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“ALL VOCATIONS
make their first steps
in the family.”

— POPE FRANCIS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT-RECTOR



Dear Friends,

When my siblings and I were young, my family would drive from our home in Minnesota to Florida or New Jersey for vacation. Three people sat in the front, three in the middle, and four squeezed into the back of the station wagon. We would leave around 4:00 a.m. so my dad would have a few peaceful hours of driving before the kids fully woke up. After a full day in the car, we would stop overnight at a hotel before waking up again at 4:00 a.m. to continue the drive. I am not sure how this was a vacation for my parents but it was certainly a lesson in sacrificial love.

Every priest is someone's son, someone's grandson, and perhaps someone's sibling or cousin. It is within the family context that many of our priests and seminarians first witnessed the meaning of sacrificial love. Our seminarians have a variety of backgrounds. Some men come from large families while others grew up in single-parent homes. While some seminarians received no faith formation at home; others attended daily Mass with their parents and practiced special devotions. Every family is different and every path to the priesthood is different.

Like parents, the seminary faculty and staff must recognize the gifts and talents, and strengths and weaknesses of each man in order to help him grow in holiness and sacrificial love. This growth is directed towards sacrificial service to Christ and His Church so that our seminarians can become spiritual fathers for their future parishioners. We invite them to offer themselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" and "discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect (Rom 12)."

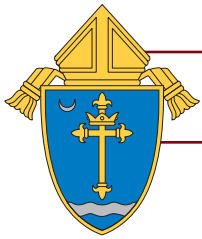
I invite you to pray for our seminarians as they grow in personal holiness and discern God's call to the sacrificial priesthood. I also ask you to pray for the families of our seminarians and the families of all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.



The Mason Family before a family vacation.
Fr. Mason is seated in front, on his father's lap.

In Christ,

Father James Mason, J.D.
President-Rector



FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What do you think about when you hear the word “*vocation*”?

Most people think of the priesthood or religious life. That’s a good place to begin. But the truth is that every Christian has a vocation. We are all called to follow Jesus, and he asks each of us to use our gifts and talents in different ways.

It’s important for Catholic parents to help their children discern God’s particular call to them. This doesn’t mean saying “You will be a priest” or “You will become a doctor and get married.” It means helping them hear the still, small voice of the Lord in the midst of the many things that clamor for their attention. And it means helping them respond with generosity.

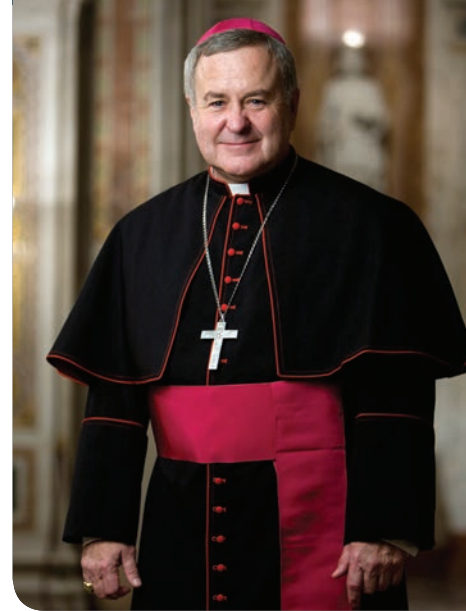
While parents are called to be the first and best teachers of the faith in this process, they’re not supposed to be the *only* teachers of the faith! We can all help foster a culture of discernment. Our patient listening and advice can help young people recognize the voice of the Lord. And our own lives can help them learn what a generous response looks like.

At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, over 125 young men are discerning God’s personal call. Many of them will commit to a life of sacrificial service as parish priests. That’s great! Others will leave the seminary after discerning that God is calling them to follow another path of holiness. That’s great, too! We are grateful that each of these men is thoughtfully and prayerfully discerning his vocation. But we want *every* young man and woman to be listening for God’s personal call.

Please pray that young men and women will be listening for God’s call in their lives. Pray, too, that families – strengthened by the example of the Holy Family – will nourish the vocations of their children. May our prayers and actions be joined with theirs in fostering a culture of vocations!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson

FAMILY: THE FIRST SEMINARY

By Paul Floersch, Pre-Theology II - Omaha

My legs swung in excitement. I sat on the edge of my parents' bed with my three younger brothers whose legs were all doing the same.

We were told there was some "good news" to be shared and our curious minds were firing on all cylinders. Wide-eyed, we whispered possibilities to one another which ranged anywhere from Disney World to a new puppy. Back in 2001, not one of us was over the age of nine, and consequently, we all dreamed big.

My parents entered the room and an imaginary drumroll went off in my head. Finally, my dad made this nearly incomprehensible announcement:

"We are going to adopt a little girl."

I froze—no more leg swings. The once-firing cylinders of my mind jerked to a halt. After a brief moment of silence, my three younger brothers jumped on the bed shouting mindless cheers as if they had expected that news. But I sat motionless. I knew better. I was eight.

In my pre-pubescent wisdom, I was certain that my parents had made a terrible mistake. I had heard of families who adopted children. They were perfect. They ate dinner with perfect manners and played nicely in the yard. But, in our family, we were lucky to get through a dinner where half our members weren't exiled to their rooms for improper control of bodily functions. Furthermore, in our family, the yard was a battlefield where the games ended only when the losing team went inside with tears running down their faces. How could they even propose deliberately bringing a little girl into that mess? In my mind, we were entirely inadequate to adopt a little girl.



Paul and Grace, shortly after her arrival.

After voicing my concerns to my parents, it became quite clear that the decision had already been made. Mysterious to me, it seemed they understood my worries, but planned on adopting anyway. I realized my parents were on a determined pursuit out of love; no amount of reason could douse their desire. They insisted that God desired this for our family and that they had made His desire their desire.

Over two years later, I once again sat across from my parents, but this time we sat on a patio at an orphanage in Guatemala City. The patio was bedecked on three sides with blossoming Central American foliage.

By this time, I had had a serious conversion of heart. I witnessed my parents undergo three years of the international adoption process—complete with numerous background checks and mountains of paperwork. I watched them both make tremendous strides in their spiritual lives, drawing us boys in with them as they intentionally prepared the heart of our family to receive a new baby girl. In this time, they also started a new company. And finally, on top of all this, they managed to scrounge up enough money to bring me—their know-it-all, eldest son—with them to Guatemala.

