



Summer 2006

"Forming men for the
priesthood for over
100 years."

The Herald

A Newsletter for the Alumni and Friends of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Mission Statement

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a community of faith, formation, and learning, located in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the praise of God the Father, we cultivate the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral gifts of candidates for the diocesan ministry.

To this end, we commit ourselves to a responsible and effective stewardship of resources, carrying on our recognized tradition of service to the Church.

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Thirteen Ordained to Priesthood Dunlap, Martin, Muenks, Nord Are Priests for St. Louis

On Saturday, May 27, 2006, Archbishop Raymond Burke ordained to the Order of Priesthood four Kenrick-Glennon seminarians for the Archdiocese of St. Louis: Rev. Christopher Dunlap, Rev. Christopher Martin, Rev. Nicholas Muenks, and Rev. Aaron Nord.

In attendance at the standing-room only Cathedral Basilica were family and friends of the four men, as well as priests, deacons, and men and women religious of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Seminarians were also in atten-



(From left:) Newly-ordained Fr. Nord, Fr. Muenks, Fr. Dunlap, and Fr. Martin, with Archbishop Raymond Burke, following their Ordination Mass of May 27 at the Cathedral Basilica. (Mark Kempf)

dance at the ceremony.

Many seminarians commented that seeing their brother seminarians ordained to the priesthood was an inspiring experience that they hope to know in the years to come.

Last year, Father Gerald Blessing was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Next year, God-willing, the new transitional deacons will be ordained to the priesthood, including four more for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

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Summer Offers Varied Ministries for Seminarians



By Fr. Paul Rothschild, Assistant Dean of Students, Kenrick Seminary

Many of the bishops who choose to send their men to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary have developed summer priestly formation programs to continue to shape their men for service as priests in the particular circumstances of their dioceses. In the past, the men from St. Louis found work for themselves once the academic year came to a close. Many times, but not always, they lived in a parish rectory and did a variety of work, both ministerial

and manual labor.

The one exception to this for the men from St. Louis was the common experience of PFP (Priestly Formation Program) that was developed in the mid-1960's by Fr. Bill Lyons, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and Fr. Frank Gaydos, C.M., and continued for several decades. It began as a six-week intensive spiritual program with the high point being a seven-day silent retreat conducted by Fr. Frank Cleary, S.J. The circumstances of priestly life today

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Pictures from Second Semester, Academic Year 2005-2006



George Weigel addresses a full house at the March 23 Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture. Mr. Weigel's lecture, entitled "Pope Benedict XVI and the Catholic Future: A Global View," served as the eleventh entry in this esteemed speakers' series. (Chris Rossman)



Fr. Jack Hunthausen, S.J., (left) presides over the April 27 Sunday evening prayer that welcomed back to the seminary approximately 75 non-ordained former seminarians from Prep South, Prep North, Cardinal Glennon College, and Kenrick Seminary. A reception in the refectory followed, allowing the former seminarians and their spouses to enjoy each other's company and catch up with one another. (Chris Rossman)



St. Louis college seminarian John Straatmann blasts a triple in the annual end-of-the-Academic-Year Cardinal Glennon College softball game. (Jeff Geerling)



Fr. Timothy Cronin, Director of Cardinal Glennon College, shares a laugh with Joseph Geerling, father of seminarian Jeff, as St. Louis seminarian Bo Purcell (right) enjoys the May 20 barbecue hosted by the Cardinal Glennon Freshmen for the college seminarians, graduates, and their parents. (Jeff Geerling)

Auction Items Needed for November 4th Convivium

On Saturday, November 4, the seminary will host its fourteenth annual dinner auction, *Convivium 2006*. *Convivium* is the seminary's annual opportunity to feast together with our friends, new and familiar, who continue to support us with their generosity and prayers. Proceeds from this event are used to assist our seminarians in many different ways. *Convivium 2006* will focus a portion of its fund-raising efforts at renovating the St. Charles Borromeo Chapel which is used by the college seminarians.

The *Convivium 2006* committee is currently seeking items for the auction. New items, almost new items, furniture in good condition, themed baskets, gift certificates (for restaurants, stores, events, services), handmade items, and items big and small are most welcome.

If you have questions or would like to donate an item to *Convivium 2006*, please call Gina Scherer in the Development Office at 314-792-6119

Thank you for your continued support!



