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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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Kenrick Seminary Blessed by New Faculty

The Seminary is pleased to welcome the following faculty members to its esteemed ranks:



Reverend Randy Soto is a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of San José, Costa Rica. He was born to a family of first generation Lebanese and second generation Spanish descent. Father attended Saint Joseph's

Seminary in New York for his theological studies. Ordained in 1991, Fr. Soto was immediately assigned to a mission parish in the Rain Forest of the Central Pacific of Costa Rica. He was then sent to Rome for his Licentiate in Scripture (1994-1996). When he returned to San José, Father taught Scripture at the Seminary for five years (1996-2000). In January of 2001, Father was

again sent to Rome to get a Doctorate in Biblical Theology, which he finished successfully in May of 2003. In September of 2004, due to the generosity of his current Archbishop, Hugo Barrantes, Fr. Soto was released to come to the United States to serve in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and to teach in their Permanent Diaconate Program as well as the Ecclesial Lay Ministry Program.

Again with his Bishop's blessing, Father comes to Kenrick with great confidence in the Lord that his work among the seminarians will result in many blessings for both Churches: San José and Saint Louis. Apart from the New Testament classes he is teaching, Father has been asked to help in the Hispanic Ministry, to which he brings his many gifts.

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St. Louis Seminarians Accompany Archbishop Burke on Pilgrimage to La Crosse



By Jeffrey Geerling, Senior, Cardinal Glennon College

Before returning to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the 2006-2007 academic year, Archbishop Burke and seminarians studying for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis traveled to La Crosse,



Archbishop Raymond Burke speaks with St. Louis First Year Theologians Anthony Ochoa and Steven Mirarchi (*far right*) as the seminary's president-rector, Msgr. Ted Wojcicki looks on. (*Jeff Geerling*)

Wisconsin, for a four-day pilgrimage. In the midst of speaking with and teaching his seminarians about their faith and pastoral work, Archbishop Burke introduced the seminarians to many landmarks in the Diocese of La Crosse.

The highlight of the pilgrimage was a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a beautiful hillside shrine scheduled to

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Come Pray With Your Future Priests

2006 Christmas Novena

Monday, December 4 to Tuesday, December 12
7:30 P.M. in the Seminary's Beautiful Chapel of St. Joseph

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary invites you to join our seminarians for nine evenings of prayer and music as we prepare our hearts and minds for the joy and splendor of Christmas.



The Seminary asks that you pray with the future priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Midwest for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life and the grace of perseverance in these vocations.

Please mark your calendar and join us for this prayerful Advent celebration.

For further information please call 314-792-6100.

Directions: Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is located at 5200 Glennon Drive, off Weil Avenue - approximately 6 blocks west of Chippewa and 10 blocks east of Laclede Station Road.

Springfield in Illinois Seminarian Wins WCU Essay Contest



Kevin Muniz, Theology III, Seminarian for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

(Note: At the prompting of his vocation director, Springfield in Illinois seminarian and Third Year Theologian Kevin Muniz entered this year's Western Catholic Union essay contest. The topic of the essay contest was "What It Means to Be a Seminarian Today." First prize for this contest was \$1,000 towards seminary tuition. The following is Kevin Muniz's 500-word, prize-winning essay.)

In my four years in the seminary, I have learned that the major obstacles for people to enter into the seminary or religious life are fears of the lack of happiness, the negative stereotypes put on people who pursue such a life, and most of all the lack of support from family and friends. As a result, we, who are entering into the priesthood and religious life, are no longer called to just prepare for our vocation, but we are also called to be ambassadors for our vocation. We cannot just solely concentrate on our academic studies, but we must be public figures for our vocations.



As it applies to me, while obtaining good academic marks, I work diligently at the promotion of the priesthood and the religious life. This promotion is directed at the dispelling of the obstacles that prevent people from embracing such a life by speaking, working, and being present at a variety of youth and adult functions and writing consistently on the faith and my journey to the priesthood for my personal blog (an on-line journal at www.muniz.motime.com that



came in second place in the Catholic Blog Awards for the category of Best Blog by a Seminarian), my new apologetic blog (discussions on faith and doctrines with ministers of other churches at www.theforum.motime.com), and my column in the *Catholic Times* (my diocesan newspaper).

