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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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Seminary Enrollment Sees Dramatic Increase

When classes began on the morning of August 27, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary officially welcomed 112 seminarians for the start of the 2007-2008 Academic Year. Up from 75 seminarians at the close of the 2006-2007 Academic Year, the 112 seminarians represent a fifty percent increase in enrollment from the total enrollment of spring 2007.

Some seminaries across the country have experienced increased numbers as well, but none as dramatic as the increase at Kenrick-Glennon.

The increase in enrollment at the seminary created the need for more seminarian living space, a welcomed concern that was quickly addressed by an in-house expansion and rearrangement of living quarters to accommodate the welcomed upswing in the seminary's population

Despite the challenges such an influx of seminarians presents from a practical standpoint, seminary friends and benefactors, members of the Board of Trustees, and President-Rector Msgr. Ted Wojcicki view the current trend of increased vocations entirely with a sense of gratitude.

"Thanks be to God for his grace at work in our seminary community," said Msgr. Wojcicki. "and thank you to Archbishop Burke and to

all our benefactors and friends who are so supportive of our mission. Whatever number the Lord chooses to send to our seminary, we will welcome them and accommodate them as they discern their calling to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. That has always been the semi-

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112 seminarians from 17 dioceses are discerning their vocations at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. *(Jeff Geerling)*

Institute for Priestly Formation a Great Benefit to Seminarians



By Anthony Gerber, Theology II, Archdiocese of St. Louis

How well do you know the Heart of Jesus? And where can you go to find out?

During this past summer, for the St. Louis seminarians entering their second year of Theology, finding the answers to those questions meant a journey to Omaha, Nebraska. There, at the Institute for Priestly For-



(From left:) Second Year Theologians Anthony Gerber, Anthony Yates, Barry Clayton, James Holbrook, Zachary Kautzky, Craig Holway, and Nicklaus Winker.

mation (IPF), on the grounds of Creighton University, the men delved headlong into several weeks of prayer, study, and contemplation, guided by some of the best spiritual directors and seminary professors from around the country. In this atmosphere of spiritual encouragement, the men were plunged into an

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Come Pray With Your Future Priests

2007 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 for 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.

Msgr. Joseph Baker Discusses Cardinal Ritter and the Second Vatican Council

On Tuesday, September 4, in the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary auditorium, Reverend Monsignor Joseph W. Baker addressed the seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon and a number of priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis on the significance of Joseph Cardinal Ritter's participation in the Second Vatican Council and his own personal experiences as *Peritus* to Cardinal Ritter during the Sessions.

Monsignor Baker's lecture was given in honor of the 40th anniversary of the death of Cardinal Ritter (June 10, 1967), who served the Archdiocese of St. Louis as Archbishop from 1946-1967 (and was raised to the car-



Msgr. Joseph Baker addresses the KGS seminarians and priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis on September 4. (Jeff Geerling)

dinalate in January of 1961).

Monsignor Baker was ordained

for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on December 8, 1951 in Rome. Monsignor holds advanced degrees in Theology and Canon Law from the Gregorian University.

Second Year Theologian Tim Noelker (St. Louis) was impressed by Monsignor Baker's lecture.

"The most impressive aspect of Msgr. Baker's presentation was his deep personal knowledge of Cardinal Ritter," said Noelker. "His close friendship with this amazing man, whose life profoundly impacted the St. Louis Archdiocese and the Second Vatican Council, revealed a vibrant personality behind this saintly man."

Third Year Theologians Explore the Language and Culture of Mexico



David Skillman, Theology III,
Archdiocese of St. Louis

Juntos como hermanos...
("United as brothers...")

This popular Mexican hymn served as a sort of theme for the seminarians entering their third year of theology throughout the seven-week *Curso de Hispanidad*, a summer immersion program in Mexico City. As brothers on the road to the holy priesthood, we gained both a greater facility in speaking the Spanish language as well as a deeper appreciation for Mexican culture and history. When we returned to our beloved home on August 3, we were more prepared for the possibility of future ministry with Hispanic immigrants in the United States.

Curso de Hispanidad was operated by the Legionaries of Christ, a religious order of priests and brothers founded in Mexico, at their retreat and conference center called Centro Cultural Interamericano. The morn-

ings and part of the afternoons were spent in Spanish language courses, while the afternoons and evenings included music classes, pastoral work in a local parish, outings to cultural sites in Mexico City, and lectures on the history and culture of Mexico.



At the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, (From left:) Third Year St. Louis Theologians Mark Chrismer, Eric Olsen, David

Many aspects of life in Mexico City took a bit of adjustment for us. It was quite a shock to travel from the heat of the St. Louis summer to the cool and rainy conditions of mountainous Mexico City. Quite overwhelming also (at least at the start)

was the midday meal, at which we were allowed to speak only in Spanish. The cuisine, too, while quite delicious, was not always agreeable to what the Mexicans called our "delicate" American stomachs! These difficulties, however, proved minor in comparison to the benefits of our rich experiences, the knowledge we gained, and the valuable time spent in fraternity as a class.