What happened next was not just another event in a long string of events. Rather, it was the culmination of a great pursuit. Within the four walls of my home, my parents had displayed a tireless love for a person who lived thousands of miles away. They showed us how to open our hearts to God's grace. And now, I had the privilege of watching my family receive God's gift.

A woman brought our baby into the patio area. My mother sprang to her feet at the sound of footsteps. She moved swiftly toward the woman, arms extended, tears flowing. My dad was right next to her in an instant. He stood behind her as she turned with the most precious baby I'd ever seen. Immediately, the baby's brown eyes melted my own heart. I rose out of my seat to see more clearly, but as I stood, my vision was entirely blurred. Unexpectedly, tears had totally taken over. Tears, tears, and more tears. I stumbled slowly toward my family and was able to get a hand on my dad's back. I attempted to wipe my eyes, but there was no use. My own heart had never been so moved; never had it been so won over by the sight of love.

While reading Pope Francis' exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love, I couldn't help but smile at the fact that he was constantly encouraging families to have an "openness to grace." You see, my little sister's name is Grace. It is precisely because of the gift of my sister Grace that I first became truly aware of God's grace operating in my life, and particularly, in the life of my family.

When I watched my parents open their arms to my sister for the first time, I was shown a marvelous exposition of God's love. I saw my parents' prayer, their faithfulness, and their openness to grace accumulate in an outpouring of love, an experience where I had never been so certain of both God's



Front: Grace, Mark (Dad), Zelie (adopted in 2009). Middle: Joseph, Stacey (Mom) and Noah. Back: Paul and Louis.

near presence and His over-arching providence. How wondrous are His designs, that He could intend this particular baby girl of Guatemala to be raised and loved in a family home of wild boys thousands of miles north from where she was born! How amazingly near He became to me, that I could see the clarity of His love, despite being blinded by tears!

As often as seminarians can mourn aspects of their upbringings or the imperfections of their families (which I have done plenty of, my parents will be the first to attest to that fact), the moments of grace witnessed within our own families

became far more powerful and formative than any buildup of familial difficulties. As Pope Francis writes:

"The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love. For all a family's problems, it can always grow, beginning with love" *Amoris Laetitia* (paragraph 53).

It was clear that our family couldn't eat properly at the table, or that we couldn't play nicely in the yard, or do a vast number of other things as a family should. However, what will always be clearer is that love covers over a multitude of sins. My parents knew we were imperfect. But they opened their hearts to God's grace and did all they could to love perfectly anyway. Similarly, the deeper I get into seminary formation, the more aware of my own imperfections I become. Yet, because of my parents' example for my family, I know that it is entirely possible that, despite my many shortcomings, I can strive to love perfectly anyway. I can continue to desire to become a priest of God, as long as this desire stems from Love Himself.

By God's design, the human being is formed in a community of persons who are always called to manifest love. In this love, God's providence can guide and His presence can be made known. In my own experience, I simply cannot untether my first encounter with my sister Grace and my vocational call to priesthood. They are necessarily related because wherever I have been met by love, I have also been called to love in return. In the context of the family, I have been schooled in love. This group of people, odd as we are, has become the seedbed of my own vocation. My seminary formation did not begin at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, although I am very grateful it continues there. My first seminary was my home.



The Floersch brothers celebrate their new sister on Christmas in 2004.

He Sent Them in Twos

By Nicholas Kalinowski,
College III – St. Louis



My fraternal twin brother Steven and I come from a family of seven children. Our parents ensured that all of us received instruction in the faith. Serving daily Mass as altar boys together taught us a lot about the priesthood. Although we each discerned a vocation in our own way, family rosaries, Masses together, and an overall atmosphere of self-giving love promoted by our parents, produced the fertile ground in which our vocations took root. Since entering the seminary, we have been welcomed into a new family. It has been a blessing to discern our vocations along with our brother seminarians under the guidance of excellent priests. We are filled with great joy when we think about being spiritual fathers six years from now, God-willing.



Nicholas (left) and Stephen (right)

BISHOP EDWARD M. RICE Appointed Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

By Allen Kirchner, Theology I – Springfield-Cape Girardeau



In the early morning hours of April 26, 2016, seven months of prayer were answered for the faithful of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. Bishop Edward Rice, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, was named the new ordinary of the Diocese. Bishop Rice served the Archdiocese of St. Louis for five years as Auxiliary Bishop and was beloved by the community for his fatherly leadership.

Bishop Rice began his work in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau without hesitation, visiting two of the diocesan Catholic high schools within two days of the announcement of his appointment. On June 1, 2016, Archbishop Robert Carlson installed Bishop Rice as the seventh bishop of the diocese at a Mass in Springfield, MO. The number of bishops and priests present at the installation was a testimony to his character.

In his few short months as ordinary, Bishop Rice has already become beloved in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. He is continuing to promote the long-term plans instituted by his predecessor, Bishop James Vann Johnston, interacts with the youth of the diocese, gives time and spiritual enrichment to his 16 seminarians, and works hard to promote religious vocations within the diocese. Bishop Rice also completed a 17-day road trip to visit all 66 parishes and 18 missions in the 25,000 square mile diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

The Pilgrimage of Holiness

By Fr. Paul Hoelsing, Dean of Seminarians

“THIS IS HOW IT IS WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD;
IT IS AS IF A MAN WERE TO SCATTER SEED ON THE LAND AND
WOULD SLEEP AND RISE NIGHT AND DAY
AND THE SEED WOULD SPROUT AND GROW, HE KNOWS NOT HOW.”

—Mark 4:27

THE KINGDOM OF GOD is more of a relationship than a place, so it is helpful to consider our vocation in terms of relationship, rather than a calling or project that we must figure out. Baptism is the source of our spiritual growth. It is the relational seed of every personal vocation to holiness, and it is meant to come alive in the family. Every ritual of baptism allows the parents to proclaim this truth: “I am raising a son (or daughter) of God.” In the reality of faith, the child is not simply their own, but God’s. It becomes the parents’ duty to raise the child in this adoptive reality.

