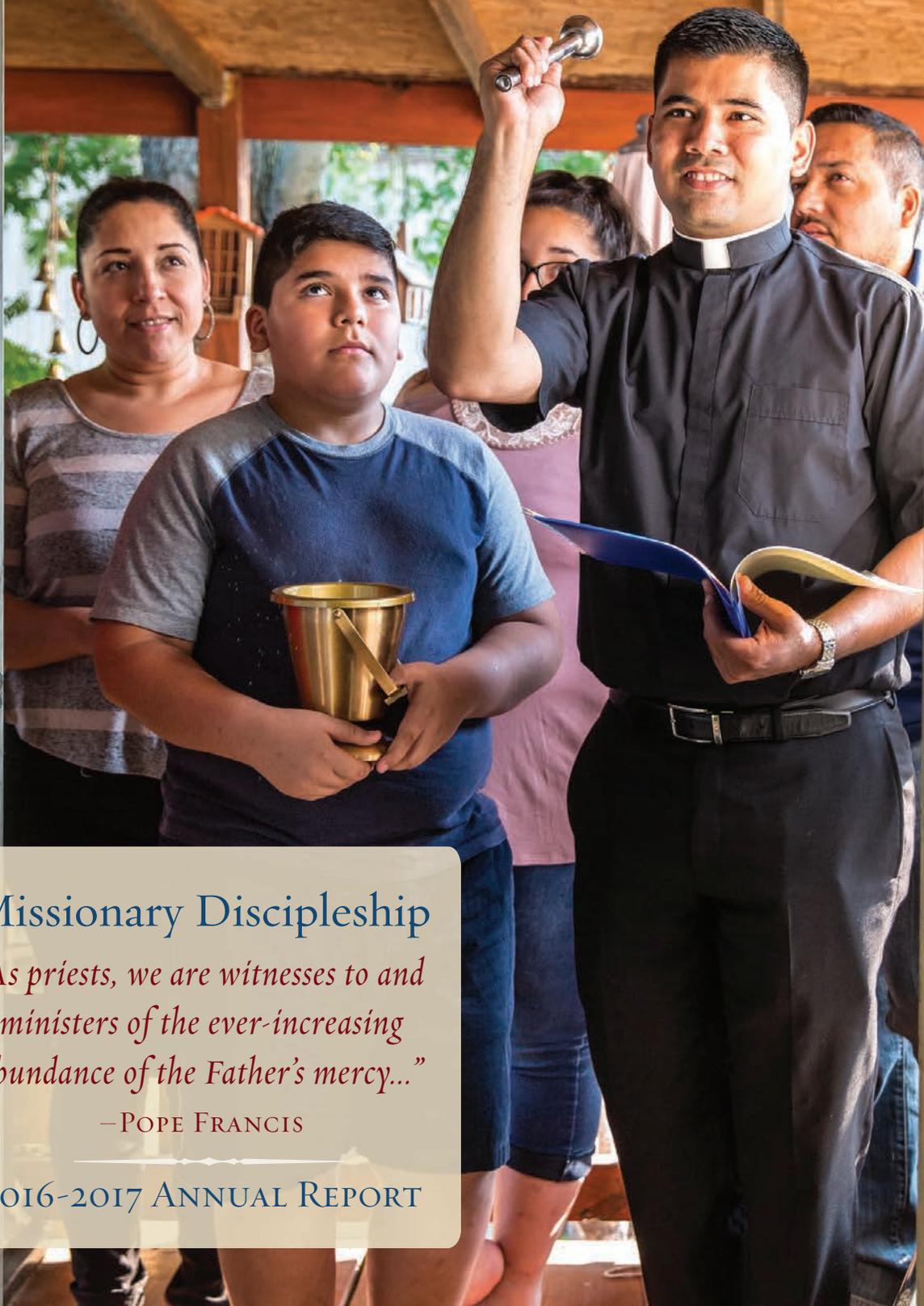


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Missionary Discipleship

“As priests, we are witnesses to and ministers of the ever-increasing abundance of the Father’s mercy...”

—POPE FRANCIS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR



Dear Friends,

It's not uncommon for me to watch a movie with the Dean of Seminarians, Fr. Paul Hoelsing, and the Vice-Rector of the College, Fr. Chris Martin. We often find a scene that has application to seminary life. This happened with *Money Ball*. Brad Pitt stars as the Oakland A's general manager, Billy Beane. Beane concludes that the most important attribute in building a baseball team is asking the question: *“Does the man get on base?”*

We find ourselves doing similar analyses at the seminary. A man may have a 4.0 GPA. He may be pious and devout. He may have a pleasant singing voice and speak five languages. All of those things are great. None of them is the last word. Our question is: *“What does he look like in a parish?”* and *“Can the man be a healthy, holy, joy-filled parish priest?”*

Yes, it's that basic. God willing, the men will return to their dioceses as priests. The Bishop will ask: *“Is this man easily assignable, assignable, barely assignable or unassignable?”* It's their version of Beane's question. I hear the same echo from pastors. They want a man with good theology. They want a man of prayer. But their primary questions are: *“Can he be with the people? Is he a hard worker? Can he do the work and do it with joy?”*

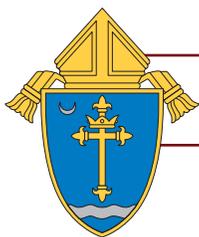
On the evening of his election, Pope Paul VI wrote in his diary: “I find myself in the papal chambers. A profound sense of uneasiness and confidence at the same time... Then it is night, prayer and silence; no, it is not silence: the world watches and overtakes me. I must learn to really love it, the Church as she is, the world as it is.”

That's what we want: a man who can love parish life in all of its real world messiness and still be a sign of the joy and hope of living in Jesus Christ. If he can, he has the makings of a parish priest who can help get as many souls across home plate as possible!

In Christ,

Father James Mason, J.D.

President-Rector



FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the ordination Mass for the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis said that a priest who does not willingly embrace Christ's cross and who does not try to lighten the burdens of his people is "useless." Strong language from the Holy Father! He implored the men to be "pastors who model their service on Jesus, the Good Shepherd."

So, how does a man learn to be a good shepherd?

First, he has to learn humility. He has to realize that he is fully dependent on God. He cannot do it alone.

