of all

the guest lecturers who are contributing their time and talent to this course.

My hope is that seminarians will deepen their own understanding of, and love for, God's creation as revealed in our male and female identities from this course. According to St. Paul, marriage itself is an image of the "great mystery" that is the union of Christ with the Church. As assuming an identity *in persona Christi capitis*, a future priest's masculinity becomes especially significant in relation to the Church as feminine. Pastorally, a host of issues that have always been central to peoples' lives (like marital relations) and some that are relatively new (like the transgender phenomenon), call for a priest to understand the truth of human gender and to lovingly care for his people in light of it. May the intercession of St. Edith Stein and St. Pope John Paul II continue to guide us in this course!



Dr. John Finley with his wife Hilary and their three children.

## *In Memoriam*

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

**Fr. John F. Blomberg**, Class of 1959 – St. Louis

**Msgr. Daniel M. Hogan**, Class of 1953 – St. Louis

**Msgr. John J. Kennedy**, Class of 1949 – St. Louis

**Fr. Theodore X. Pieper**, Class of 1962 – St. Louis

**Fr. Joseph E. Ryan**, Class of 1951 – St. Louis

**Fr. Thomas J. Schaab**, Class of 1974 – St. Louis

**Fr. Robert Stewart**, Class of 1982 – Kansas City - St. Joseph

## Witness to the Priesthood: 168 Years and Counting

By Steven Kalinowski, College IV – St. Louis



Bishop Robert Hermann



Msgr. Edmund Griesedieck



Fr. James Swetnam, S.J.

**T**his year, we are blessed to have three highly skilled and experienced priests in our midst, sharing their wisdom and talents with the seminary community. Bishop Robert Hermann, Msgr. Edmund Griesedieck, and Fr. James Swetnam, S.J., have a combined total of 168 years of faithful service as priests for the Church.

Bishop Hermann, Class of 1963 and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of St. Louis, is one of fifteen children and is a native of Weingarten, MO. He attributes his priestly vocation to a number of factors, including the positive influence of his parents and his first grade teacher, Sr. Mary Pius, CPPS, who instilled a deep love for Jesus in him at a young age. Bishop Hermann was ordained in 1963 and was consecrated as a bishop in 2002. Bishop Hermann moved into the seminary this past summer and is currently serving as a spiritual director. He enjoys being part of the seminary community saying, “I love both the students and the faculty. This seminary is spiritually alive!”

Msgr. Griesedieck, Class of 1965 – St. Louis, did not enter seminary until his pastor encouraged him to go on a discernment retreat at age 28. Previously, he had received his BA from Cornell University, served in the Air Force, and worked at Falstaff Brewing Corporation. During his time as

a priest, Msgr. Griesedieck served at five different parishes, mostly in north St. Louis. Msgr. Griesedieck has been serving as a spiritual director at the seminary since 2003. He expressed his gratitude at having the opportunity, saying, “I am very grateful to the Archbishop and the Rectors for inviting me to continue to serve as a spiritual director, which I love doing.”

Fr. Swetnam, S.J., another St. Louis native (Webster Groves), entered the Society of Jesus at the age of 17. In 1958, Fr. Swetnam was ordained a priest and will celebrate his 60th anniversary on June 18th. Fr. Swetnam spent 50 years of his priestly ministry at the prestigious Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome from 1960-2010, first as a student, and later as a professor. He has taught and ministered in 45 countries and 30 US states. Currently, he serves as Scholar in Residence at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and splits his time in residence at the seminary and Jesuit Hall in St. Louis.

Personally, I have been blessed by the presence of all three priests. Their example of holiness is truly inspiring. I could spend hours listening to all of the fascinating stories they have collected over their years of ministry. We hope to be able to enjoy their presence at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for many years to come.





# TELL YOUR STORY

**STORIES REVEAL WHO WE ARE.** They bind us together and preserve our memories. Stories teach important lessons about life and faith. Every story – including yours – contributes to who we are as Church and reveals Christ Himself to the world. Every year, Catholics across the Archdiocese of St. Louis unite through the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is one important way for us to support those who are suffering and in need. It helps them share their story. In addition, the ACA allows the Archdiocesan Vocations Office to help people discern God's call in their lives. It provides a graceful retirement to priests who have ministered to the faithful for many years. It also helps Kenrick-Glennon Seminary form priests for the future.