During this year’s World Youth Day pilgrimage, I was given the experience of seeing how the seeds of baptism sprout and grow so marvelously. Students I taught in grade school are entering college, and one is beginning seminary. Others I taught in high school are now young professionals – there are nurses, an optometry student, a medical student, and even a FOCUS missionary. Others have generously served as Totus Tuus missionaries for the past several summers. Still others, whom I encountered as a campus chaplain in their college years, are now beginning engagements and preparing for married life. To see these young people from my 14 years of priestly assignments together on this pilgrimage to Krakow and Rome for two weeks was a grace of priestly fatherhood and fruitfulness that continues to accompany me into this new seminary year.

These young people beautifully received the première experience of the Church’s life – a pilgrimage with the Holy Father and the whole Church in an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. The privilege of guiding and living with them through their travels and encounters of a pilgrim life were augmented by the sharing of priestly brotherhood. Priests from my own diocese, Frs. Dan Andrews, Carl Zoucha and Scott Traynor, Rector of Saint John Vianney Seminary in Denver, also experienced the gift of pilgrimage with these 42 magnificent souls.

Being on the move together and learning to be with Jesus in all of our circumstances is the exercise of pilgrimage. The experience reveals that finding our vocation or getting to a place will not make us happy. Being with Jesus makes us happy. Being in relationship with anyone who truly loves us will prompt the kind of joyful love that moves us to lay down our lives in service. Our pilgrim group was a microcosm of family life. With priestly fathers, consecrated women, and children growing in baptismal grace, we relish the interior disposition that trusts *how it is with the Kingdom of God* – seeds will sprout and grow without us knowing how.



Fr. Paul Hoelsing, third from left, with fellow priests in Rome, August 2016.

Fr. Paul Hoelsing

I pray for fearless families, willing to trust Jesus in all of their next steps. Families that are willing to engage the merciful and adventurous pilgrimage of holiness. The journey that leads to heaven. Great souls are being born in our midst for the joyful, missionary discipleship our Lord commands to His chosen: “Go and make disciples of all nations...” May His will be done, one family at a time, on this pilgrimage of life we share together.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BELLEVILLE • May 14, 2016
Fr. Brett Judkins

ST. LOUIS • May 28, 2016
Fr. Kent Pollman
Fr. Scott Scheiderer

WICHITA • May 28, 2016
Fr. Gabriel Greer

JEFFERSON CITY • June 4, 2016
Fr. Joshua Duncan

OMAHA • June 4, 2016
Fr. Marcus Knecht
Fr. Patrick Nields
Fr. Eliot Schwer
Fr. Joseph Sund

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

SPRINGFIELD, IL • April 1, 2016
Deacon Ron Lorilla

SALINA • April 9, 2016
Deacon Justin Palmer

ST. LOUIS • April 30, 2016
Deacon Michael Lampe
Deacon Clark Philipp*
Deacon John Schneier

MASAKA (UGANDA) • April 30, 2016
Deacon Joseph Lugalambi
Deacon Matthias Njuba

TSHUMBE (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO) • April 30, 2016
Deacon Laurent-Bernard Okitakatshi Odjango

JEFFERSON CITY • May 21, 2016
Deacon Paul Clark

BISMARK • May 23, 2016
Deacon Gregory Luger

OMAHA • May 27, 2016
Deacon Nicholas Mishek
Deacon Scott Schilmoeller

WICHITA • May 27, 2016
Deacon Jacob Carlin
Deacon Andrew Hoffman

BELIZE CITY & BELMOPAN (BELIZE) • June 10, 2016
Deacon Evaristus Ucheonye

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

Thanks to your prayers and support, the ordination class of 2016 consisted of nine new priests for five different dioceses, including two new priests for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In addition, 14 men were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate from 10 dioceses from the United States and around the world. Please keep the new priests and deacons in your prayers.



Top Left: Deacon Paul Clark, Jefferson City, poses after his ordination in front of the Holy Family statue in St. Joseph's Church in Edina with his parents, Jim and Kyle Clark.



Top Right: The newly ordained deacons receive their parish assignments from Archbishop Robert J. Carlson in St. Louis.



Middle Right: Newly ordained priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha bless their Archbishop George Lucas, Class 1975, after the ordination Mass.



Bottom Right: On the day of their ordination, Fr. Kent Pollman and Fr. Scott Scheiderer walked into the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis with Fr. Chris Martin and Fr. Brian Fallon.

Our Son, The Priest

By Peter and Mimi Fonseca,

Parents of Fr. Peter Fonseca, Class of 2015 – St. Louis

How did this happen, our son becoming a priest?

In his senior year of high school, Peter told us of his desire to enter the seminary. The reality brought mixed emotions. As parents, we try to foster a deep knowledge and love of the faith in all our children while encouraging them to follow their dreams.

Peter's entrance into the seminary was humbling, and caused our faith and prayer lives to deepen. From the young seminarians who had just graduated from high school to the mature, experienced priests who served as mentors and instructors, we could not help but be inspired and be drawn closer to our faith in seeing these examples of sacrifice, unselfish love, and devotion to Jesus, Mary, the Church, and all of mankind.

Peter's ordination to the priesthood in 2015 and following first Mass evoked indescribable feelings. We realized that the entire family had been changed during the prior years. As we pray for our son the priest, as well as all our children, we hope we can always keep close to our hearts the feelings and emotions we experienced through this journey. May Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for our son and all priests.

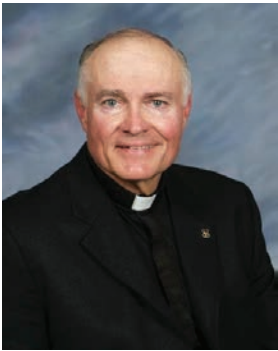


The Fonseca Family

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS: Rev. Robert T. Rosebrough

By Samuel Inameti, Theology II – St. Louis



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Fr. Robert T. "Rosy" Rosebrough, Class of 1969 – St. Louis, received the Distinguished Alumni Award during the 2016 Alumni Day in early October. Fr. Rosy radiates the joy of loving Jesus, and zealously spreads the message of our Lord's redemptive mission in a world faced with subtle declining family values. In addition

to serving both rural and suburban communities, Fr. Rosy's is currently serving in his 11th year as the pastor of Bl. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Ferguson, MO.