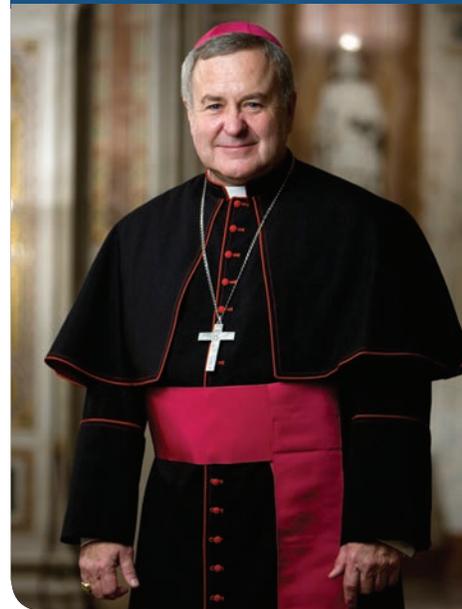
The ordination rite captures this beautifully. Candidates prostrate themselves on the floor of the Cathedral while the faithful sing the Litany of Saints. Lying on the floor symbolizes a man's unworthiness to be a priest, his complete dependence on God if he's going to do it at all, and his reliance on the prayers of the Christian community if he's going to do it well. We ask the saints to intercede for the men, that Christ will strengthen them and make them worthy spiritual fathers for the people of God.

We know from experience, and the men know from their formation, that their own abilities will not be enough to sustain them in ministry. To be good priests, they will have to draw on the riches of Christ's paschal mystery every day of their lives. The prayers of the faithful will help them to do so.

Please join me in continued prayers for our newly ordained alumni-priests and for our future priests. May they never be useless! Instead, like St. John Vianney and St. Paul, let us pray that they never avoid the pastoral work assigned to them or be afraid to proclaim the truth and challenge those who hear them to give their lives over to God. Christ, the Good Shepherd, make them spiritual fathers and shepherds who are willing to lay down their lives for the good of the flock.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



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THE CALL TO Missionary Discipleship

By Deacon Gerson Parra, Theology IV – St. Louis

Missionary Discipleship means three things: to be called, to be formed, and to be sent. God always calls messengers to announce the Good News, but such a call requires an answer that comes from the bottom of our hearts. It is a personal invitation from Christ who calls each of us by our own name. We follow Him because we recognize His voice.

There are many passages in Sacred Scripture in which we see examples of God's calling. As a Missionary Disciple, I have been touched by Jeremiah's call. I see this vocation passage as my personal call to be a missionary for God's grace. The Book of Jeremiah says: "The word of the LORD came to me: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you; a prophet to the nations I appointed you" (Jer 1:4-5). I have responded, as Jeremiah did, by replying to God's call with generosity.

I had my first experience as a missionary around the age of 8 years old when I belonged to the Holy Childhood Association Sardinata, Colombia. It was the first time God called me to serve His Church. During this time, I learned to share God's love with joy, passion, and enthusiasm. I did this by following the example of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in helping others, especially the poor. The sisters and local families, including my own, used to go around our neighborhood, knocking on doors, giving people a message of hope and inviting them to come to church. In addition, we used to have moments of prayer and praise when we would sing a missionary song. I remember a verse of a song that says, "I am a missionary, although I am small, I serve with

great joy to the Celestial King." That was a great memory of my childhood that even today, when I sing or listen to this song, my heart turns on fire; it beats faster than normal, and my face fills with happiness that cannot be contained.

From this experience of my childhood, I received a great love, passion, and zeal to proclaim the Gospel, the Good News to others and announce the Father's Love in sending his Son for our salvation. St. John the Evangelist says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). It is Jesus who reveals the love of the Father. We can see this in Jesus who reveals the Mercy of the Eternal Father.



Deacon Gerson Parra blesses the home of a family from the parish.

After God calls us, He prepares us for the mission. Jesus prepared his Apostles and Disciples by sharing his life with them. By living among them, He taught them how to be Christ-like to others. Spending time with Jesus is a wonderful opportunity to learn from Him how and what to pray. "Pray without ceasing!" (1 Thess 5:17). As missionaries, it is important to spend time with Jesus as the disciples did. He said to them, "Come, and you will see. So they went and saw where he was

staying, and they stayed with him that day" (Jn 1:39). Being a disciple is to be continually formed by Jesus. It is to be open to the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms our lives.

Jesus was sent by the Father to awaken the deep aspirations of his disciples and attract them to Himself by filling them with amazement. The follow-up is the fruit of a fascination that responds to our own desires to meet him, who "is the way, and the truth and life" (Jn 14:6). If we are passionate for Christ, we

should be able to recognize Jesus as the teacher who has “words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68) and we should let ourselves be led by such a Great Shepherd.

After the call and formation, one is ready for Missionary Discipleship. As Jesus sent His disciples, “he sends us on a mission to the world” (Jn 20:21) with the purpose of announcing the Good News. As a newly ordained transitional deacon, being sent to go and announce the Gospel has been one of the most wonderful experiences I have received during all the time of my priestly formation.

As a transitional deacon preparing for the priesthood, I serve at St. Charles Borromeo Church, in St. Charles, MO. I carry out the call to Missionary Discipleship by praying for the whole Church through the Liturgy of the Hours, personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, spiritual reading, praying the Holy Rosary, and Lectio Divina. Through prayer, we conquer not only Jesus’ heart, but also, the heart of the people to whom I preach the Good News.

Moreover, I have had the opportunity to baptize, to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, to preach the Gospel during Mass, to help in the formation of laity, to accompany pastoral groups, to give spiritual advice, to give a silent retreat and days of recollection, to visit nursing homes, assist the needy on the streets, and visit families to pray with them in their homes and bless their houses.

I want to share with you two graces that I have received during my summer, serving as a deacon. One day, I was walking on the street and a man asked me to pray for his father. He is around 80 years old and he had left the church more than 40 years ago. We prayed for a moment - a wonderful moment of peace and joy. And God came into that home to bless and give peace to the father. The father went to confession and he has come back to the Church. As Missionary Disciples, we do nothing; it is the Lord who works through us. At St. Charles Borromeo parish and in the Catholic Church as a whole, I have seen and felt the love that only God has for each one of us. Through Missionary Discipleship, we do not just evangelize others; we are also evangelized by Jesus Himself, who is present in the suffering, the sick, the young, and the old.

The second grace was the opportunity to go on the Emmaus retreat during the last weekend of July. I was able to see how God has transformed the lives of the retreatants. They now feel that they belong in the Church and are able to help spread the Gospel. They have taken an active part in the Church by giving catechesis, participating in prayer groups, and exercising some service during the Eucharist.

The mandate of the Lord is clear: Missionary Discipleship is not a passive calling or task. Pope Francis instructs us to “be shepherds, living with the smell of the sheep... as shepherds among your flock.”



Men ordained to the Transitional Diaconate are given the task of sharing the Gospel during their ordination ceremony. The bishop commissions them to, “Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.”

It is necessary to be with the people, to know them, and to let them know the love of God. We need to move from our office or workplace to the streets and to the peripheries, courageously giving a voice of encouragement, comforting those who suffer, visiting the sick, and assisting the oppressed. Pope Paul VI’s exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* says that the Church’s call to evangelization is, “to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ’s sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection.” We might follow the example of the Apostles who never stopped teaching and proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah.

We are all missionaries. We have all experienced the Lord’s call; we have prepared ourselves and are now ready to go out and announce the Gospel. We know that the Church by its nature is missionary and that the mission renews and

strengthens Her. We participate in the mission because, “His grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things” (Eph 3:8-9). We all have been given a missionary heart. Let us now go and share it with others.