In response to the obstacle of happiness, I willingly open my life up to the

world for them to see the peace and the joy that I feel inside. Whether that be in my column, on the internet, or in person at different functions and events, the only way for a person to overcome this obstacle is to witness my happiness for themselves. In regards to the stereotypes associated with



those in the priesthood and religious life, I again use the previously mentioned methods to put on display my unique characteristics. Whether that is my sense of humor, my athletic ability, or my lack of obesity, the only way to overcome the obstacle of the stereotypes is by showing people my normalcy. Finally, in the obstacle of support, my outgoing nature allows me to meet and let people get to know me, so that when people accept me then they can accept the vocation too.



In the end, I have to work hard to put a face and a personality on the seminarian. I persevere towards the goal to change the view of the priesthood and religious. Instead of images of unhappiness, lack of support, and stereotypes, I want people to see pure joy, encouragement, and the possibility that God could be calling anyone. As a seminarian,

I am called to be more than just an academic student; I am called to be an ambassador for vocations. And I am uniquely qualified to receive this WCU grant because I have gone above and beyond the call of this responsibility.

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Faculty News and Notes



Dr. Sebastian Mahfood (left), Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies, co-authored an article with **Fr. Michael Witt**



(bottom left), Professor of Church History, entitled “Teaching Church History through Interactive Technologies: Engaging Cyberspace for Face-to-Face,” published in the Spring 2006 issue of *Seminary Journal*, which can be downloaded from http://www.kenrickparish.com/teaching_church_history.pdf. From October 1 through the February of 2007, Dr. Mahfood will be on sabbatical, working on two books, one entitled *Cyberpriest: Integrating Appropriate Technologies into Seminary Education and Pastoral Ministry* and the other entitled *Wit and Wisdom*, a postcolonial novel about the relationship between the British Empire and its colonial possessions.

Dr. Daniel Van Slyke, Associate Professor of Church History, serves as an assistant editor of a liturgical journal entitled *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal*. The journal expresses the views of the Society for Catholic Liturgy, which Dr. Van Slyke describes as follows:

“The Society for Catholic Liturgy is a multidisciplinary association of Catholic scholars, teachers, pastors, and professionals—including architects and musicians—in the Anglophone world. Founded in 1995, the non-profit Society is committed to promoting scholarly study and practical renewal of the Church’s liturgy.

“Membership in the Society for Catholic Liturgy is open to persons trained or professionally competent in the fields of liturgy and sacramental theology, as well as theologians, pastors, social scientists, biblical and patristic scholars, historians, architects, artists, musicians, and representatives of other disciplines whose Catholic faith and professional expertise qualify them to advance the aims of the Society.”

In May, Dr. Van Slyke delivered a paper on ancient baptismal rituals, “The Emergence of insufflatio as a Distinct Ritual Gesture in Christian Initiation,” at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan. His article, “The Ancestry and Theology of the Rite of Major Exorcism (1999/2004),” appeared in the 2006 issue *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal*. This September Dr. Van Slyke will attend the annual convention of the Society for Catholic Liturgy, of which he sits on the board of directors.

Dr. Daniel Van Slyke’s journal, *Antiphon*, has been approved for linking off the seminary website. That link can be found at <http://www.liturgysociety.org/JOURNAL/antiphon.htm>.

From June 11-21, **Fr. Lawrence Brennan**, Vice-Rector/Academic Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology, served as an auxiliary confessor in Lourdes, France.



Father Michael Monshau, O.P., Adjunct Professor of Homiletics, recently served as editor on the book, *The Grace and Task of Preaching*. It is described as follows:



Dominican Publications, Dublin, has recently released a valuable new volume on preaching, prepared by an international team of Dominican scholars. *The Grace and Task of Preaching* is a collection of essays in which eighteen Dominican theologians address the point of intersection between their own theological discipline (e.g., Christology, biblical hermeneutics, liturgy...) and homiletics.

Father Michael Monshau, the book’s editor, conceived the project and saw it as an opportunity to honor the late Father Damian Byrne, who promoted preaching zealously during his mandate as the successor to Saint Dominic as Master of the Order of Friars Preachers (1983-1992). Accordingly, the book is dedicated to Father Damian.