Fr. Rosy has played an important leadership role in Marriage Encounter, strengthening couples and families to grow in their intimacy and their responsibility as disciples of Christ. When asked why he ministers to marriage and the family, he simply responded by likening the institution to a city located on the mountain whose presence is a sign of hope, joy, love, and strength to others. "My job" he says, "is to fan into flame the radiant beauty of family life, that the world might experience the love of Christ in every home." The Kenrick Alumni Association proudly recognized his priestly ministry.

In Memoriam

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

Fr. Joseph H. Blattner, Class of 1958 – St. Louis

Fr. William J. Britt, Class of 1953 – St. Louis

Fr. Charles R. Kribs, Class of 1951 – Belleville

Fr. John B. McEntee, Class of 1961 – St. Louis

Fr. Joseph F. O'Reilley, Class of 1949 – Springfield, IL

Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Overman, Class of 1945 – St. Louis

Fr. Elmer C. Schwarz, Class of 1953 – Oklahoma City

Fr. Joseph P. Slomski, Class of 1953 – Wichita

Fr. Gerald W. Stockman, Class of 1964 – Jefferson City

Fr. Patrick Tobin, Class of 1956 – Kansas City/St. Joseph

Alumni Day 2016

On the evening of October 5, 2016, the halls of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary resounded with the visit of brother priests for the annual Alumni Day. The Classes of 1991 Silver Jubilarians, 1966 Golden Jubilarians, and 1956 Diamond Jubilarians were honored throughout the evening, with Fr. Ronald J. Hopmeir, Class of 1991 – St. Louis, as homilist and Fr. Gerald A. Meier, Class of 1966 – St. Louis, as speaker. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Fr. Robert T. Rosebrough, Class of 1969 – St. Louis. All enjoyed the evening of prayer and celebration at the seminary, the home of their priestly formation.

The Spiritual Father of CARDINAL GLENNON COLLEGE

By Cole Bestgen, College IV – St. Louis

Each day in Cardinal Glennon College, 29 men from 5 different dioceses rise at 5:00 a.m. to prepare for their day. We walk to the St. Charles Borromeo Chapel where we give the Lord our first fruits in prayer and meditation. After Holy Mass, we have breakfast and go to classes, where we study various subjects such as Metaphysics, Latin, and Catholic Morality, to prepare us for Kenrick School of Theology.



Fr. Chris Martin with St. John Paul II in St. Louis, 1999.

In formation conferences, we learn to become a bridge to Christ, rather than an obstacle. Meetings with our spiritual directors help us to fill up our reservoirs so that, as priests, we can pour ourselves out for our parishioners. During apostolic service, we learn how to live the Gospel message as we feed the poor, tutor children, visit the elderly, and teach PSR. At the conclusion of each day, we reconvene in the chapel to give thanks for the blessings of that day and to beg for the strength to do it all again tomorrow.

We are blessed to be part of a wonderful fraternity and what we do as brothers will aid us in serving the people of God one day as parish priests. The only way for our community to live up to this high standard is to have a strong spiritual father.

Cardinal Glennon College is blessed to have Fr. Chris Martin in this leadership role. Fr. Martin was born in St. Louis, grew up at Incarnate Word Parish, and graduated from Chaminade High School. He then attended the University of Central Missouri before transferring to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Fr. Martin took two years off from seminary life and attended the University of Missouri St. Louis, where he completed his B.A. in Philosophy and English while working as a part-time youth minister. Fr. Martin then discerned that God was calling him to re-enter the seminary. In 2006, he was ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ. Fr. Martin spent the first six years of his ministry at St. Joseph's Parish in Cottleville until Archbishop Robert Carlson assigned him as the Director of the Vocations Office. In 2014, Archbishop Carlson appointed Fr. Martin the administrator of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Crestwood in addition to his duties as Vocation Director.

This past spring, Fr. Martin took a sabbatical in Spain, to study Spanish and to work on his Doctorate in Spirituality before beginning his new assignment as Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College, while continuing his role as

Vocation Director. Always remembering his past parishioners, Fr. Martin knows that one day, the men whose vocations he is fostering will serve the people of God. Without a doubt, this mindset will surely continue to shape his work as director of the College. "Everything we do in seminary is oriented towards parish ministry," Fr. Martin explained to the college men during orientation. "College seminary is formation to Christ the man— that we grow into the fullness of Christ as St. Paul says, who is the head. You cannot be formed to Christ the priest until you have been formed into Christ the man."

It is a blessing and opportunity for my brothers and me to be formed under the direction of our spiritual father, who with his pastoral experience, will help us conform our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Christ.



Fr. Martin with two collegians and his dog, Moses.

Summer Ministry Assignments

World Youth Day, Krakow 2016 • Nicholas Ashmore, Theology II – Kansas City in Kansas

So many things could be said about experiencing World Youth Day as a seminarian in Krakow this summer. One moment, however, speaks for all the others. Two seminarians and I decided to explore the city. As we approached the center square, large groups of students began walking with us, and soon we stood in the midst of a vast crowd filled with many nationalities and ethnicities. Each group began chanting their songs and many waved flags of their homelands. As I looked around, I realized that, though I heard many languages (French, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish, Polish, and more), all there were one.

In this great diversity, unity was found. Many people claim unity can be found by denying our differences or by building a world of political utopia. Yet, all of these opinions are false and will only end in disunity and strife caused by a denial of human nature, a denial of what we are truly made for. Christ, however, is the path to true communion. That night was a witness to this, because in all the singing, in all the chanting, as many nations cried out, one voice was heard and that was the Holy Spirit groaning within us, crying, “Abba Father!” Adopted children of God, in Christ we are members of the one family that matters. In this alone, will peace and unity come.