**PART OF THAT FORMATION INVOLVES SPENDING TIME IN THE PARISHES. HERE ARE SOME OF THEIR STORIES:**



∞ “Serving in the parish has been one of the greatest joys of formation. Getting to jump in the trenches with others is a privilege which only further prepares us for priesthood!”

*Patrick Russell, Theology III – St. Louis*

∞ “Working in various pastoral settings has opened my eyes to the vast array of ways in which the world is thirsting for the Gospel to be proclaimed to it. I have journeyed with teenagers and young adults who are struggling to navigate the doubt and confusion which high school and college years throw at them, as well as elderly persons who question why God allows them to suffer such pain and loneliness. Through these pastoral assignments, I am learning skills and priestly virtues to show the face of Christ to people in many different human situations.”

*Mitchell Baer, Theology II – St. Louis*

∞ “Being able to work in a parish is invaluable to me in seminary formation. It takes more than a great theologian to be a good priest, and the people of God are sometimes a seminarian's greatest formators. I am indebted to the countless good, holy Catholics I have met in parishes throughout the Archdiocese and all they have done to help prepare me to one day serve them as a future priest.”

*Tony Ritter, Theology III – St. Louis*

∞ “My life is so complete – just being with the people of God, with the parishioners... having them help me be the priest that they need.”

*Deacon Christopher Rubie, Theology IV – St. Louis*

∞ “I had the opportunity during my pastoral internship to teach in the grade school. Over the course of the year, I created a story that incorporated religion and always had a cliff-hanger ending. This experience made me realize how much fun teaching and sharing the faith is!”

*George Staley, Theology III – St. Louis*



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Thank you for helping to make possible so many remarkable stories of hope and joy through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

# PriestFit: Healthy Mind, Healthy Body

By Paul Sappington, Pre-Theology II – Kansas City – St. Joseph

As Catholics, we know that we are composites made up of soul and body. Both are important and both need to be actively attended to in our lives. If either part of our existence of soul or body is not well, if either one is “sick,” the other suffers. It is important to nourish both soul and body. The mind can be nourished with knowledge, prayer, and silence. Our bodies have needs by which they can thrive, including sleep, exercise, and a healthy diet. By taking care of our body and soul, we are giving ourselves completely over to the Lord, in whose image and likeness we are made.

The practice of sports and fitness is something that has been an important part of every stage of my life. As a child, I played competitive baseball, basketball, and soccer. In high school, I continued with baseball and added football to my sports regime, doing my best to avoid getting crushed by the opposing teams. Throughout college, I sported with the newfound world of intramurals and dove into the weightlifting world perhaps a little too seriously. In an effort to remain active when I entered the work force as an electrical engineer in Kansas City, I found an organization called Catholic Challenge Sports. This organization allowed me to remain active as a young adult while meeting other young Catholics. In fact, people I met through the Catholic Challenge Sports groups became some of my closest friends.

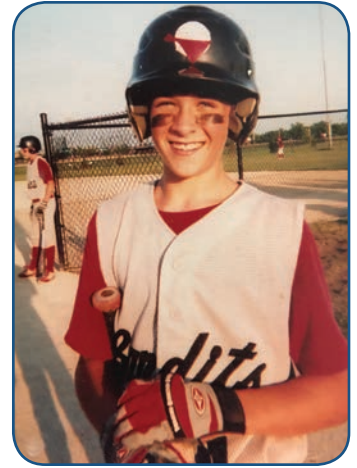
The active lifestyle that I lead has been an incredible benefit to me in my journey toward the priesthood. As a child and young adult, an active lifestyle helped to keep me out of trouble and make good friends. Perhaps the best benefit of fitness, however, is that it prepared me to hear and say “yes” to my vocation to the priesthood. While in college, I came to the realization that while I