Deacon Gerson Parra is originally from Colombia, South America. He is studying as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of St. Louis by invitation of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson. God-willing, he will be ordained a priest in May 2018.

ORDINATIONS

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BISMARCK • May 31, 2017
Fr. Gregory Luger

JEFFERSON CITY • June 3, 2017
Fr. Paul Clark

MASAKA (UGANDA) • August 5, 2017
Fr. Joseph Lugalambi

OMAHA • June 3, 2017
Fr. Nicholas Mishek
Fr. Scott Schilmoeller

SALINA • June 3, 2017
Fr. Justin Palmer

SPRINGFIELD, IL • May 27, 2017
Fr. Ron Lorilla

ST. LOUIS • May 27, 2017
Fr. Peter Faimega
Fr. Michael Lampe
Fr. Clark Philipp*
Fr. John Schneier

TSHUMBE (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO) • July 16, 2017
Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi

WICHITA • May 27, 2017
Fr. Jacob Carlin
Fr. Andrew Hoffman

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

OMAHA • May 26, 2017
Deacon Taylor Leffler
Deacon Patrick Moser
Deacon Padraic Stack

ST. LOUIS • May 6, 2017
Deacon Gerson Parra
Deacon Philipraj Rathinam
Deacon Christopher Rubie

TSHUMBE (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO) • May 6, 2017
Deacon Daniel Koko-Oleko

WICHITA • May 20, 2017
Deacon Chris Martin
Deacon Todd Shepherd

*Fr. Clark Philipp studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He is a graduate of Cardinal Glennon College.



Deacon Joe Kripinsky, Bismarck Diocese



Archdiocese of Omaha

Top Left: Fr. Gregory Luger gives his first blessing to Bishop David Kagan in the Diocese of Bismarck.

Top Right: Deacons Taylor Leffler, Patrick Moser, and Padraic Stack pose with Archbishop George Lucas, Class of 1975, after their ordination to the Transitional Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Bottom Right: The new priests for the Archdiocese of St. Louis receive their priestly assignments.



Jeff Geerling

Evangelized in the Congo

By Allen Kirchner, Theology II – Springfield-Cape Girardeau

For seven weeks this summer, I worked as an English teacher in The Diocese of Tshumbe in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. During that time, I also attended the priestly ordination of Kenrick alumnus, Fr. Laurent Bernard Okitakatshi, Class of 2017.

My intention was to offer assistance to students who wish to obtain an education outside the Congo, so that they can then return and apply what they learned for the betterment of the people in their own regions. Instead, I found myself being evangelized. Thanks to the work of priests like Fr. Laurent, communities of people with so little in a material sense have experienced so much of the love of Christ. And they share their joy with everyone they encounter. As missionary in a foreign land, I instead became a beneficiary of the missionary discipleship of the people I was serving.

“Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’”
(Evangelii Gaudium 120)



Allen Kirchner poses with Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi and Bishop Nicholas Djomo Lola, Bishop of Tshumbe.

Affiliation with the GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

By Deacon Christopher Rubie, Theology IV – St. Louis

ONE OF THE BLESSINGS

of being in the seminary is the superb academic formation available to each of us preparing for the priesthood. Like so many seminarians before me, I have received tremendous formation in many areas of academic and pastoral theology.

The theological foundation established in my seminary formation has been molded by classes in Fundamental Theology, Christology, Sacramental Theology, Moral Theology, and—to name my favorite classes—Church History and Canon Law. However, my intellectual formation would not be complete without knowledge and understanding of pastoral theology. Without a doubt, my classmates and I have been enriched by courses in pastoral counseling, grief ministry, and liturgical formation. Our intellectual formation is truly well-rounded; it is preparing all of us for future priestly ministry.

Given the theological richness of our classes, I am confident to say *this is truly good news for the Church!* Opportunities for growth in academics continues, as it did this past year, when qualifying members of the Class of 2017 took an additional examination to earn a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree (“S.T.B.”) before ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. As a

member of the Class of 2018, I must say, I am excited to prepare for the S.T.B. examination. God willing, I hope to satisfy the requirements for attaining the S.T.B., along with the Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) and Master of Arts degree in theology (M.A.).

The S.T.B. is an ecclesiastical academic degree issued from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. The S.T.B. degree provides the foundation for further ecclesiastical studies in the



licentiate or doctoral programs offered by Pontifical Universities throughout the world. The priest will be able to pass on to the faithful deep theological truths relevant to the everyday lives of his parishioners.

In addition, the S.T.B. is a substantial savings of time, energy, and money if, or when, a priest is sent on for further studies. Before the S.T.B. was offered at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, a priest would have to attain this degree before

beginning his licentiate studies in Rome, Italy. This process would ordinarily cost his diocese about \$50,000, not to mention the loss of his priestly presence in the parish. Graduates from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary now have the privilege of directly entering into advanced studies for their licentiate degree, resulting in an incredible amount of savings to dioceses and parishes.

Yet, the S.T.B. does something more; it enables the new priest to cohesively tie all the various areas of theology, history, and canon law into his pastoral ministry. While the S.T.B. degree may not always explicitly influence the way a priest ministers to the Church in every pastoral setting, it implicitly enables the priest to *think* and to *reflect* on theological and pastoral issues in a more cohesive way. In the parish this can be evidenced in the

way a priest provides spiritual direction, constructs his homilies, and teaches the faith to his parishioners.

I firmly believe that the S.T.B. degree will benefit future priests who are graduates from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. May the good work that the Lord is beginning through the S.T.B. degree bring to fulfillment an increase of priests committed to teaching the faith—appealing to the minds and hearts of the Church’s faithful!

FIRST FLOOR “LABORATORY” FOR THE PARISH

By Ty Taylor, Theology II – Wichita

WHEN I STUDIED ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, I WOULD SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN CLASSES LEARNING IMPORTANT CONCEPTS.

But the exciting ‘action’ happened in the laboratory sessions where my teammates and I would practice what we learned in the classroom. In the lab, we would experiment and apply different theories to various situations as the need arose. Many times, we were challenged to be creative when things didn’t go the way we had planned; it was very rare that we achieved perfect results. More often than not, however, we still did a good job and we definitely tried our best. Most of us were preparing for a career in which we would use all of the skills that we had learned—and we would use them weekly, if not daily. We hoped to be ready for anything!

In the same way, the ground floor of the seminary serves as a ‘practice area’ for our seminary training. We spend most of the day learning about various aspects of theology and ministry in the classroom, doing our best to prepare ourselves for the day when we will be ordained and start our life as priests. This is very important work because the people we hope to serve will expect us to give them an authentic encounter with the love of Jesus Christ, with whom we are expected to develop a very close relationship. Our classes help us to put words to our experiences in order to help us to bring people into a deeper relationship with Him through prayer and the sacraments.