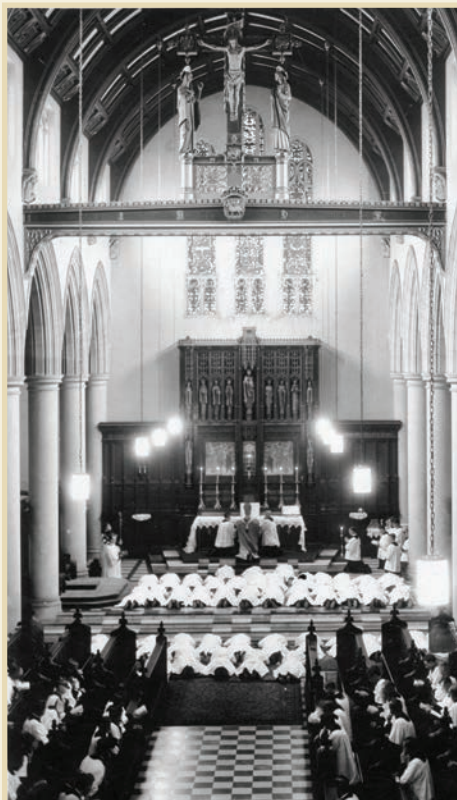
The Homefront • By David Halfmann, College III – St. Louis

During the past two summers, I have worked in the Vocations Office with a great group of seminarians. We run Kenrick Glennon Days, a week-long series of summer camps at the seminary for young men in 6th-9th grades, and help with a number of other retreats, including the Life Teen Leadership Conference, two Christ Power retreats, and two Steubenville weekends. While many days were spent close to home, other activities took us outside St. Louis, where we encountered teens from across the country. Through these experiences with the youth, I found so much joy and hope for our Church, especially in witnessing their desire to follow the will of God every day in their lives.

It was an exhausting summer with only a few days in between each retreat, yet, if I were asked to work the same summer schedule again, I would not hesitate to do so. I thank God every day for the growth I saw among the youth and within myself. The people with whom I worked and served these past two summers have already begun to influence and strengthen my vocation to the priesthood. It was the support and prayer from the people I worked with in the Vocations Office and those I served while on the retreats that had the biggest effect on my life this summer.



100TH ANNIVERSARY of the Cardinal Rigali Center



On April 27, 2016, the Archdiocese of St. Louis celebrated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Cardinal Rigali Center – formerly the home of Kenrick Seminary. On the same date in 1916, the dedication ceremony of the new seminary building was attended by the Apostolic Delegate to the US, with four archbishops, 15 bishops, and 250+ priests. The celebration lasted four days as the St. Louis Catholic community joyously welcomed a magnificent home for the formation of their future pastors. Over the span of numerous decades, this building has housed hundreds of pastors, numerous bishops, and even a current candidate for sainthood, Fr. Emil Kapaun, Class of 1940. Now, the Cardinal Rigali Center functions as the pastoral center for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



Kenrick Seminary construction
nears completion in 1915.



Photos: Archives, Archdiocese of St. Louis

YOUR FUTURE PRIESTS Need You



In the family of Christ, priests are the spiritual fathers. They celebrate with their people in times of joy, comfort in days of sorrow, guide in times of doubt and tribulation, and provide the choicest graces and blessings of Christ through the Sacraments. At Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, the seminarians – your future spiritual fathers – grow closer to Jesus every day and seek to serve with a father's love. Even now, years before ordination, the men go out into parishes like yours to bring Christ's joy to the people they meet.

You can help these men during their years of seminary formation by using the enclosed envelope to make a contribution. Prayerfully consider what giving level is right for you and make your gift today. If you wish to contribute, please send a gift in the enclosed envelope or make a gift online at www.kenrick.edu.

If you are interested in providing lasting support for our future priests, please consider the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Endowment Fund at the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri. For further information, contact Kate Guyol, Development Director, at 314-792-7435 or guyol@kenrick.edu.

Highlights

The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome four new members: Fr. Chris Martin, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and Class of 2006, Dr. James Coyle, an orthopedic surgeon from St. Louis, Dr. John James, Assistant Professor and Director of Catholic Leadership Programs at St. Louis University, and Mr. Tom Lally, Senior Vice President at UMB Bank.

Msgr. Michael Witt, Professor of Church History, published the first book in a four volume series titled *Saint Louis: The Story of Catholic Evangelization of America's Heartland. Volume 1 is titled, From Canoe to Cathedral.* This history of the Archdiocese of St. Louis begins with the exploration of the Mississippi Valley by Marquette and Joliet and ends with the life and times of Bishop Joseph Rosati, first bishop of St. Louis and builder of the old Cathedral.

Dr. Andrew Chronister, Assistant Professor, was awarded a **Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Louisville Institute Program.** In addition to fostering their own education in theological studies, Louisville Fellows are dedicated to supporting fellow educators in their theological endeavors. Dr. Chronister will receive funds to participate in the two-year mentoring program and will attend regular meetings with other Louisville Fellows in the months and years to come.

The **21st Annual Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture** took place at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary on the evening of October 6, 2016 with guest lecturer, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul & Minneapolis. Bishop Hebda presented *"Canon Law: a Tool for Renewal or Reform? An Examination of Pope Francis' Exercise of Legislative Authority."*

Fr. Chris Martin, Class of 2006 and Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College, is the new **President of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD).** Fr. Martin succeeds immediate past-president, Fr. Paul Hoelsing, current Dean of Seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Faculty/Staff Additions

Fr. Edward Ahn, AVI – Spiritual Director

Fr. Lawrence Brennan – Professor of Systematic Theology

Mrs. Marsha Feingold – Institutional Research Assistant

Fr. Donald Henke – Assistant Professor of Moral Theology and Bioethics

Fr. Chris Martin – Vice Rector of Cardinal Glennon College

Ms. Mary Serafino – Communications and Operations Coordinator

Fr. Mirco Sosio, AVI – Spiritual Director

Mrs. Rebecca Young – Electronic Resources Librarian

Promotions in Rank:

Dr. Andrew Chronister – Assistant Professor

Departures:

Mrs. Mary Ann Fox – Administrative Assistant

Fr. Michael Houser – Assistant Professor of Patristics

Mr. Gerald Klaas – Facilities Supervisor

Fr. Earl Muller – Spiritual Director

Fr. David Nerbun – Priest Scholar in Residence

Mrs. Macy Russell - Communications and Operations Coordinator

Fr. David Skillman – Vice Rector, Cardinal Glennon College

Mr. William Toombs – Technical Services/Systems Librarian



Convivium 2016

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson and the seminarians are looking forward to hosting the friends and supporters of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the 24th Annual Convivium Mass and Dinner Auction on November 5, 2016. The evening will begin with Holy Mass at the seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph, followed by a cocktail hour, silent and oral auctions, raffle, and banquet dinner at a new venue, The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Call 314-792-7436 for more information and seating availability. Further details about the event are available online at www.kenrick.edu/convivium.