spent much of my time doing things required in order to survive and lead a healthy life, such as eating, sleeping, working, commuting, etc., the rest of my time was spent terribly. In fact, I was wasting what time remained in my day. I spent too much time in front of my smartphone and in front of the TV. The thought struck me one day, “What if, instead of hours on social media, I studied music instead? I would be a stellar musician.” Or, “What if I spent those hours in front of a TV studying electrical engineering instead? I might actually understand what a volt is and how electricity works.” In an effort to spend my free time more wisely, I chose to actively engage in reading and exercising. I read a book on exercising and developed a workout routine. I stuck to that routine habitually and it actually started to become my religion.

At this point in life, however, I was also slowly beginning to unwrap the gift that is my Baptism and Confirmation, realizing that I needed to pray more than bedtime prayers each day. I went to a priest for spiritual direction. He gave me a prayer routine called the *Plan of Life* from Opus Dei. Although the topic itself was difficult and foreign to me, the idea of having a routine was something I had already learned through fitness. Through patience and time, I was able to persevere in learning more about God. I met Jesus. Slowly, His plan for me developed. And as a result, I said “yes” to the call to the priesthood and entered the seminary.

Staying active is something that I plan to carry with me, and I hope to be able to help others do the same. I was fortunate enough to assist seminarians Ty Taylor, Theology II – Wichita, and George Staley, Theology III – St. Louis, in a St. Joseph’s Workshop called “PriestFit.” In the workshop, we discussed the basics of exercising, weightlifting, and nutrition. It was a true gift to share in the appreciation of fitness and to be able to set them on the path toward becoming healthier men.

Seminary formation encourages us to take care of our bodies in a variety of ways, and provides a structured routine and the



The KGS Lions soccer team celebrates a win at the 2017 Souls and Goals Soccer Cup.



resources needed to learn and practice a healthy lifestyle. The Kapaun Student Center is the home to an incredibly effective workout facility. The seminary campus also sports an outdoor pool, a tennis court, an indoor basketball court, two racquetball courts, and two large outdoor fields for soccer, football, ultimate frisbee, and softball. This year, the kitchen contributed toward our healthy lifestyle, replacing bagged snacks with protein bars and delicious mixed nuts, providing healthier sources of energy for our daily lives.

As a priest, I should be present for all of the big moments of a parishioner's life, whether they are planned or unplanned. I should be there to baptize a child and welcome him into the



Mystical Body of Christ. I should be there at 2:00 a.m. when someone's mother is sick in the hospital and needs emergency anointing. Catholics should be able to count on the presence of their priests. This radical calling would be largely hindered if I was not taking care of my body. As St. Paul says, "Your bodies are shrines of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in you. Glorify God by making your

bodies the shrines of his presence" (1 Cor 6:19-20). A priest will be more prone to sickness, aches and pains, and the like if he is not taking some time to care for this shrine which is his body. I believe that I need to take care of myself, physically and spiritually, for the sake of my future parishioners. In this way, I will be offering worship to God and service to His People.



## KGS Lions Basketball Team

By Paul Gardner, Theology I – Bismarck



### *Fast and faster.*

These are the key qualities that Seminarian-Coach Matthew Koppinger, Theology I – Bismarck, sees in the KGS Lions' basketball squad. Made up in large part of seminarians new to KGS this year, the team thrives on quickness and an upbeat tempo. Matthew himself is fresh in the coaching position for the Lions, and brings a wealth of basketball knowledge and experience to the team. In just a few weeks, he has helped the 12-man roster put the right pieces together — speed, strength, size, and shooting — into an integrated and competitive lineup.

In seminary formation, even fun and ordinary activities like basketball take on a deeper focus, one that goes beyond speed or scores. Basketball is one of the ways in which the seminary provides an environment of solid human formation. It enables seminarians to practice teamwork, communication, dedication, selflessness, and many other valuable human qualities pertinent to priestly life. Playing on the KGS Lions' team only takes a few hours a week, and not only gives seminarians an opportunity for physical fitness, but a chance to run their athletic abilities to the max in a competitive and structured sporting activity.