Alumni Reflections

The vocation of the priesthood is rich with rewards throughout its ministry. Sacramentally, spiritually, and personally, the life of a priest has much to offer. *The Herald* asked these Kenrick alumni: “In your experience, what have been the most rewarding aspects of the priesthood?”



Rev. John J. Ghio / Ordination Class of 1980, Archdiocese of St. Louis / Pastor, St. Peter Parish in St. Charles

“The most rewarding aspects of my priesthood involve working with people in the various parishes in which I’ve served. Just being a part of the lives of these special people, serving as God’s instrument in their lives, means so much to me. When God is working through you to bring His grace into their lives, you feel the reward of the priestly life. You are able to serve your parishioners at such important moments in their lives. The sacraments are remarkably rewarding experiences. When I am with someone during the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, I can feel the working of the Spirit—that sacred moment is an immensely grace-filled experience.”

Rev. Dennis R. Stehly / Ordination Class of 1977, Archdiocese of St. Louis / Pastor, Ascension Parish in Chesterfield

“Being with people during the important times in their lives is such a blessed aspect of my priesthood. Through the sacraments I am humbled and privileged to be with people during the happy times—baptisms and weddings—and sad times—funerals and illnesses—of their lives. Being able to see the faith of people during these times in their lives makes me so grateful to be blessed and so humbled to be a part of such pivotal and powerful periods of these people’s lives. I’ve been lucky in my assignments. I’ve been fortunate to work with good priests and good and holy people at the parishes to which I have been assigned throughout my ministry as a priest.”



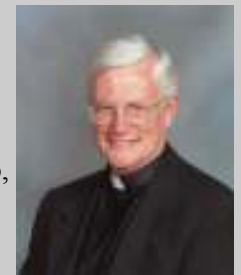
Rev. Michael J. Andrejek / Ordination Class of 1998, Diocese of Peoria / Pastor, Holy Family Church in Peoria, Illinois

“There are certainly many rewarding aspects of the priesthood that I have encountered in my eight years since ordination for which I am extremely grateful to God. Among them I count the chance to instruct and form many teenagers when I was chaplain of Alleman Catholic High School in my diocese. Witnessing my brother’s wedding, baptizing my nephew, and celebrating my aunt’s funeral Mass have been very personal and important times in my priesthood. But in all truth, the most rewarding aspect of the priesthood is the daily celebration of the sacraments of the Church, particularly Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist. This is awesome and humbling at the same time, and makes me appreciate the gift of the priesthood each and every day.”



Rev. Gerald A. Meier / Ordination Class of 1966, Archdiocese of St. Louis / Pastor, Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Webster Groves

“Preparation for and sharing God’s Word with people have drawn me into a deeper awareness and appreciation for the presence and message of God in the Sacred Word. I think I enjoy the preaching partly because, as someone has pointed out, ‘teaching’ seems to be in my blood. And preaching becomes a way of continuing that ministry that I enjoyed so much over the years. Also, I think of Reconciliation and the counseling and spiritual direction that often accompanies that ministry. Once again, it is awesome to behold the love, compassion and forgiveness God has for us wayward sinners. Helping to bring people to peace by way of Reconciliation and putting them in touch with God’s love and mercy have been truly blessed and graced moments for me.”



Faculty News and Notes

Fr. John Hunthausen, S.J.,



serve as a Spiritual Director, participated in the seminar for spiritual directors of diocesan seminarians conducted by the Institute for Priestly Formation at

Creighton University in Omaha from June 9-30. Fr. Hunthausen will also be ministering at Sacred Heart Parish in Calgary, Canada, from early July until mid-August. While there, he will be directing a retreat at the FCJ Centre operated by the Faithful Companions of Jesus in Calgary from July 23-29.

Fr. Edward Richard, M.S.,



Vice Rector, Dean of Students, Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry Program, and Associate Professor of Moral Theology, continues

to give interviews on stem cells and appear in video productions on these issues. One of the videos is a re-

source for churches being published by the organization known as Missourians Against Cloning. It premiered on the evening of Thursday, May 18. One of Father Richard's video interviews is available at www.videoist.com. Father also has an article in the *Linacre Quarterly* with Drs. William Burke and Patrick Pullicino (MDs) on the morality of Oocyte-Assisted Reprogramming (a variation on cloning). Father Richard appears on a new recording by Catholic Evangelist Bob Rice entitled "Nowhere Else to Go" and is currently at work on a new CD of Catholic Bluegrass Gospel music which should be out by December.