SURPRISED BY LOVE: A Seminarian's Reflection on the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



By Deacon Laurent-Bernard Okitakatshi Odjango, Theology IV
Diocese of Tshumbe (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

“THE HEART OF THE PRIEST IS A HEART PIERCED BY THE LOVE OF THE LORD.
FOR THIS REASON, HE NO LONGER LOOKS TO HIMSELF,
BUT IS TURNED TOWARDS GOD AND HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.”

– Pope Francis, Jubilee of Mercy for Priests, 2016

Unlike other years, the end of the year 2015 was particularly tumultuous for me. While I did not exhibit any significant health problems, I decided to see a doctor for a physical checkup after my finals in December. A two-fold reason motivated my decision to see a physician: shortness of breath and tiredness during physical activities. Much to my surprise, I was diagnosed with a congenital defect in my heart (Atrial Septal Defect) and was told that open heart surgery was my only option for recovery. As one would imagine, I was completely devastated. Although I was grateful to the Lord for allowing me to be in the United States so that the issue could be adequately addressed, I did not stop wondering why that could happen to me.

Having grown up in a place where “open heart surgery” would sound like the mystery of the Holy Trinity, my expectation to survive or to have a normal life after surgery was desperately miniscule. I could still pray and surrender to Jesus, but the life I wanted to live became only an illusion. A sense of death and uselessness overwhelmingly invaded my heart. During the whole process before the actual surgery, I did not stop questioning and wondering what God was doing in my life.

To understand somehow what I was going through and keep my faith alive, a simple circumstance played a tremendous role. Before I went to see the doctor for a physical checkup (which led to the diagnosis), a brother seminarian typed up names of several saints on small pieces of paper and put them in a basket so that



Deacon Laurent, in front of the Sacred Heart statue in Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's main lobby.

each of us could pick a special saint (whether it was one's favorite saint or not) to pray to during the whole new liturgical year. After hesitating so many times to visit that basket, I finally stopped by and randomly picked up a saint. And guess what? It was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. At that moment, sadly, I did not pay any attention. I just pocketed it and walked away. I had more “serious” things to worry about at that time (e.g. my health and my studies). It was only later on, when I was reflecting and meditating on my health issue during the retreat in January, that that simple gesture of picking up a piece of paper with the name of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque took on a greater meaning. Prayerfully, I started to understand that Jesus wanted to open my eyes to the devotion to His Sacred Heart. I consecrated myself and entrusted the whole process of my surgery to

the Sacred Heart of Jesus, knowing that Jesus Himself promised to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that all who would consecrate themselves to His Sacred Heart would be consoled in their troubles. I began to understand that, out of His great love and plan for me and for the good of His Church, Jesus wanted to “put my health in order” before I could receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Just as the physical heart is the center of human life, Jesus used my congenital heart defect to draw me more closely to Him in the devotion to the Sacred Heart as the Center of my spiritual life and the source of my future diaconal and priestly ministry.

In sharing about my health issue and thoughts on the devotion to the Sacred Heart with my spiritual director, I then perceived more clearly how God was at work in all I was experiencing. In fact, it was not merely fortuitous that I came to America and that this happened just before my ordination to the diaconate. There is more. There is a reason. Jesus came to reveal to us the heart of His Father, overflowing with love and mercy, which love and mercy induced Him to sacrifice Himself for us and give Himself entirely to us in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. Jesus' teaching and preaching, His service to people including His spiritual and physical works of mercy originated or flowed from His loving heart. Likewise, praying and reflecting on the importance and the centrality of my physical heart, I now understand that there is no other way that my future ministry could become effective and fruitful than being rooted in and drawn from the divine heart, from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As a future priest, I will be preaching and exhorting people to practice devotions in their lives. It would be dishonest to propose something I, myself, know only by name or as a theological



Deacon Laurent's first baptism at Immacolata Parish, held shortly after his ordination to the Transitional Diaconate on April 30, 2016.

subject. I am called to enhance in my parishioners the love for Jesus, His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Saints through various and popular devotions. In a time of despair and desolation, Jesus entered in silence and yet with magnificence in my life to bring consolation and reassurance. In a world that has rejected Christ's love, consecrating ourselves and the whole world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can change the course of everything, and make reparation for all the damage this love has suffered.

Just as the physical heart is the main organ of human life and the center of hidden "emotional-intellectual-moral activity", the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the seat of all virtues, the source of all blessings, the place of refuge for all souls. Now that I have been surprised

by Love flowing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the devotional invocation that I learned as a boy becomes intelligible and very moving. This supplication consists in striking my scarred chest three times as I say, "Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us; Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us; Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us."



A Remarkable Legacy

Ms. Patricia Konert understood the importance of planning for the future. Prior to her death in 2015, she created an estate plan with her attorney to ensure that her support of the priesthood extended beyond her lifetime. The seminary recently received an astounding \$1.1 million contribution from her estate.

The majority of her gift was invested in the Holy Family Fund, a unique fund representing the important and beautiful relationship between the priesthood and family life. The seed of Jesus' own priestly vocation was nurtured in the context of the Holy Family. We want to encourage all families to teach their children to listen to and respond to God's call. The continual generosity of donors like Ms. Konert will sustain this fund for the long-term benefit of the seminary. These designations ensure that Ms. Konert's legacy will benefit our local church in St. Louis as well as the Universal Church.

To learn about the Holy Family Fund or other ways to leave your legacy of faith, contact Kate Guyol, Development Director, at 314-792-7435 or guyol@kenrick.edu.

ANNUAL REPORT

It is with heartfelt gratitude to God that we present the 2015-2016 Annual Report and reflect on the many gifts He has bestowed upon Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, the seminarians, priests, faculty, staff, and friends throughout the past year. We offer our thanks to those who continue to offer support to our community through 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.



Seminarians competed against priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis in the 2015 Souls and Goals Soccer Cup. The seminarians look forward to another friendly competition with the clergy on November 9, 2016.



Fr. Marcus Knecht, Class of 2016

In January, the Class of 2016 participated in the Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage as a means of preparing for their upcoming ordinations to the Sacred Priesthood.



The 2015 Alumni Day provided an enriching opportunity for the alumni priests of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to join in community prayer and fellowship, celebrating Jubilarians and honoring Bishop John Gaydos of Jefferson City as the Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient.