The team practices for the annual Mundelein Basketball Tournament in Chicago. The tournament is a high-level energy event with intense competition. This year's event took place at the end of January and the Lions made the top eight of all seminaries in attendance. It was time well spent, providing an opportunity to meet men from other seminaries and experience the brotherhood present within the broader Church.

As a first year Theology seminarian, I am thrilled to be part of the team and to be the new Athletic Coordinator for the seminary. After playing basketball all through grade school and high school in my home town in North Dakota, I am excited to get back into the court playing the game I love. Here at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, it is more than just a game and there is more at stake than winning. To the seminarians, basketball is one more way the Lord is forming His future priests.



The KGS Lions Basketball Team at the 2018 tournament at Mundelein Seminary.

## MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

By Tom Wilson, Pre-Theology I – Sioux City, IA

**A**s I reflect on my first semester of seminary, I am amazed at the positive impact just a few months at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary have had on me. In the life of prayer, study, and fraternity, which the seminary provides, God has begun transforming me into the man He is calling me to be. This change wouldn't be possible without the work of the faculty, staff, and my brother seminarians.

This opportunity to grow closer to our Lord in holiness is also made possible by so many seminary supporters, many of whom contribute through the annual special collection at the parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis at all of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This past Advent, I was assigned to St. Norbert Catholic Church in Florissant to share the seminary's mission and promote the collection. At first, I was a bit uncertain about asking a group of people I've never met to financially support an institution I've only been a part of for a few months. This uncertainty subsided when I considered how thankful I am for the formation I am receiving and when I realized how great a need there is for contributions from the parishes. I also saw the assignment as a valuable formation experience. As a pastor, I will often need to make similar appeals to my parishioners and organizations in order to meet the needs of the Church.

I had a great time meeting many of the St. Norbert parishioners after Mass and learning about their parish community. I am grateful to Fr. Jim Mitulski, Class of 1972, and Deacon Bill Twellman for their hospitality and for allowing me to share the mission of the seminary with the St. Norbert community.



## Highlights

Hundreds of guests attended the annual [Advent Novena](#) from December 6-14 in the Chapel of St. Joseph. A live stream of the event was available each night so that friends and family could join in the prayerful reflection from far away. Recordings of each Novena are available for viewing on our YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/kenrickglennon](https://youtube.com/kenrickglennon).



**Fr. Tad Pacholczyk**, Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center, offered a series of classes to the seminarians from January 24th – February 28th. Class topics covered a wide range of life-affirming topics including Stem Cell Research and Human Embryos, Infertility, IVF and Reproductive Technologies, Chastity in Marriage, Genetic Testing, Complex Cases in Pregnancy, Homosexuality, Intersexuality, Gender Identity, and Transgenderism.

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of [Bishop John Gaydos](#), CGC Class of 1965, as Bishop of Jefferson City. Bishop Gaydos, who was ordained as bishop in August 1997, resigned because of health concerns. His successor, Bishop Shawn McKnight, was installed as the fourth bishop of the diocese on February 6, 2018.

**Fr. Charles Samson**, CGC Class of 2009 – St. Louis, published his first book, *Come and See: A Catholic Guide to the Holy Land*. This comprehensive guide for the Catholic pilgrim journeying to the homeland of Our Lord has at its core the fruit and heart of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's annual Holy Land Retreat & Pilgrimage for the deacon class.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's new [Instagram](#) account follows seminarians through photos and videos, sharing a behind-the-scenes glance at their daily life. Make sure to follow us on Instagram and other social media and share sites:



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## NEW ENDOWMENT BENEFITS SEMINARY

Archbishop Carlson visited the offices of the Roman Catholic Foundation on December 4th to ring the Celebration Bell on the occasion of the establishment of the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Endowment Fund. The Foundation rings the Bell each time a new fund is established.

The Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Endowment Fund was recently founded with a gift from an anonymous donor. The fund will provide operating support to Kenrick-Glennon-Seminary and the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Would you like to support our future priests and pro-life efforts in the Archdiocese of St. Louis? Please give online at [rcfstl.org/funds](http://rcfstl.org/funds) or send your donation to:

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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson rings the Celebration Bell with Fr. James Mason, President-Rector, and Karen Nolkemper, Executive Director of the Respect Life Apostolate.