We will have to use the skills we’ve learned and the talents that we’ve developed on a daily basis. The first floor



Fr. Paul Hoelsing presents to Fiat – a group of ladies that meets at the seminary on the Third Thursday of each month for prayer and reflection.

“laboratory” gives us a chance to “check our progress” and see how we’ve grown as we encounter the people of God. There have been times when I’ve walked onto the first floor and been surprised by being introduced to a visiting bishop. As soon as I turned the corner, I then met someone who needed directions to their room. A warm welcome is always our goal, even when circumstances are quite different! I’ve been given opportunities to encounter many different people in just as many different stages in life, whether through chance encounters like these or through the many events hosted at the seminary. The groups vary from Fiat or Discipulus Institute classes to those who worship with us at Nazareth Nights or the Advent Novena. It’s a blessing to be able to invite people into a part of our lives. And it seems that we often receive more than we give! We are preparing to “be all things to all people” (1 Cor. 9:22) as priests. Whether we are responding to the prayer request of one of our professors, meeting with a spiritual director, having lunch with our classmates, or entertaining friends who come to visit, we are asked to bring Christ to everyone that we meet.



“The first floor of the seminary reminds us that our first priority is to stay close to God.”

Sometimes we don't feel prepared for the encounter. There have been times that I've bumped into someone as I was coming back from the gym, sweating and tired, and helped them to find the faculty member or priest that they were searching for. Looking back, I would have preferred to be dressed more professionally or to be expecting their visit, but that's not how life works. Just as my college experiments called for quick improvisation, many times we are simply called to act quickly and to give it our best effort!

There have been occasions, too, when I've been asked for advice at a dinner or offered an ear to a classmate over lunch. Afterward, as I reflected on the experience, I began thinking of things that I could have said differently or of a person who would have been able to help more than I did. However, as I learned from my lab experiences, nothing is ever going to go perfectly and we often have only one chance to try. I've learned humility and greater trust in God through these encounters, remembering to pray for the person since God's grace can do more for them than I can.

The first floor of the seminary reminds us that our first priority is to stay close to God. Only then can we hope to share Him with the joy and enthusiasm that we learn in prayer, in the classroom and in the sacraments. The first floor "laboratory" allows us to glimpse what this sharing looks like in the life of a priest, where we bring God to the people and the people to Him!



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Become a Test Subject Witness the Laboratory at Work

If you would like to be a part of the seminarians' formation by walking the halls of their "laboratory," please consider coming to the one or more of the following events:

Advent Novena: December 6 – 14

- ❖ Prayer, music and a guest homilist each night at 7:00 p.m. in the seminary's candlelit Chapel of St. Joseph – preparing for the Christmas mystery.

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Nature Trail:

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily

- ❖ Enjoy the beauty of the seminary's 44 acre campus grounds on the 1.8 mile recreation trail of native prairie grasses and wildflowers.

Convivium Dinner Auction: November 4, 2017

- ❖ Mass at the seminary, followed by a dinner auction at the Chase Park Plaza Saint Louis Royal Sonesta. The evening includes a Silent Auction, Oral Auction, Raffle, and Fund a Need to support our future priests.

Fiat Women's Group: Every Third Thursday

- ❖ Each session begins with the holy rosary, followed by a talk from a distinguished faculty member, and concludes in the Fireside Lounge with coffee and refreshments. All women of all ages are invited.

Nazareth Nights: Select First Fridays

- ❖ Evenings of prayer and worship for Young Adults at 7:00 p.m. facebook.com/NazarethNights

Open House: Sunday, February 25, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

School and Parish Group Tours: By Appointment

- ❖ Please call the seminary at 314-792-6100 to schedule a tour for your school or parish group.

Vocations Events:

- ❖ **Come and See (High School Age)**
Spend a weekend exploring the seminary and visiting with seminarians who are discerning a call to the priesthood.
- ❖ **Kenrick-Glennon Days (6th - 9th Grade)**
Two action-packed days of swimming, games, educational sessions, Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Confession, small group prayer, and more. There are two sessions in June.
- ❖ **Priesthood Discernment Retreats (Men ages 19-33)**
A weekend to reflect on how to be attentive to the Lord's call to your life.
- ❖ For more information, visit: archstl.org/vocations/page/vocation-events-guys

Bishop Mark Rivituso: AT THE SERVICE OF SOULS

By Ryan Quarnstrom, College IV – St. Louis

In Rome on March 7th, Pope Francis appointed a graduate of both Cardinal Glennon College's Class of 1983 and Kenrick School of Theology's Class of 1988, then-Msgr. Mark S. Rivituso, as the newest Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

At the press conference on that same morning, Bishop Rivituso spoke of feeling both honored and humbled at the Holy Father's expression of confidence in him. In many ways, Bishop Rivituso's appointment serves doubly as a testament to the excellence in priestly formation that he and countless others received from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Rejoicing in this great gift, the men of Cardinal Glennon College presented him with a new mitre, a liturgical sign of his new authority as bishop.

Bishop Rivituso became the 58th alumni priest to join the College of Bishops, following the first bishop alumnus in 1911. As my brother seminarians and I walk to the chapel each day, past the pictures of these various shepherds hanging in our Hallway of Bishops, we are called to imitate the many courageous and exemplary men, bishop or not, who have walked these same halls before us, by spending ourselves at the service of souls.

Given this new encouragement, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary forges ahead in its mission to configure each seminarian's heart to Christ's priestly and pastoral heart, and as Bishop Rivituso's motto reminds us, *caritas Christi urget nos*—it's the love of Christ that impels us!



Bishop Mark Rivituso with the Cardinal Glennon College Class of 2017, wearing his new mitre, a gift from the class.

Alumni Day

On October 4, 2017, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary welcomed many alumni-priests during the annual Alumni Day celebration. The Classes of 1992, 1967, and 1957 celebrated their Silver, Gold, and Diamond Jubilees. The alumni and seminary community thanked them for their many years of faithful service in the Church.



During the banquet, Bishop Kevin Vann, Class of 1981 and Bishop of Orange, CA, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. After his ordination in the Diocese of Springfield, IL, Bishop Vann earned a degree in Canon Law in Rome. He served in various roles within his home diocese before returning to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to teach Canon Law. He later

became a pastor in Springfield, Vicar for Priests, and the Diocesan contact for Hispanic Ministry. In 2005, Bishop Vann was ordained the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him the Bishop of Orange. The seminary is pleased to acknowledge Bishop Vann for his leadership in the Dioceses of Springfield, Fort Worth, and Orange, in addition to his service to his alma mater.