The book’s contributing authors represent an international collection of Do- (News and Notes, cont. on pg. 8)

(Pilgrimage, from pg. 1) be dedicated in 2008. Archbishop Burke led the seminarians in the Way of the Cross at the Shrine’s outdoor stations, toured the interior of the Shrine’s church (which is under construction), and enjoyed a lunch with the seminarians catered by the Shrine’s restaurant.

The seminarians visited and participated in Holy Mass at the Diocesan Center, dined with the Franciscan Sisters of the Martyr

St. George at their new discernment house, and visited some of the parishes and the Bishop’s residence where Archbishop Burke had resided while in La Crosse. The St. Louis seminarians were excited to be able to gather during this pilgrimage before the beginning of the academic year.

(More information about the Shrine can be found at: www.guadalupeshrine.org.)



Archbishop Burke with St. Louis seminarians Rev. Mr. Tim Bannes (*Theology IV*, left) and Dan Queathem (*Glennon sophomore*). (Jeff Geerling)

Seminarian Spotlight



Throughout the academic year the Kenrick-Glennon seminarians are assigned parishes to which they minister or Apostolic service at a specific venue. The following seminarians discuss their parish assignments and Apostolic service:

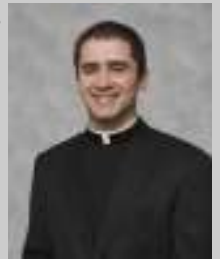


Jeff Geerling, Senior, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Sabina in Florissant

“As a College seminarian, I perform service as a PSR [Parish School of Religion] teacher at Immaculate Conception Parish in Arnold, Missouri. In my previous years as a College seminarian, I have worked with the elderly, the sick and the disadvantaged, and I very much look forward to this year, spreading the love of Christ by instructing some of his children in the ways of the faith. I love working with youth, and I pray God gives me the grace to be a great teacher for my class at Immaculate Conception.”

Eric Olsen, Theology II / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Clement of Rome in Des Peres

“I am assigned to St. Clare Parish in St. Clair this coming year. My duties as a second year Theologian include bringing Holy Communion to the sick. This is a humbling and exciting privilege. One of the great draws for me to the priesthood is the joy of being an instrument of God in sharing his life and love with others. It is such a great gift that it is hard to even realize how graced we are by him who loves us.”



Christian Malewski, Theology II / Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph / Home Parish: St. James in St. Joseph, Missouri

“Last year I was assigned to a newly consolidated parish in Florissant called St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. As a first year Theologian I was assigned to work with the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Though my schedule didn’t allow me to get very involved in this way I also spent some time helping teach RCIA. Here, I enjoyed helping people grow in their love and knowledge of the faith. I also assisted at Sunday Mass and was privileged to visit with the parishioners afterwards. I look forward to serving my new parish assignment, St. Clement of Rome in Des Peres, in the coming year.”

Charlie Samson, Sophomore, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Clement of Rome in Des Peres

“Since I am a second year collegian, I will be participating in apostolic service at such venues as St. Vincent Home and Missionaries of Charity. My classmates and I will be assisting at after-school programs with children who have parental difficulty at home and have had very troubled lives. Hopefully I can work with them to have a good time while being a positive role model for these kids who likely have none.”



Gregory Hitschler, Junior, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: Most Sacred Heart in Eureka

“As a Junior in Cardinal Glennon College, my apostolic service assignments are St. Mary’s Hospital and Sts. Peter and Paul soup kitchen. Visiting patients and hosting prayer services at St. Mary’s both support patients in regaining their health and introduce us to the hospital ministry of a parish priest. Our assistance at Sts. Peter and Paul of serving meals and visiting with the poor and homeless provides for both evangelization and growth in charity. While this year’s assignments are challenging, I look forward to their spiritual fruit during my formation to the priesthood.”