## Mrs. Mary Burke Finds Hope, Brings Others to Seminary

It all started when Mrs. Mary Burke attended a formation talk given by President-Rector, Fr. James Mason. She was so impressed with the leadership at the seminary that she wanted to learn more and to share it with the St. Louis Catholic community. Mrs. Burke and her husband Hap worked with Fr. Mason to develop men's and women's groups to further engage the community on a human and spiritual level. While the *Forming Men for Christ* men's group meets under Fr. Mason's personal guidance at St. Joseph's in Clayton, the *Fiat Women's Group* gathers at the seminary and features a talk given by various priests and faculty members.

Thanks to her efforts in promoting the seminary's programs, Mrs. Burke brings hundreds of people to the seminary to pray and share in the wisdom of the faculty and priests and life of the seminarians.

Mrs. Burke sees the seminarians inspiring our community, "The seminary has become a dynamic magnet, drawing people through joy, learning, and the spiritual life. I see incredible things happening at the seminary – it gives me great hope for the future of our Church."

Whether sending out emails, coordinating bulletin and newspaper ads, or personally delivering promotional materials to parishes and schools, Mrs. Burke acts on every inspiration she has to draw others to the mission of the seminary. "It's encouraging and uplifting to meet these young men who are giving their entire

lives for the sake of our Church and to see how happy they are. These men are not only learning so much intellectually, but they are also deepening their relationship with Christ."

To learn more about Fiat and Forming Men for Christ, visit:

- [kenrick.edu/fiat](http://kenrick.edu/fiat)
- [kenrick.edu/resources/formingmenforchrist](http://kenrick.edu/resources/formingmenforchrist)



Mrs. Burke and her daughter Molly share a joyful moment with Bishop Hermann and seminarian Joseph Detwiler during a recent Fiat Women's Group gathering.

# 25th Annual Convivium Dinner Auction: *Joining Hands with History*

By Adam Pleimann, College IV – St. Louis



ON NOVEMBER 4, 2017, nearly 500 seminary friends, alumni priests, faculty, and seminarians celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Convivium Dinner Auction.

The evening began with Mass in the seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph and was followed by a dinner and auction at the Chase Park Plaza Royal Sonesta St. Louis. An impressive ice sculpture of the seminary's tower stood in the center of the room, commemorating over two decades of the event's growth. The Convivium Dinner Auction is the seminary's sole fundraising event of the year.

This event to support the seminary's operational budget has been a signature event in the Archdiocese of St. Louis since before I was born. What started as an event with dinner in the seminary's refectory and auction items filling classrooms, has increased in size through four venues and a current annual attendance of approximately 500 guests. This year, over \$375,000 was raised for the seminary – the highest revenue in the event's history.

During the gathering, over 100 seminarians made it their priority to serve guests in every capacity – welcoming guests, assisting with raffle ticket and grab bag sales, waving flags for the oral auction, and carrying auction purchases to cars at the end of the night. Convivium gives us a chance to say “thank you” to the St. Louis community for their ongoing support of our own formation and that of countless priests before us.

As a seminarian representative on the Convivium Committee, my job was to help coordinate all seminarian efforts for the event. Stepping into a leadership role with Convivium was like joining hands with history! I had the privilege of working with the Committee, a group of friends, who dedicate countless hours to the auction by helping to acquire item donations, assemble and organize auction items, and manage various auction night tasks. These generous souls see themselves as simply doing their part to build upon and grow the work of others throughout the past 25 years.