In Memoriam

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

- Fr. Robert L. Corbett, Class of 1951 – St. Louis
- Fr. Donald T. Dalton, Class of 1960 – St. Louis
- Msgr. Charles J. Forst, Class of 1945 – St. Louis
- Fr. August L. Moeder, Class of 1953 – Salina
- Msgr. J. Brian Rejsek, Class of 1986 – Peoria
- Fr. Robert Louis Roedig, Class of 1953 – St. Louis
- Fr. David Walter, Class of 1963 – St. Louis

Summer Ministry Assignments

Building the Church on the Mountaintop • By Robert Lawson, Theology I – St. Louis

The area surrounding Tiger, GA is much different than that of St. Louis. Imagine being on the Southern end of the Appalachian Mountains, and having only three stores located within 30 minutes of your house: a bait shop, an ice cream parlor, and a Wal-Mart. You might ask, “Why do they send seminarians to this place?” The answer is a jewel hidden off of the winding mountain road - Covecrest Life Teen Summer Camp.

God was present at this summer camp in a special way, not only in the beautiful mountainside and the chapel, but in the lives and hearts of the missionaries that give their all for the Church. It was a privilege to be among these college age men and women from around North America. They allowed God to work miracles in their efforts with the youth groups who would come to camp throughout the summer months. We all shared a common goal: to bring teens to Christ, and because of this goal, we were able to bring each other closer to Christ as well. They gave me hope for the future of the Church. My fellow missionaries already are, and will continue to do great things to build up the Church in a world where most of our generation has fallen away. I hope to emulate their love for the Church and all Her traditions within my priesthood, while also addressing Her present needs.



Robert Lawson, pictured on the top right.

Totus Tuus Missionary • By Jacob Braun, Pre-Theology II – St. Louis

Totus Tuus is a summer catechetical program, in which college students and seminarians become missionaries for their own diocese, bringing the truth of Christ to children and teens at seven different parishes, one week at a time. While this program has existed for 30 years in Wichita, KS, this is the first year for Totus Tuus in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This summer, with seven other young men and women, I was blessed to become a missionary for this amazing program.

As a Totus Tuus missionary, I experienced the many ways in which the unfolding of God’s will defies human expectation. I knew from the start that Totus Tuus would be challenging for me, not only because the schedule was grueling, but also because I had no prior experience in teaching. Thus, what I expected was a summer that would involve feigned joy as I toiled through the weeks, counting the days until the program’s completion. But through the grace of God, I experienced quite the opposite. Though the summer was challenging, I felt a tremendous amount of peace and joy as a Totus Tuus missionary. Many times this summer, I saw the Holy Spirit working through my teammates and me, to open the hearts and minds of young Catholics. Totus Tuus truly showed me the unexpected beauty of trusting in God’s Holy will.



Jacob Braun leads campers in song.

COMMUNITY *Notes*

Faculty/Staff Additions

Bishop Robert J. Hermann, Spiritual Director in Residence

Fr. Scott Jones, Spiritual Director

Mr. Charles Manning, Maintenance

Fr. Jason Schumer, Director of Worship

Ms. Marie Wise, Housekeeping

Changes in Rank

Fr. Lawrence Brennan, Professor of Systematic Theology

Deacon Charles Durban – Assistant Director of Psychological and Counseling Services

Dr. John Finley, Professor of Philosophy

Dr. John Gresham, Professor of Systematic Theology (part-time)

Dr. Edward Hogan, Academic Dean

Rev. Mr. Carl Sommer, Registrar and Coordinator of Assessment

Departures

Fr. Donald Anstoetter, Director of Worship

Fr. Paul Eberle, Spiritual Director

Rev. Mr. Joseph Meiergerd, Registrar/Assistant to Pastoral Formation

Fr. Christopher Seiler, Lecturer of Systematic Theology and Formation Advisor

Dr. Jeremy Skrzypek, Instructor of Latin and Philosophy

Fr. Randall Soto, Professor of Sacred Scripture and Formation Advisor

Sr. Mary Cora Uryase, RSM, Executive Assistant to the President-Rector & Board of Trustees

BISHOP IN RESIDENCE

By Anthony Ritter, Theology III – St. Louis

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 Academic Year, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary had the privilege of welcoming Bishop Robert Hermann, Class of 1963 and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, to live in residence at the seminary and serve as an in-house spiritual director and confessor. It is hard for me to express how excited the seminary community is for Bishop Hermann to assume this new role as Bishop in Residence. He is well known, both at the seminary and throughout the Archdiocese for his love of the faith, his diligent work ethic (even in retirement!), and his pastoral zeal. His ministry has touched, literally, thousands of people through the regular articles he writes in the *St. Louis Review*, his recorded presentations on *Covenant Network*, and through his administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the Archdiocese.



This announcement is also very special for me, personally. I was honored to be confirmed by Bishop Hermann at the end of 8th grade, and, last year, I had the opportunity to work side-by-side with him at the Cathedral Basilica. He taught me so much during that time, especially about the power of the Holy Spirit and the importance of forgiveness. I know that the entire seminary community will benefit from his presence and wisdom. Welcome to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, Bishop Hermann!

★ Highlights ★

Mr. Dan Bruns, President of the Kienstra Companies, [joined the Board of Trustees in October 2017](#). The seminary is grateful to Mr. Bruns for his willingness to serve our mission in this important role.

[The 22nd Annual Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture](#) took place on Thursday, October 5th with guest lecturer, Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Fr. Tad presented his lecture *Pondering Imponderables: The "Infusion" of the Soul Into the Human Embryo*. A recording of this lecture is available online at [YouTube.com/kenrickglennon](https://www.youtube.com/kenrickglennon).

[Dr. John Gresham and Dr. Ed Hogan](#) traded positions within the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (see page 13). Dr. Gresham, former Academic Dean at the seminary, assumed the role as the Director of the Pontifical Paul VI Institute for Catechetical and Pastoral Studies. Dr. Hogan, former Director of the Pontifical Paul VI Institute, accepted the position of Academic Dean at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Both men will continue to serve on the faculty of the seminary.

INTRODUCING

Dr. Ed Hogan, Academic Dean

By Jared Samson, Theology II – Kansas City-St. Joseph

Late last spring I was sitting in an empty classroom, studying for finals. Dr. Hogan walked into the room, sat down in one of the chairs in front of me, and said he felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to ask: “Are you coming back next year?” I smiled. Minutes earlier I had been talking with my spiritual director about discerning a vocation to the religious life. In the midst of the many details of his day Dr. Hogan was listening to the Holy Spirit, and focused on my formation. His question helped me to lean into the discernment and come back to the seminary with greater clarity.