Fr. Thomas McDermott, O.P., Assistant Professor of Spirituality, gave a talk at the University of Dallas on April 29, the Feast of St.

Catherine of Siena. The title of the talk was, "St. Catherine of Siena's Teaching on the Three Spiritual Stages."

On June 4, Dr. Sebastian



Mahfood, Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies, ran in the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, his sixth marathon since

December of 2005. He will spend his summer preparing his dissertation on radical eschatologies for publication and developing a course for St. Louis University on postcolonial Islamic Africa.

Dr. Anne Marie Kitz, (Hebrew



Bible/Old Testament) has published an article entitled "The Curse behind the Plague of Boils," in *MAARAV: A Journal for the Study of*

Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures. The periodical is devoted to the rigorous, prudent treatment of the corpus of Northwest Semitic texts with special emphasis on linguistic, philological and literary issues.

(Summer Ministry, cont. from pg. 1) indicate the importance of ongoing formation and so Archbishop Burke has asked the Seminary Formation members to develop programs for the men from St. Louis who are entering Theology I, Theology II, and Theology III. Those entering Theology IV are ordinarily ordained deacons and are assigned to parishes as in the past.

Working closely with Fr. Michael Butler, the Archdiocesan Vocations Director, the men in Theology I and Theology II assist him in the preparation and execution of several vocation camps, including Kenrick-Glennon Days for Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders and that is

closely followed by two High School Retreats—Christ Power I and Christ Power II. At the conclusion of those camps the men entering Theology III will travel to Mexico City to study the history, culture, and (Spanish) language of the many immigrants who are in our Archdiocese from Mexico. The men entering Theology II are participating in a ten-week residential spiritual formation program conducted by the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University.

Those in Theology I will be assigned by Archbishop Burke to a parish and will participate in an orientation to the History and Heritage, Institutions and Agencies of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. They will visit the

shrines of St. Ferdinand, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, the Miraculous Medal, and St. Joseph. They will learn of the influence of the Vincentians, Daughters of Charity, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. They will spend the day at St. John's Mercy Hospital and Cardinal Glennon Hospital, visit the retired priests at Regina Cleri, learn Archdiocesan history from Fr. Barnaby Faherty, S.J., and spend the day at St. Patrick's Center. Among many other activities, they will work with the Missionaries of Charity, tour Calvary cemetery, visit the Old and New Cathedrals, as well as listen to presentations from the various offices and agencies that comprise the Rigali Center.

Seminarian Spotlight



Kenrick-Glennon seminarians speak with many young people about their vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Here is the advice the following seminarians give to grade school and high school students who feel they might have a similar calling:

Craig Holway, Theology I / Archdiocese of St. Louis, Iowa / Home Parish: St. Ferdinand Parish, Florissant



“I recommend to these young people that they talk to priests about what it is to be a priest. It’s not just about celebrating the sacraments, although that’s a large part of it. Talk to priests about the other kinds of ministry they do: like hospital and nursing home visits, counseling, education, and parish administration. Finding out all aspects of the priestly vocation will allow you to pray over the whole picture. Also, talk to your family and friends. Oftentimes they can give you the encouragement you need to remain dedicated to your vocation discernment when the going gets tough.”

Noah Waldman, Theology III / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: The Cathedral Basilica, St. Louis

“If you feel that God is calling you to the priesthood or to religious life, then rejoice because He probably is. Do not worry about whether the call is real—worry of that sort is useless and goes nowhere. Instead, listen to what God told all the prophets of the Old Testament: ‘Go, for I promise I will be with you!’ Have courage, and do not be afraid. Talk to a priest or to a religious. Dial up the vocations director. You are never too young or too old, too poor or too unworthy, to respond to God’s call.”



Bo Purcell, Senior, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Louis



“I recommend that any young man who is interested in following a calling to the priesthood speak with his parish priest or a priest with whom he is comfortable. A priest will be able to answer all of his questions and tell him about his own experiences in the seminary. Make an effort to attend Mass during the week, and really focus on the Sacrifice occurring there. Finally, go to adore the Blessed Sacrament whenever you can. In my own discernment, quiet prayer in adoration was essential to my discernment of God’s will in my life.”

