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Mrs. Jennifer C. Ryan Appointed as Director of Pastoral Education, Evangelization, and Apostolic Service at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Reverend Paul Hoesing, President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, announced today that Mrs. Jennifer C. Ryan, MA, LPC, will join the Seminary as Director of Pastoral Education, Evangelization, and Apostolic Service on July 1, 2023. In this role, Mrs. Ryan will assist the formation team in the development, design, implementation, and assessment of a complete pastoral formation curriculum for all stages of seminary formation.

In establishing the position, Fr. Hoesing recalls that “Pope Francis said Catholics must realize: ‘We are not living in an era of change but a change of era.’ In light of pastoral planning throughout the region, a new Program for Priestly Formation being implemented this year across the US Catholic Church, and our Holy Father’s perspective, it is important to invest in the pastoral dimension of formation here at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Mrs. Ryan brings a wealth of experience, creativity, and ardor to the mission of forming priests who are ‘true shepherds of souls after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, teacher, priest, and shepherd’ (PDV, no. 57).”

Mrs. Ryan is currently the Pastoral Associate at Church of the Magdalen in St. Louis City. She has worked in lay ecclesial ministry for the past sixteen years as a Youth Minister, Clinical Therapist, College Campus Minister, and Pastoral Associate. Mrs. Ryan earned a BA in Psychology from the University of Missouri in Columbia in 2007 and a MA in Counseling from Webster University in 2011. She has been a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Missouri since 2015.

Mrs. Ryan states, “I have had the privilege of spending my adult life working in parish ministry across the lifespan, a counseling agency that sent me into numerous Catholic schools, and the missionary lifestyle of Catholic evangelization on a secular college campus. My heart is bursting at the seams to share the dynamism required and bestowed for sharing the Faith, flowing from the graces of prayer, love, and sacrifice.”

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary began the 2022-2023 academic year with 123 men and currently serves 22 dioceses.

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