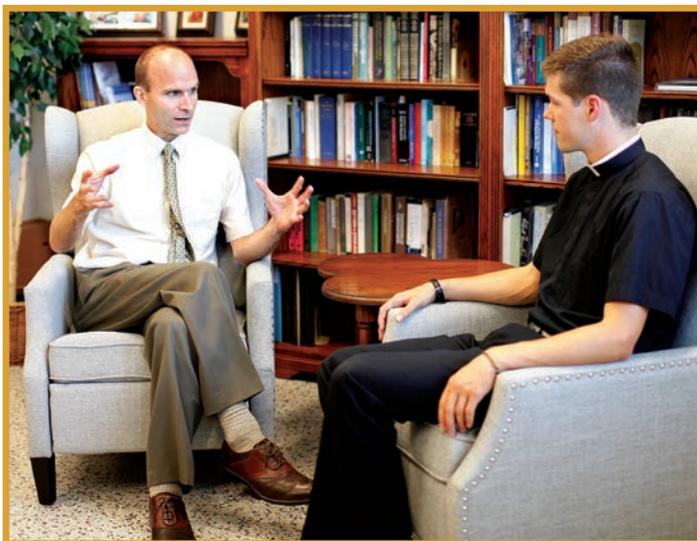
This episode gives me confidence in Dr. Hogan, and tells us something about his approach to the role of Academic Dean. I had a chance to talk to him about that role recently.

Dr. Hogan described the position as having three main aspects. For the faculty, he aims to take care of administrative details so they can do what they do best: focus on the classroom, teaching and forming men for the priesthood. For the administration, he aims to take care of the faculty details so they can focus on the formation of the men and keeping up communication with sending dioceses. For the seminarians, he aims to help them make the most of what is offered at the seminary – both the classes they take and the people who teach them. He looks at each individual man in terms of his diocese, background, talents, and interests, and

works with him in order to send back a happy, healthy, and holy parish priest.

Dr. Hogan brings experience in both academics and administration to his new role. First, he pointed out, his

mother was a university professor and his father was a university administrator, so he’s been around both fields from an early age. His personal experience in academics before coming to Kenrick-Glennon include obtaining his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston College, then teaching in Catholic high school, college, and seminary. His experience in Administration includes being an administrator for



the Avalon Beach Patrol in New Jersey, Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Saginaw, Director of the Center for Ministry and Department of Formation in Saginaw, and Director of the Paul VI Institute in Saint Louis.

In his heart of hearts, though, Dr. Hogan remains a teacher. Asked what he loves about teaching, he said: “When a student has a deep question, you can see it in their body language. When you can provide an answer that allows Christ to touch their hearts and minds, there’s a certain look in their eyes. I love that moment!”

Dr. Hogan knows how important it is not only to know and love the truths of the faith, but to communicate that love and knowledge to others. I am excited to have him as our Academic Dean, and I trust him to help me make the most of my formation.

A Message of Gratitude

YOUR FUTURE PRIESTS: Joyful, Holy, and Prepared

By Andrew Beugelsdijk, Pastoral Internship – Wichita

With great gratitude, I think back on all the quality formation – human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral – I have so far received in seminary and how much I have benefited from it. With its help I am able to answer God’s call to be a priest. This education and formation would not be possible, however, without the generous support of many people who give to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, and I am truly grateful to all those who support its mission. I learn more and more each year about the partnership between lay-men and women, religious, and priests working together for the sake of seminarians and about the strong stewardship it fosters.

I have noticed in my four years here how the great amount and variety of support for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary enriches my own formation by a familiarity with God’s people and by a witness of others’ sacrifice of time, talent, and treasure. Many persons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and beyond donate their time by visiting the seminary or coming to seminary-related events. Others offer their gifts as professors who teach and administrators who manage the facility. Outside the seminary, there are also religious and laity who pray and clubs and organizations who fundraise or advocate for strong formation. Finally, there are many who are moved to give of their treasure through Sunday tithes, benefit dinners, or annually sponsored opportunities.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship describes a steward as someone given charge

of a household by, “caring for the property, managing affairs, making resources yield as much as possible, and sharing the resources with others,” adding, “the position involves trust and accountability.”

I see this trust and accountability in the stewardship carried out for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. I am inspired by

those carrying out roles of responsibility inside the seminary but also by the many who support from outside the seminary in thoughtful, important, and prayerful ways. In addition, those who contribute in stewardship make possible the goal of the Kenrick-Glennon community, which is to form holy priests who give back generously to the people as they have



generously received. Since we have seminarians from many different dioceses and parts of the world, this “resource,” the fruit of seminary formation, truly is shared with the whole Church.

For this stewardship, which supports my priestly formation, I am truly grateful. I desire to share this message of gratitude on behalf of all seminarians, faculty, and staff of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. May you, our benefactors, be abundantly blessed by God, and on behalf of the seminarians, I promise you our prayers in return. Recalling the Bishops’ Pastoral Letter, “This Christ-centered way of living has its beginning in Baptism, the sacrament of faith.” As fellow Christians with a shared calling, may we continue helping each other to build up Christ’s Body – the Church.

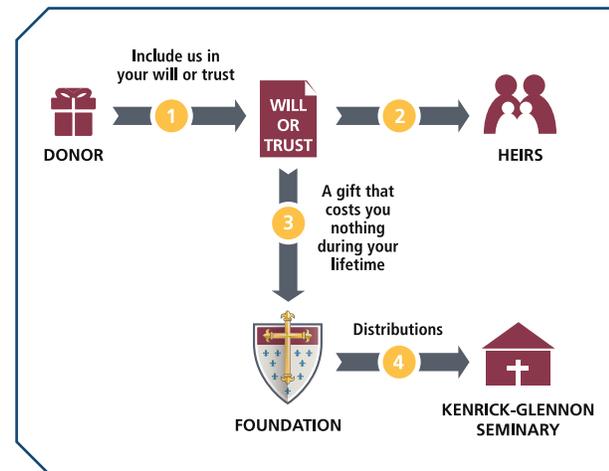
CREATING A LASTING FAMILY LEGACY

This spring, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary received a generous donation of \$50,000 from a St. Louis priest to establish a new endowed fund. The priest made this gift in order to provide lasting support for the operational needs of his beloved alma mater. As a graduate of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and a priest with 40 years of ministry experience, he knows the value of good seminary formation.

The priest worked with the seminary and the Archdiocese of St. Louis to establish an operating policy for the new endowed fund so that his desires and intentions for the fund would be preserved. He decided to honor his parents by naming the fund in their memory.

After the policy was established, the priest worked with his financial advisor to begin the process of transferring assets to the newly established endowment. The priest also shared the operating policy with his siblings and encouraged them to join him in honoring their parents by making a tribute gift to the fund. All of his siblings enthusiastically agreed. In addition, this priest intends to make this seminary fund the primary beneficiary of his estate. His bequest will have a lasting impact and sustain the seminary for future generations of priests.

The Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri is Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's planned giving partner. If you are interested in leaving a legacy in support of our future priests, please call Mr. Michael Weisbrod at 314-918-2890.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The undergraduate academic program of Cardinal Glennon College is operated in cooperation with St. Louis University (SLU). The initial two years of intellectual formation are completed on the SLU campus and focus upon general classes of liberal arts as outlined in the *Program for Priestly Formation*. The final two years focus upon the study of philosophy and are completed on the seminary's campus. During all four years, seminarians live and receive pastoral, spiritual, and human formation on the seminary campus.