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Dr. Daniel G. Van Slyke joins us at the seminary this year as an associate professor of Church History. He is also teaching for the diaconate formation program and the Paul VI Institute. Originally from upstate New York, Dr. Van Slyke holds a Ph.D. in historical theology from Saint Louis University, an M.A. in theology from the University of Dallas, and an S.T.L. in systematic theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He has taught theology full-time at Caldwell College in New Jersey, Mundelein Seminary, and, most recently, Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

While he has taught many topics in systematic and moral theology, his primary interests are the Latin Fathers of the Church and sacramental theology. His professional activities include acting as assistant editor of *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal*, and serving on the boards of directors of the Society for Catholic Liturgy and the Research Institute for Catholic Liturgy. Dr. Van Slyke has published in journals such as *Ephemerides liturgicae*, *Antiphon*, *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*, *Lay Witness*, and *Family Foundations*, and has delivered numerous papers and invited lectures. Dr. Van Slyke has recently moved to south St. Louis county with his wife Laura and their four children—Mary Magdalene (9), John (7), Mary Morningstar (5), and Martha (3). His primary hobby is entertaining small children.

Reverend Dennis M. Doyle joins Kenrick-Glennon Seminary as resident confessor and spiritual director at Cardinal Glennon College. Fr. Doyle continues to serve as judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal in the Arch-



diocese of St. Louis. For the past two years, Fr. Doyle has served the seminary community as a formation advisor to the college seniors.

Fr. Doyle is a 1982 graduate of St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South. He attended Cardinal Glennon College for two years, and graduated from St. Louis University in 1987, majoring in biology. He is an alumnus of Kenrick Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1992.

From 1992-2001, Fr. Doyle served as an associate pastor, first in St. Monica Parish, then in St. Cletus Parish, before being asked by then-Archbishop Justin Rigali to study Canon Law in Rome for the purpose of working in the Metropolitan Tribunal. In May 2003, Fr. Doyle completed his Licentiate in Canon Law at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome and has been serving as judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal for the past three years.

Reverend William McCumber grew up in Sts. John and James Parish in Ferguson. Upon graduation from the parish grade school, Fr. McCumber attended Prep North Seminary High School, and in his senior year served as President of the Student Council. Father then attended St. Louis University, graduating in 1979 with a double major in Philosophy and Theology.

After conferring with his parish priests and a close personal friend, Fr. McCumber returned to studying for the priesthood at Kenrick Seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1983, and has served most of his priesthood as a parish priest. It was during the summer of 2001 that then-Archbishop Justin Rigali assigned Fr. McCumber as Director of the Office of Sacred Worship for the Archdiocese of St.



Louis. At the request of Archbishop Burke, Father was assigned to pursue postgraduate studies at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, receiving a Masters of Arts in Liturgy in May of 2006.

In addition to continuing his responsibilities as Director for the Office of Sacred Worship, Fr. McCumber is beginning a new assignment as Director of Worship for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Here, Fr. McCumber says, "I will be privileged to work with the faculty and seminarians in liturgical matters as well as working with the seminarians in various phases of their preparation for priesthood ordination. I am most happy to be here and to be working with the faculty, staff, and students of the seminary."

The new professor of homiletics is Dominican **Reverend Michael Monshau, O.P.** Father Michael

comes to the seminary from the Dominican faculty of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, where he was professor of homiletics and liturgical studies. He also served during his time in Berkeley as a Dominican formation director and superior. He was Prior (Father Superior) of Saint Albert Priory in Oakland, the Dominican Studentate (Seminary) of the California Province. When his term expired this past spring, he was immediately elected to the same position at Saint Dominic Priory in Saint Louis, the house of formation for the Chicago Province of his Order. Father earned his Ph.D. in homiletics at Vanderbilt University. He edited *The Grace and Task of Preaching*, published this past summer by Dominican Publications, Dublin. His next book, *Preaching at the Double Feast*, is due in October through the Liturgical Press, Collegeville.



Reflections on Theology I Summer Formation Program



By Anthony Ochoa, Theology I,
Archdiocese of St. Louis

The summer program for First Theology's returning students began with work on the *Kenrick-Glennon Days* and *ChristPower* retreats. These wonderful retreats aimed at encouraging vocations, strengthening the understanding and practice of Christian charity, and having lots of fun all at the same time. We were afforded many opportunities to grow in our ability to speak about the Gospel message to youth and to allow them to see the very human side of the seminary. Of course, this "very human side" betrayed our rapidly diminishing capacity for running around and consuming large amounts of sugar, things at which the youth are still quite competent. Yes, we were quite stretched (to use Father Butler's term) upon completion of these retreats, but we were impressed by the zeal and dedication of these young people.