✦ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ✦

Saturday, November 3, 2018 | 26th Annual Convivium Dinner Auction | [kenrick.edu/convivium](http://kenrick.edu/convivium)



# My Journey from Scientist to Seminarian

By Zach Harris, A.V.I., Theology I – Kansas City, KS

## CHAOS THEORY · NONLINEAR DYNAMICS · FLUID TURBULENCE

This was the world in which I was immersed three years ago at Texas A&M University as a PhD student in aerospace engineering. I dreamed of improving our mathematical models of fluid turbulence, one of the most ubiquitous yet mysterious phenomena in the natural world. I envisioned myself teaching in a university, sharing with young people the beauty and wonder of the natural world. This

was my plan, at least, until Jesus called me forth from my customs post to evangelize and preach His Gospel.

Prior to my arrival at Texas A&M in 2013, I was convicted of the truth of Catholicism during my undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, and I desired to convince others of this truth, but I had yet to place my life in Jesus' hands and center it on Him. Truth remained a concept, an idea to me, not the Person of Jesus. Through my thirst for Truth, however, Jesus led me step-by-step to this encounter with Him.

When I entered Notre Dame in 2009, I treasured my faith but was a "STEM-supremist" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). I knew little of our rich Catholic intellectual heritage with its harmony of faith and reason. Over the next few years, however, I encountered the riches and truth of authentic Catholic philosophy and theology; and I was hooked! I attended lectures, read articles and books, and conversed with friends studying these areas. I saw that the Church, guided by faith and reason, teaches the truth about man and the world. Not only do science and faith not conflict, but they can enrich and inform one another!

Upon graduating from Notre Dame with degrees in both aerospace engineering and physics, I headed to Texas A&M. Although convicted of the truth of Catholicism, I still clung to my own plans for my life. Looking back, I see that, in His



Zach Harris (left) with members of the Apostles of the Interior Life at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary: Fr. Edward Ahn (Spiritual Director), Zach Harris (Theology I), Joel Haug (Theology III) and Fr. Mirco Sosio (Spiritual Director).

Divine Providence, God brought me to Texas A&M to break through this self-determination.

At Texas A&M, spiritual direction and a daily habit of mental prayer allowed His truths to filter from my mind to my heart and opened its gates to the Father's goodness and love. Reflecting upon His Presence throughout my life, I thirsted to respond to His Love with love, by spending time with Him in prayer and by bringing others to Him. I learned much about myself

through my relationship with Him. I encountered His joy and abundant life not when I studied fluid turbulence, but when I spent time with Him in prayer, when I studied His saving truth and His family (the Church), and when I shared His love and truth with others. God was calling me to serve Him not as a scientist or professor, but as an Apostle of the Interior Life and a priest! In the spring of 2015, I withdrew from my doctoral program and began formation with my community that following fall.

During my formation, Jesus has confirmed my call to the Apostles of the Interior Life and to the priesthood. He has helped me grow in the freedom, joy, and abundant life. While I do not work on fluid mechanics (or even much math!) these days, I still find it interesting. I trust that Jesus will make use of these experiences and interests to draw others into His love.

Although I don't know exactly *how* Jesus will use my background in the natural sciences within my priesthood, I believe that He *will* use it to draw souls into a relationship with Him. At the heart of the quest for truth and meaning in all fields is a thirst for Jesus, Who is Himself, Truth, Meaning, and Beauty. As for me, I give abundant thanks for the journey through which He led me to encounter Him as the Truth I sought, and, in this encounter, to recognize Him as the goodness for which my heart longs.



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### APRIL

Sunday, April 1: Easter

Friday, April 6: Nazareth Night

Tuesday, April 10: Installation of Lector – Theology II

Wednesday, April 11: Board of Trustees

Thursday, April 19: Installation of Acolyte – Theology I

Saturday, April 21: Cardinal Glennon College Trivia Night

Monday, April 23: Deacon Oaths

### MAY

Saturday, May 5: Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Archdiocese of St. Louis

Tuesday, May 8: Priesthood Oaths

Saturday, May 12: Kenrick School of Theology Graduation

Friday, May 18: Cardinal Glennon College Graduation

Saturday, May 26: Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, Archdiocese of St. Louis

### JUNE

June 3-9: Kenrick Glennon Days

June 11-17: #FathersWeek

### AUGUST

August 20-26: Orientation

Monday, August 27: Classes Begin


### SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 6: Mass of the Holy Spirit


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