A Year in Review

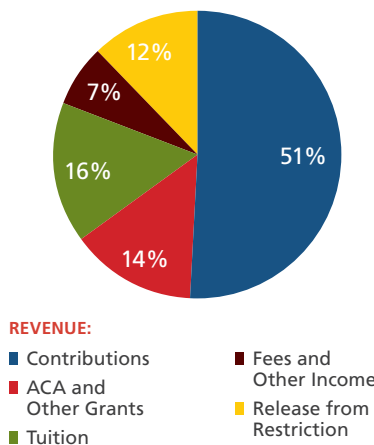
- Seminarians in the School of Theology and Pre-Theology II served 70 parishes within the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In these parish assignments, the men offered support to local pastors and their communities while strengthening their own **pastoral formation** in preparation for the priesthood.
- The Collegian seminarians' **Apostolic Ministry Assignments** included work at nursing homes, parish after-school programs, youth groups, soup kitchens, and more. These servant leadership activities provided seminarians with hands-on opportunities to live for others.
- During the Academic Year, the seminarians host young men and women (ages 18-25) on the First Friday each month for **Nazareth Nights** – an evening of prayer, music, confessions, fellowship, and preaching in the Chapel of St. Joseph. The seminary hosted dozens of young adults at these events.
- The seminary established the **Fiat Women's Group**. Women are invited to the seminary on the Third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk from a distinguished seminary faculty member. Nearly 200 women have attended, with approximately 60 women at each session. All women are invited to attend. More information, as well as video and audio recordings of the talks can be found at www.kenrick.edu/fiat.
- Fr. James Mason, President-Rector, continues to offer monthly Mass and talks for men at the **Forming Men for Christ** gatherings every 2nd Thursday of the month at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clayton. More information can be found at www.kenrick.edu/formingmenforchrist.
- Dr. Ed Hogan, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, was one of 15 people to win a \$10,000 grant to teach "Science in Seminaries." The grant program funded by the John Templeton Foundation and administered by John Carroll University, aims to help better prepare seminarians "to engage the bigger question of science" so that they can interact in a scientifically and technologically sophisticated world. Dr. Hogan won for his proposal to develop a course at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary titled, "**Theology and Science: In Dialogue for the New Evangelization**" which will be taught in Spring 2017.
- In November, Bishop Carl Kemme, Class of 1986 and Bishop of Wichita, presented a report detailing the life and heroic Christian virtues of **Fr. Emil Kapaun**, Class of 1940, to Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation of Saints' Causes. Fr. Kapaun, a Wichita priest and Army chaplain who died in a North Korean prison camp in 1951, has been named a Servant of God, and his cause for canonization is being presented to the Vatican.

Financial Review: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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.

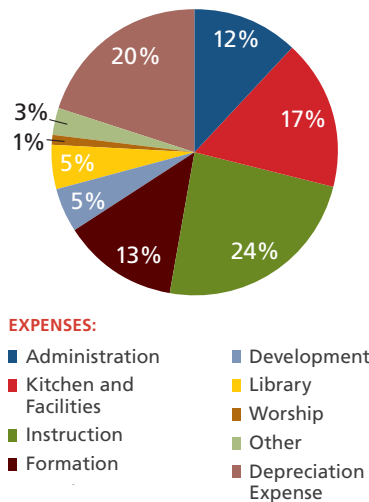
REVENUE:

Contributions	\$ 3,953,267
ACA and Other Grants	1,081,732
Tuition	1,263,199
Fees and Other Income	525,979
Release from Restriction	941,867
Total Revenue	\$ 7,766,044



EXPENSES:

Administration	\$ 960,232
Kitchen and Facilities	1,426,335
Instruction	1,999,753
Formation	829,337
Development	363,748
Library	363,647
Worship	214,915
Other	436,454
Depreciation Expense	1,698,069
Total Expenses	\$ 8,292,490



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 as of September 2016.

Strategic Plan Progress Report

Last year, the seminary launched a new strategic plan: *Configuring Men to the Heart of Jesus Christ Strategic Plan 2015-2020*. Since that time, the seminary has been working to ensure proper implementation of each of the plan's priorities and tasks. The strategic plan priorities focus on forming priests with pastoral hearts, enhancing partnerships between the seminary and the community and collaborators, maintaining operational and financial transparency, and the development of programs and assessments to ensure best practices in seminary operations. The plan outlines tasks for each year which are designed to enhance the distinctive excellence in seminary formation in a full future of hope. Year I completed tasks achieved throughout the past year include but are not limited to:

- Addition of several live-in spiritual directors
- Implementation of a new process for evaluating capital expenditures
- Creation of a new Cohort Survey
- Implementation of CLI, Dale Carnegie, and other human formation workshops
- Initiation of a end of year survey for seminarians concerning parish assignments
- Monthly community events including Fiat Women's Group, Forming Men for Christ, and Nazareth Nights

You are invited to review our 2015-2020 Strategic Plan online at kenrick.edu/strategicplan. The document contains a comprehensive overview of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's team of contributors as well as our mission, vision, values, priorities, and objectives.

Becoming an Instrument for the People of God

By Fr. Gabriel Greer, Class of 2016 - Wichita

DURING A BANQUET AT THE END OF HIS SEMINARY FORMATION, THEN-DEACON GABRIEL GREER, GAVE A TOAST ON BEHALF OF THE CLASS OF 2016. BELOW IS AN EXCERPT FROM HIS SPEECH.