John Straatmann, Senior, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Francis Borgia, Washington

“I would suggest to every young man interested in the priesthood to get involved in his parish community. I received a lot of my encouragement from my parish priests and the parishioners at St. Francis Borgia. It doesn’t take much to get involved either. A young man can serve Mass, help with different social organizations and ministries within the parish, and much more! It’s important learn about parish life early on so that, as a priest, he may be an effective pastoral leader.”



(Ordinations, cont. from pg. 1)

Other Kenrick-Glennon seminarian ordinations, ministries, and graduations include:

Sacred Order of the Priesthood

Brother Christopher Ngozi Onuoha, Omaha
 Brother Francis Dominic Valerio, Omaha
 Christopher Joseph Dunlap, St. Louis
 Christopher Michael Martin, St. Louis
 Nicholas Jacob Muenks, St. Louis
 Aaron Paul Nord, St. Louis
 Mark Carl Neal, Des Moines
 Joseph Frederick Pins, Des Moines
 Steven E. Hansen, Kansas City-St. Joseph
 Steven Curtis Rogers, Kansas City-St. Joseph
 Benjamin Peterson Bradshaw, Memphis
 Dennis Michael Morrissy, Rockford in Illinois
 Andrew Todd Skrobutt, Rockford in Illinois
 Kyle James Hill, Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Sacred Order of the Diaconate

Christopher John Rossman, Kansas City in Kansas
 Timothy Lorenz Bannes, St. Louis
 Rodger Paul Fleming, St. Louis
 Joseph Stephen Post, St. Louis
 William Wayne Hennecke, Jr., Springfield-Cape Girardeau

On Saturday, April 22, in Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph, the following seminarians were installed to the **Ministry of Acolyte** by Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas: Scott Andrew Valentine Hastings (Omaha), Eric Jeffrey Kunz (St. Louis), Edward George Nemeth (St. Louis), Kevin Michael Schroeder (St. Louis), and Matthew Michael DeBlock (Rockford, Illinois).

On Saturday, April 29, in Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph, the following seminarians were



With Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, the Cardinal Glennon College Graduating Class of 2006: (from left) Derrick Flannigan, Zachary Kautzky, Timothy Noelker, and Jason Schumer. (Jeff Geerling)

installed to the **Ministry of Reader** by Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois: Mark Andrew Chrismer (Saint Louis), John Walter Mayo (Saint Louis), Eric Francis Olsen (Saint Louis), David Patrick Skillman (Saint Louis), Christian Joseph Malewski (K.C.-Saint Joseph), John Robert Evans (Rockford, Illinois), Russell Paul Kovash (Bismarck), Jordan Emmanuel Gongora (Belize City & Belmopan), Robert Dale Favazza (Memphis), and Kevin James Stockbridge (Memphis).

Cardinal Glennon College, Class of 2006

Derrick Andrew Flannigan, St. Louis
 Timothy James Noelker, St. Louis
 Jason Joseph Schumer, St. Louis
 Zachary Jon Kautzky, Des Moines

Additional Notes

College seminarian Paul Hamilton has been accepted to the prestigious

Theodore B. Basselin Program at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The Basselin Program is a full three-year scholarship awarded to seminarians who have completed two years of undergraduate study and have achieved a superior level of academic performance. The program leads to a B.A. and M.A. in philosophy. Paul, who graduated from Chaminade College Preparatory School, is a member of St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Ellisville. He will join St. Louis seminarians Donald Anstoetter and Robert Ryan who completed their first year as Basselin scholars. Congratulations to Paul!

Jason Schumer, CGC Class of 2006, will be continuing his priestly formation in Rome at the Pontifical North American College and the Gregorian University. Jason is a graduate of St. Vincent High School in Perryville, and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He will join St. Louis seminarian John O'Brien, CGC Class of 2003, who is anticipating his ordination as a deacon this fall and to the holy priesthood in 2007. John is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Josephville.