College seminarians receive financial support through the SLU-Glennon Fund which is funded by generous donations through the Annual Catholic Appeal and corporate matching gifts. The fund is administered by SLU in partnership with the Archbishop of St. Louis. It is used for tuition expenses of seminarians enrolled in undergraduate courses at SLU.

In March 2017, SLU announced that each gift of \$100 or more to the SLU-Glennon Fund, including corporate matches, would be matched dollar for dollar by the university's "Go Further" initiative. This year, each

seminarian from a sending diocese will receive a \$14,155 scholarship through this fund. In addition, the costs for all St. Louis seminarians in their freshmen and sophomore years are paid through the fund. We are grateful to St. Louis University and to all of the generous Annual Catholic Appeal donors who have helped to build this fund for the benefit of our future priests.

In addition, all St. Louis seminarians enrolled in Cardinal Glennon College will receive a \$14,155 Archdiocesan scholarship through the seminary this year. They may also qualify for an interest-free loan through the seminary. Last year, seminarians received a total of \$171,000 in loans. The loan must be repaid if a seminarian withdraws from the seminary. However, if a man becomes a priest, his loan will be forgiven upon ordination.

The Archbishops of St. Louis have made it very clear that lack of

financial resources will never prevent a man from entering the seminary or advancing towards priesthood. The seminary is committed to provide each seminarian with generous financial support to help him meet the costs of his education and formation.



Collegians pose for the "First Day of Class" photo to start off 2017-2018 Academic Year.

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

IT IS WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO GOD that we present the 2016-2017 Annual Report and reflect on the many gifts He has bestowed upon the seminarians, priests, faculty, staff, and friends of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary throughout the past year. We offer our thanks to those who continue to support our community through their prayer, time, talents, and contributions.

We present this annual report as a means of sharing God's blessings upon our community, highlighting your involvement and the fruits of your support while celebrating the impact the seminary formation is having in the St. Louis region and around the world.

A Year in Review

- Seven men graduated from Cardinal Glennon College and thirteen men graduated from Kenrick School of Theology. In addition, eight men completed the Pre-Theology program in order to begin their studies in Theology.
- Ten deacons of the Class of 2017 made history as the first seminarians to test at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for a Sacred Theology Bachelor degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University. After an accelerated approval by the Congregation of Catholic Education, the first ever affiliation between a U.S. seminary and the Pontifical Gregorian University was established. This degree not only serves the priesthood; it will further serve their dioceses and the Universal Church.
- Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., PhD., was the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual John Cardinal Glennon Lecture in February. His topic was "Contemporary Faith and Science."
- Ten deacons from the Class of 2017 participated in the 5th Annual Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage. They enjoyed a five-day canonical retreat on the Mount of Beatitudes and visits to Jerusalem and various sites in the Holy Land. According to Fr. Gregory Luger, Class of 2017 – Bismarck, "our pilgrimage was one of the most incredible experiences that I have ever had. Visiting the places where Jesus walked and taught occasioned a spiritual renewal within me. It is my hope that this pilgrimage will continue to bear fruit not only in my life, but also in the lives of those whom I will serve as a priest."
- Dr. Larry Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology & Philosophy, published a new textbook: *Faith Comes from What is Heard: An Introduction to Fundamental Theology*.
- In January, the seminarians in Theology I-IV participated in a series of workshops designed to offer practical instruction in parish management. Topics included communications, human resources, pastoral planning, and finances.
- In February, the seminary hosted "Auf zu Gott - To God," an organ concert with Dr. Andrzej Zahorski in the Chapel of St. Joseph. Dr. Zahorski presented a program of organ music featuring works of J.S. Bach and various Catholic and Protestant composers who exercised a formative influence on the great German composer.
- The seminary received a \$400,000 grant from the Archdiocese of St. Louis' Annual Catholic Appeal for general operational support. In addition, the Appeal provided \$176,682.45 to St. Louis University for the SLU-Glennon Fund (see page 15).
- The St. Louis Office of Vocations hosted the annual Kenrick-Glennon Days (KGD) on campus in June to help young men think about what God wants to do in their lives. 155 sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, as well as 56 high school junior counselors participated in the programs. During the academic year, the seminary also hosted two "Come and See" weekends and a Priesthood Discernment Retreat for men discerning the priesthood.



The Class of 2017 presented the seminary with a parting gift – an image of St. Teresa of Calcutta.



Hundreds of guests joined the seminary community for nine consecutive evenings for the annual Advent Novena. Those not able to attend were invited to watch a live stream video of the events at [YouTube.com/kenrickglennon](https://www.youtube.com/kenrickglennon).



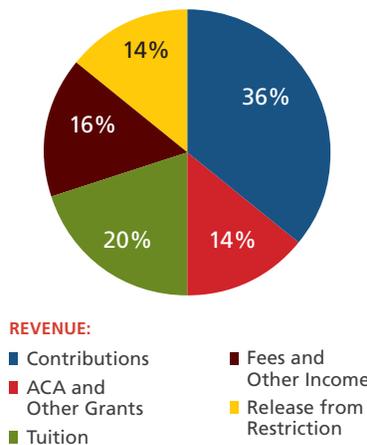
Archbishop Bernard Hebda of St. Paul & Minneapolis presented the 21st Annual Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture in October. He spoke on "Canon Law: A Tool for Renewal and Reform? An Examination of Pope Francis' Exercise of Legislative Authority."

Financial Review: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is governed by the principles of good stewardship in the planning, development, and implementation of financial resources. In order to support the purpose of the seminary effectively and to enable us to achieve our mission and goals, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary ensures that revenues, expenditures, and capital projects are budgeted and submitted for review and approval by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors. Such reports and budgets are developed at the administrative level of the school in consultation with the administrators, staff, and faculty who bear responsibility for managing programs.

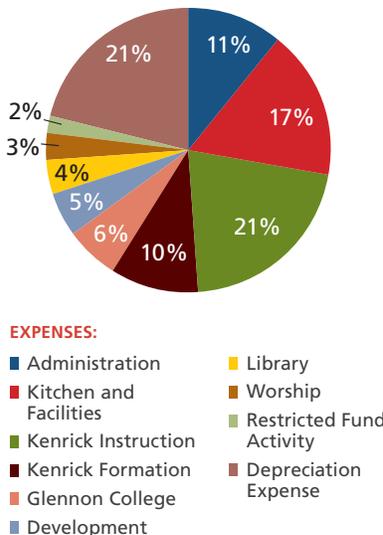
REVENUE:

Contributions	\$ 2,414,994
ACA and Other Grants	926,987
Tuition	1,368,133
Fees and Other Income	1,087,785
Release from Restriction	955,161
Total Revenue	\$ 6,753,060



EXPENSES:

Administration	\$ 890,208
Kitchen and Facilities	1,391,695
Kenrick Instruction	1,707,675
Kenrick Formation	835,110
Glennon College	516,270
Development	408,436
Library	374,026
Worship	225,402
Restricted Fund Activity	202,883
Depreciation Expense	1,711,700
Total Expenses	\$ 8,263,405



The expenses include a large amount of depreciation which is 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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This is the current Board listing for the Fall 2017 semester.