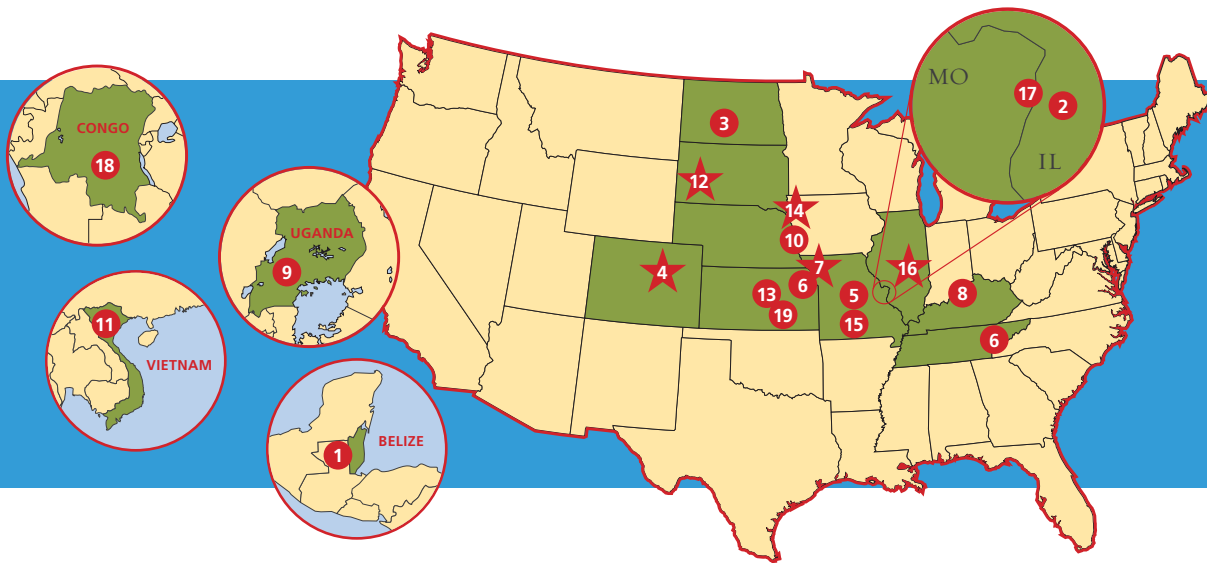
Fr. Gabriel Greer was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Carl Kemme, Class of 1986, on May 28, 2016.

The seminarian who allows his heart to be configured to the heart of Christ is able to make the promise on the day of his ordination that he will pray with and for the people of God each and every day. He does not do this for his own personal growth; he configures his heart to Christ so that the people of God might be drawn to Christ. The seminarian who configures his heart to Christ will allow the people of God, whom he is being formed to serve as priest, to know, love, and serve Christ. Our ministry as priests will only bear fruit in so far as we configure our hearts to the heart of Jesus Christ.

I hope the mission of the seminary rings through the ears of each seminarian and all the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary alumni every day. May each seminarian and priest fall more in love with Jesus Christ each day. May each seminarian allow Christ to transform him into a priest who is configured to His Sacred Heart. Take your classes seriously, be open and honest with your spiritual director, learn to love the people of God as Christ loves them through your pastoral assignment, and become a better human being through the discipline of seminary life and the human formation conferences. Not for your own gain, but so that you can be the priest God calls you to be so you can be His instrument to the people of God.

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

★ The stars indicate new sending dioceses during the 2016-2017 academic year.

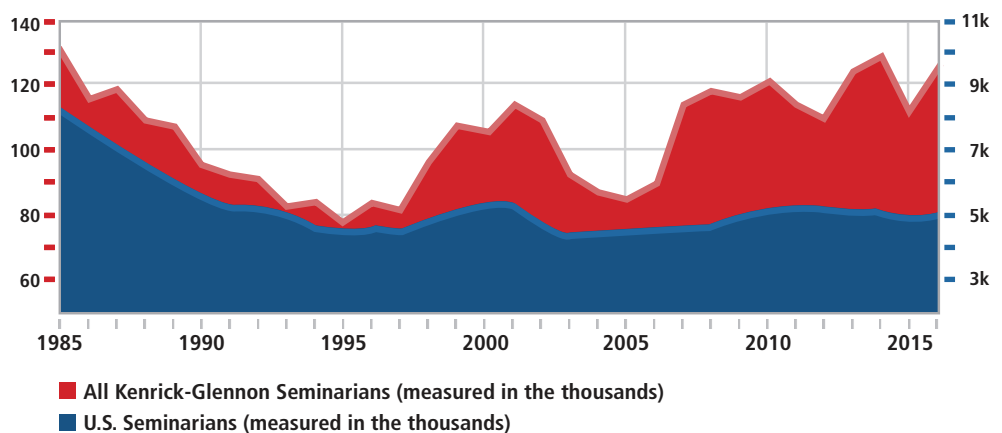


Students by Diocese/Archdiocese

Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	Total	Diocese/Archdiocese/Religious Order	Total
1 Belize City-Belmopan, Belize	4	11 Phat Diem, Vietnam	3
2 Belleville	2	★ 12 Rapid City	1
3 Bismarck	3	13 Salina	1
★ 4 Denver	3	★ 14 Sioux City	3
5 Jefferson City	4	15 Springfield-Cape Girardeau	4
6 Kansas City, KS	11	★ 16 Springfield, IL	4
★ 7 Kansas City-St. Joseph	7	17 St. Louis	49
8 Knoxville	2	18 Tshumbe, Democratic Republic of the Congo	2
9 Masaka, Uganda	2	19 Wichita	10
10 Omaha	11		

Enrollment History from 1986-2016

The numbers in the graph reflect enrollment at the beginning of the academic year and include all full-time seminarians, including those on pastoral year, ESL students, and members of religious orders who are full-time students. Part-time students are not counted in these figures.





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CALENDAR *of Events*

NOVEMBER

- Friday, November 4: Nazareth Night
- Saturday, November 5: Convivium Dinner Auction
- Wednesday, November 9: Souls and Goals Soccer Cup
- November 18 – 20: Come and See Weekend
- November 23 – 27: Thanksgiving Break
- November 30: Advent Novena Begins

DECEMBER

- November 30 – December 8: Advent Novena
- Thursday, December 15: Fall Semester Ends
- Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

JANUARY

- January 1 – 14: Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage
- January 8 – 12: Retreats
- Tuesday, January 17: Spring Semester Begins
- January 26 – 29: March for Life – Washington, DC

FEBRUARY

- Friday, February 3: Nazareth Night
- February 17 – 19: Priesthood Discernment Retreat
- Saturday, February 25: 5th Annual John Cardinal Glennon Lecture

MARCH

- Friday, March 3: Nazareth Night
- March 3 – 5: 40 Hours Devotion
- Sunday, March 5: Open House



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Our Mission

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a proper ecclesial community of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis preparing men for the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father, we seek each seminarian's configuration to the Heart of Jesus Christ, High Priest and Shepherd, so that he can shepherd wholeheartedly with Christ's pastoral charity.

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