The second part of the summer program was entitled *Introduction to the History and Heritage, the Institutions and Agencies of the Archdiocese of St. Louis*. From this, the program seems rather self-evident: the First Theology class was given the opportunity to read about the history and development of the city and the Archdiocese, to visit certain historically significant sites around the Archdiocese, and to meet the incredible men and women who serve the people of St. Louis in various important ways. We traveled from Florissant to Perryville, visiting shrines and cloistered nuns, seeing

tiny babies in the Intensive Care Unit at Cardinal Glennon Hospital who were only the size of my hand; we prayed with families who saw eight young men wearing collars, and in their excitement asked for our "powerful intercession," which we were more than happy to provide. We visited with homeless members of our community at St. Patrick's Center and St. Vincent de Paul, served food to the poor of St. Louis



Fr. Barnaby Faherty, S.J., with St. Louis First Year Theologians (from left) Derrick Flannigan, Craig Holway, James Holbrook, Anthony Yates, Anthony Ochoa, Nicklaus Winker, and Timothy Noelker. The seminarians met with Fr. Faherty on July 13 at Jesuit Hall to learn about St. Louis history. Fr. Faherty wrote a book about the history of St. Louis called *Dream By the River*.

alongside the Missionaries of Charity, who wore the very identifiable habit of their foundress, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and we learned from former St. Louis television personality and current Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis Zip Rzeppa how vital to the local Church we will be as priests in cooperating with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We finished off with introductions to the Chancery and the

Archdiocesan offices at the Rigali Center, where we met all the behind-the-scenes collaborators who serve the Church of St. Louis in everything from Disability Ministry and Social Justice to the financial wizards and the canon lawyers. What a treat! These encounters—and so many more—were more than edifying, and they vastly made up for our running out of gas on a dangerous curve of a country road. (Thanks for the refill, Mrs. Caroline Freesmeier!)

The final element of our summer adventure was our assignment to a parish. I myself was assigned to the Pearl of Affton, St. Dominic Savio, where I lived for five weeks with the pastor, Fr. Jack Siefert, and Fr. Michael Lydon, who doesn't deny that he looks like Alec Baldwin. I was privileged to meet some great people in my short stay there, and I must say that I have never been invited to more dinners or been given more cakes and cookies than I was at St. Dominic. All of these details are quite distinct from the purpose of this assignment, to get a sense of what goes on in a parish rectory, to be at all Masses on a weekend, and to bring Jesus to the sick in Holy Communion. The experience was unforgettable.

[Since we were so occupied this summer, the time between May and September has flown by, and I find myself back in the seminary for another year of studies. Not much of a vacation, it might be said. True, but in light of the many things we did, I do appreciate the words of Jesus to His disciples, "I came not to be served, but to serve." Why else am I in seminary if not to become a servant?]

Calendar of Events

2006 Christmas Novena— December 4-12

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Seminary Open House— February 25, 2007

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will be hosting its third annual Open House on Sunday, February 25th from 1:00-4:00 P.M. There will be seminarian-guided tours, display tables featuring various aspects of seminary life, refreshments, and the opportunity to meet the future priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Midwest United States.

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minican theologians among whom are numbered priests, Brothers, cloistered nuns, and Sisters.

The essays are arranged in six topical divisions. The first section treats preaching and its liturgical context, followed by a section providing theological reflection on preaching. The homiletic dynamic is addressed in the third section, while the fourth part treats scripture and preaching. Dominican preaching is the subject of the fifth part and the final section is devoted to preaching and praxis.

The soft cover book of 368 pages is available by email order at sales@dominicanpublications.com.



Dr. Susanne Harvath, Professor of Pastoral Counseling, presented "Infertility: Adding SPICE to Your Marriage" during an October 11 lecture in the Agnes O'Connor Room at the Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. Dr. Harvath spoke to the importance of developing the Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Communicative, and Emotional (SPICE) aspects of human sexuality.



Dr. John Gresham, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, took a course called "Teaching Online" this summer. The course, sponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, was taught online by a distance education specialist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The students were all seminary professors representing a variety of disciplines and denominations. Dr. Gresham hopes to use what he learned to enhance his use of online resources in the face-to-face classes he teaches at Kenrick as well as the online classes he teaches for Paul VI Institute.



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