Above all, we came away from our time in Mexico edified by the faith of the Mexican people in the tender care of their beloved Virgin of Guadalupe. Although she appeared to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac nearly 500 years ago, the vibrancy that Our Lady brought to the faith of the Mexican people endures to this day. Confidence in her powerful intercession was the greatest gift we received from the people of Mexico in our weeks in their country, and this confidence will surely prove to be the greatest gift of the Mexican immigrants to the Church in the United States of America.

Seminarians Tour Archdiocese of St. Louis



Matthew Barnard, Theology IV,
Archdiocese of St. Louis

Summer can be full of opportunities and growth for seminarians, depending on the level of formation in which they find themselves. However, it happens on occasion that a few seminarians do not—for one or more good reasons—fall into this seemingly well-organized plan. As it turns out, I am one of these "few." Although I have lived and worked in the Archdiocese of St. Louis since 2000, most of that time was spent as a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. However, just this last spring I transferred to St. Louis. I'll spare you the



Seminary professor Fr. James Ramacciotti leads the group as they tour Calvary Cemetery. (Jeff Geerling)

details of a long story and give the one sentence answer as to why I transferred: my roots are in Indiana, but I blossomed here in St. Louis.

So there I was at the beginning of the summer: a Fourth Year theologian, recently accepted to study for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, but not yet ordained a deacon. What to do with such a man? Well, given the typical summer activities, the conclusion was reached that it would be beneficial for me to join the First Year men in the orientation tour of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. While certainly no stranger to the Archdiocese of St. Louis and its rich history, it seemed most reasonable, given the rarity of my situation,

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eight-day silent retreat. Many have called this retreat experience challenging, transforming, and beautiful; for it has been in that time of quiet that so many have received a new appreciation for the deep and personal love which flows from the heart of Jesus: a love that is without end.

Having received this spirit and wisdom, the men's attention turned to eight more weeks of daily classes and homework—activities which seem contrary to the very essence of summer, the place of baseball and ice cream. Nevertheless, a few College World Series tickets were negotiated and several

Maggie Moo Ice Cream runs made, and summer felt like summer again.

Yet, all the while, the men's hearts and minds were being led to focus upon the heart of Christ, the One who "will give us shepherds after [His] own heart" (Jer 3:15). Through celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a daily holy hour, and fraternity, the hearts of the seminarians—the Church's future shepherds—were more conformed to the Heart of Jesus. At the same time, pastoral work provided many occasions for such transformation. Whether it was teaching English to Sudanese refugees, playing with at-risk youth

from Boys & Girls Town, encouraging the sick at local hospitals, or enjoying the stories from the elderly, opportunities to receive (and give) the love of Christ abounded.

Upon returning to St. Louis, it is unmistakable that there has been a change: what has always been offered at Mass is now more appreciated and what has been occasioned by the needy is now understood: everyday the King of Hearts offers his Most Sacred Heart to us, to receive, to become our own, and to give to others. What a profound love this is. What a great mystery!

Jesus, meek and humble of heart: make our hearts like unto thine!

IPF Retreat Makes Impact on Seminary Professors

Kenrick-Glennon professors John Gresham and Daniel G. Van Slyke attended a retreat hosted by the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) from June 4-7. A total of ten professors of theology and philosophy from seminaries across the United States attended this retreat, held on the grounds of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Other seminaries represented were the Josephinum of Columbus, Ohio, Mount St Mary's of Emmitsburg, Maryland, Holy Apostles of Cromwell, Connecticut, St Patrick's of Menlo Park, California, Cardinal Muench of Fargo, North Dakota, Sacred Heart of Detroit, Michigan, and Conception of Conception, Missouri.



Dr. Gresham



Dr. Van Slyke

The retreat, facilitated by Deacon James Keating, Ph.D., and titled "Resting on the Heart of Christ: The Seminary Theologian's Vocation," began with Mass at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 4. From that point until the end of the retreat at lunch on Thursday, June 7, retreat participants kept silence. The only exception to this rule was the evening social

that took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. The discipline of silence was an effective means of fostering prayer and recollection. At the same time, the evening socials offered welcome opportunities to speak informally with a wonderful collection of colleagues from across the country.



Kenrick-Glennon professors Daniel Van Slyke (*third from left*) and John Gresham (*third from right*) attended the retreat sponsored by IPF with eight other professors of theology and philosophy from across the United States.

The typical schedule of the days of the retreat included morning prayer, one meditative lecture by Deacon Keating in the morning and one in the afternoon, Mass, one hour of spiritual direction, and ample time for silent prayer and reflective journaling. Nearly constant exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in

various chapels on campus was offered for prayer and reflection. To aid in the journaling, Deacon Keating prepared a "Retreat Journal" containing quotations from magisterial documents and the writings of saints and theologians, lined pages for writing, a series of images, and several of his own meditations.