At the May 13 College Graduation Mass, in the seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph, Cardinal Glennon College graduate Zachary Kautzky (Des Moines) prepares to receive his diploma from Archbishop Raymond Burke as Rev. Mr. Aaron Nord looks on. (Jeff Geerling)

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary Bids Farewell to Fr. John Heil

After serving Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for twenty-seven years, Fr. John Paul Heil has recently been appointed as Professor of New Testament in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Next semester Fr. Heil will be teaching a course on New Testament Introduction to thirty undergraduate students and a seminar on the Letter to the Ephesians to doctoral students.

Fr. Heil began teaching at Kenrick Seminary in 1979, when it was housed in what is now the Cardinal Rigali Center. He served as Academic Dean from 1983-86.

During his twenty-seven years at the seminary, Fr. Heil has taught courses on Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Introduction to the Old Testament, Prophets, Intertestamental Literature, Synoptic Gospels, Pauline Literature, Johannine Literature, Letter to the Hebrews, Catholic Epistles, and Book of Revelation.

With regard to education, Fr. Heil attended St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South (1962-66), Cardinal Glennon College (1966-70), and

Kenrick Seminary (1970-74). After ordination to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1974, he attended the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1974-79), earning the Doctorate in Sacred Scripture (SSD) degree.

Special memories for Fr. Heil include participating in the development of seminary education and formation for the past twenty-seven years, assisting in a three-month program of New Testament studies at the house of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem in 1981, leading groups of seminarians and others on study tours to Israel (2000) and Turkey (2002), sabbatical and summer trips to Greece, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Sicily, Tunisia, Malta, Cyprus, and Crete, and being part of the recent developments in teaching with technology in which Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is at the cutting edge among schools of theology.

Fr. Heil will depart with pleasant thoughts of being privileged to teach seminarians who are now serving as priests not only in the Archdiocese of St. Louis but



(From left:) Academic Dean Fr. Lawrence Brennan, Fr. Heil, and President-Rector Msgr. Ted Wojcicki.

throughout the country and beyond. “The significant contributions of Fr. Jack Heil to the formation of priests over the past twenty-seven

years are remarkable and he will be sorely missed,” said Msgr. Ted Wojcicki, President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. “His scholarly contributions to our understanding of Sacred Scriptures are unparalleled during the past few decades at Kenrick Seminary. He re-

mains a model to our seminarians of effective pedagogy, personal discipline, and lifelong learning.”



Fr. Heil speaks at a May 7 brunch held in his honor at the seminary. (Chris Rossman)



On behalf of the seminary community, Msgr. Ted Wojcicki expresses gratitude for the twenty-seven years of service given by Fr. Heil. (Chris Rossman)

Seminary Wish List: Seeking the Following Donations

If you or someone you know would be willing to donate one or more of the following items, please contact John Cleary in the Development Office at 314-792-6113. The **Maintenance Department** is in needs of a four-wheel-drive truck for hauling and general duties, and a Bobcat with front loader bucket.

The **Kitchen** is in need of a commercial grade micro-

wave oven, a new refrigerator, a commercial grade grill, a meat slicer, a new juice machine, a refrigerated salad bar, a steamer, and a commercial grade mixer.

The seminary would also welcome the donation of the following services: concrete, carpeting, and fencing.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our seminary mission!

**Coming Events
at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**

Alumni Day—October 4th

The Kenrick Alumni Mass and Dinner are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th. The evening will begin with Holy Mass at 5:00 P.M. in the Chapel of St. Joseph at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke will be the main celebrant and Golden Jubilarian Most Rev. John J. Leibrecht, Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will be the homilist. All alumni are invited to attend.

**Convivium Dinner Auction—
November 4**

The Fourteenth Annual Convivium dinner auction, *Convivium 2006*, will be held on Saturday, November 4. Donated items are currently being accepted (see related story, page 2). Invitations will be mailed out in September.

**Diaconate and Priestly Ordinations
for the Archdiocese of St. Louis**



(From left:) St. Louis seminarians and newly-ordained transitional deacons Rev. Mr. Timothy Bannes, Rev. Mr. Joseph Post, and Rev. Mr. Rodger Fleming with Archbishop Raymond Burke at their May 6 Diaconate Ordination at Holy Trinity Parish in St. Ann. (Mark Kempf)



(From left:) Christopher Dunlap, Nicholas Muenks, Christopher Martin, and Aaron Nord at their May 27 Priestly Ordination for the Archdiocese of St. Louis at the Cathedral Basilica. (Mark Kempf)



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