Report on Progress Implementing the Strategic Plan

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's five-year strategic plan, titled *Configuring Men to the Heart of Jesus Christ Strategic Plan 2015-2020*, was unveiled in 2015. Our priorities focus on forming priests with pastoral hearts, enhancing partnerships between the seminary and the community and collaborators, maintaining operational and financial transparency, and developing programs and assessments to ensure best practices in seminary operations. Institutional planning is something we take very seriously, and we have devoted a significant amount of time and energy into developing and acting on these priorities.

In Year 2, our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and seminarians, made major accomplishments in each of the priority areas. Our actions include but not limited to:

- Establishment of the S.T.B. degree track through the Gregorian University.
- Reviewed budget process, facility management, and fundraising program to ensure proper stewardship of resources.
- Implementation of human formation workshops to enhance pastoral formation program.
- In-service sessions for Formation Advisors and Spiritual Directors to share expertise and discuss best practices in human and spiritual formation.
- Improved availability and quality of language classes for all seminarians and increased number of ESL tutors for international seminarians.

You are invited to review our 2015-2020 Strategic Plan online at kenrick.edu/strategicplan. With your help and the ongoing commitment of the seminary community, we are confident that we will continue to build on these successes and achieve more. Thank you for your continual support.

What is a Pastoral Internship?

By Andrew Dellasega, Theology III – Wichita

The phrase, “four dimensions of formation” is one which every seminarian has engrained in his memory. Among these four dimensions of formation (human, spiritual, pastoral, and intellectual) Pastoral Formation holds a unique place. It serves as a cumulation of all dimensions, where the seminarian assimilates all he has learned in service as shepherd to Christ's flock.

Throughout our time in the seminary, it can often become easy for us to lose sight of our end goal, namely parish priesthood. We spend most of our days in study and prayer. While these things are so very essential to future priests, the work a seminarian undertakes in a parish with the people of God helps him maintain the proper orientation toward that end goal of parish priesthood.

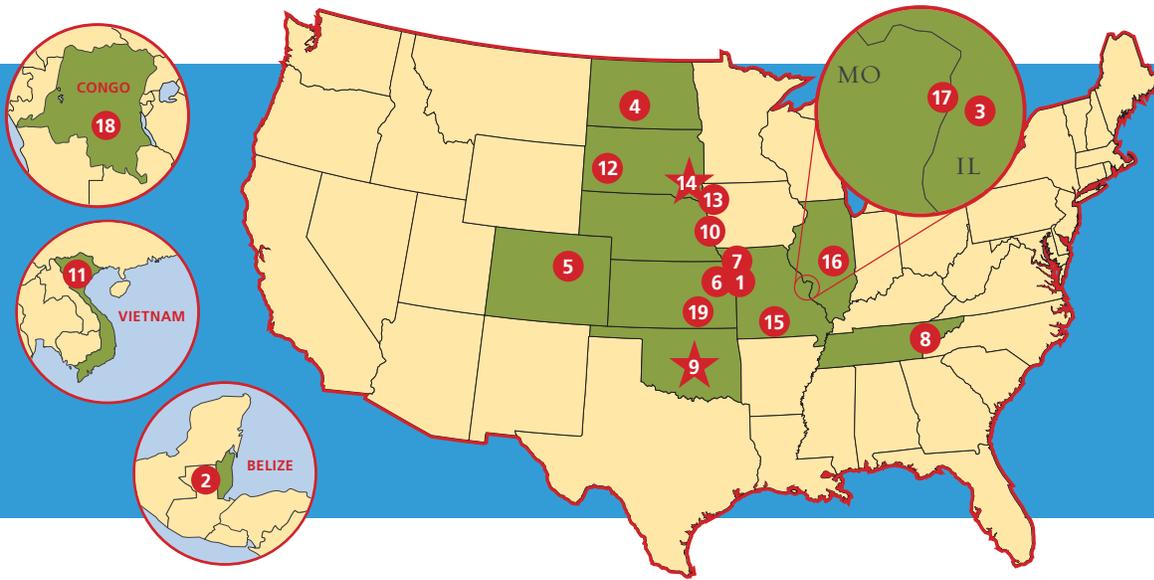
Over the course of this past school year I was given the opportunity to live away from the seminary for a year on a Pastoral Internship. I spent two semesters living at Church of the Magdalen, a parish in my home diocese of Wichita, Kansas. My internship year afforded me many new experiences, such as teaching RCIA, working with our St. Vincent de Paul Society, teaching catechism to students in our parochial school, helping with our youth group, and visiting the homebound and infirm parishioners of our parish. While only a brief summation of what filled my days throughout my internship, these various experiences, coupled with being truly immersed in parish life, gave me a taste of the many joys and struggles of parish priesthood. While admittedly apprehensive about the internship year at



the onset, in hindsight, this opportunity was an incredible blessing. It both affirmed me in my vocation and provided an intensive preparation for the day I am ordained to serve the people of God as a parish priest.

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 2017-2018 academic year.



Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	Total	Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	Total
1 Apostles of the Interior Life	2	11 Phát Diệm, Vietnam	3
2 Belize City-Belmopan, Belize	4	12 Rapid City	2
3 Belleville	1	13 Sioux City	3
4 Bismarck	7	★ 14 Sioux Falls	1
5 Denver	1	15 Springfield-Cape Girardeau	5
6 Kansas City, KS	14	16 Springfield, IL	4
7 Kansas City-St. Joseph	7	17 St. Louis	48
8 Knoxville	3	18 Tshumbe, Democratic Republic of the Congo	1
★ 9 Oklahoma City	3	19 Wichita	13
10 Omaha	10		

By the Numbers

104 Seminarians in Kenrick School of Theology

18 Bishop-Alumni (Living)



28 Seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College

\$20.9 million Total Endowment (as of 6.30.17)

28 Total Faculty



44 Total acres of seminary campus





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CALENDAR *of Events*

NOVEMBER

- Saturday, November 4:** Convivium Dinner Auction
- Thursday, November 9:** Souls and Goals Soccer Cup
- November 17-19:** Come and See Weekend
- November 22-26:** Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- December 6-14:** Advent Novena
- Monday, December 25:** Christmas Day
- Sunday, December 31:** Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage Begins

JANUARY

- Saturday, January 13:** Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage Ends
- January 7-12:** Retreats, College & Theology
- Tuesday, January 16:** Spring Semester Begins
- January 18-21:** March for Life – Washington, DC

FEBRUARY

- February 16-18:** 40 Hours Devotion
- February 16-18:** Priesthood Discernment Retreat
- Sunday, February 25:** 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 Christ's pastoral charity.

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