St. John the Evangelist, in his role as theologian, provided the focus of the retreat, along with the image of resting on the Heart of Christ as he did at the Last Supper. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's collection of essays titled *The Nature and Mission of Theology* was recommended for spiritual reading during the retreat. In this choice of focus and reading, and above all in his splendid meditative lectures, Deacon Keating demonstrated a keen grasp of the challenges, rewards, and spiritual implications of teaching in a Catholic seminary. With many years of teaching at the Josephinum, his extensive experience made him more like a colleague and friend in Christ than a retreat leader. Keating's lectures, at turns challenging and inspiring, constantly emphasized the importance of integrating prayer and love for Christ and the Church with the task of academically forming seminarians.

In addition to this feast for the soul, the Institute for Priestly Formation (*Faculty Retreat, cont. on pg. 7*)

Seminarian Spotlight



The seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary receive support for their vocational discernment from many sources—family, friends, peers, and parishioners, to name just a few. They also receive a great amount of support from their bishops. With that in mind, the Herald asked: “Apart from sending you to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, in what ways does your bishop encourage your vocation?” Here’s what these seminarians had to say:



Adam Prichard / Junior, Cardinal Glennon College / Diocese of Springfield in Illinois / Home Parish: Blessed Sacrament, Quincy, Illinois / Bishop George J. Lucas

“Bishop Lucas does much to support my vocation and that of my diocesan brethren. We have a few events during the year when we get together to talk about what has happened since the last gathering. There is also a family day of reflection for our family members that is held. He also encourages us to take part in the liturgies of our parishes and the diocese. All of these things encourage my vocation, but the most important things are his prayers for me.”

Barry Clayton / Theology II, Kenrick School of Theology / Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas / Home Parish: St. Pius X, Mission, Kansas / Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

“Archbishop Naumann encourages my vocation primarily through his prayers. He also has an annual retreat and a dinner for the seminarians to guide, encourage, and visit with us. I receive support from him as well by way of media. I have received a printed version of a talk he gave to his priests, an informative DVD of his regarding embryonic stem cell research, and a copy of the Holy Father’s exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*. It is a blessing to receive such love and support from my archbishop as I seek by God’s grace to prepare for the priesthood of Jesus Christ.”



Rev. Mr. Michael Houser / Theology IV, Kenrick School of Theology / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: Ascension, Chesterfield, Missouri / Archbishop Raymond L. Burke

“Both in his own example of priestly life and in his care for his seminarians, Archbishop Raymond Burke has been a huge encouragement to me in my vocation. He has shown me by his example what it means to be a man of prayer, to be a shepherd who preaches the Word of God with courage, and to be a father to all of God’s people. Most especially, in his frequent interaction and walks with the seminarians, he has shown himself to be truly concerned with each of us as individuals. I feel that he is a spiritual father in whom I can truly confide.”



Rev. Mr. Michael Linnebur / Theology IV, Kenrick School of Theology / Diocese of Wichita / Home Parish: Sacred Heart, Colwich, Kansas / Bishop Michael O. Jackels

“In the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, we have been blessed with a great shepherd. Bishop Jackels has given me—and all of our seminarians—a lot of support and encouragement for my vocation, as I have journeyed through my years of seminary formation. Above all, he really dedicates himself to getting to know his seminarians, whether that be through one-on-one conversations, summer seminarian gatherings, or in taking us out for an occasional dinner. I have really appreciated his continued support and advice, and I look forward to serving as a priest, God-willing, in our diocese.”



Andrew Syring / Theology I, Kenrick School of Theology / Archdiocese of Omaha / Home Parish: St. Augustine’s, Schuyler, Nebraska / Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss

“I am blessed to have the opportunity to study for Archbishop Curtiss who is committed to lead his flock as his episcopacy calls him to do. Throughout the discernment of my vocation I have always looked to Archbishop Curtiss as a father. His commitment to a deep spiritual life truly enlivens my own desire and goal to be a holy priest. His love for Christ truly emanates and teaches me how to be a better person in my role as a seminarian.”



(Enrollment, from pg. 1)

nary's mission, and the increased enrollment only makes the environment at the seminary all the more exhilarating and exciting."



The enrollment increase at Kenrick-Glennon has forced the seminary to expand its facilities to accommodate the additional seminarians. *(Jeff Geerling)*

The increase in enrollment is felt on both sides of the building, with the number of seminarians in Cardinal

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to deepen my knowledge and relationships that I had worked hard to form these last seven years.

Thus we began our summer: myself, a pre-theologian and six First Year theologians. During the month of June we assisted with Kenrick-Glennon Days (vocation camps) and ChristPower Retreats, which turned out to be a very fun-filled and rewarding time. What a joy it was to meet and get to know so many of the youth of the Archdiocese!

In July, we were assigned to parishes, in order to become more familiar with parish and rectory life. Fortunately, I had had parish assignments in previous summers, so this proved to be smooth sailing. Of course, I certainly enjoyed my time in the parish and getting to know the people and the priests, as each parish and rectory is a unique experience.

While at the parish, we also participated in the *Introduction to the History and Heritage, the Institutions and Agencies of the Archdiocese of St. Louis* orientation program. Essentially, this meant that the eight of us would rendezvous each morning at the seminary, pile into a couple of minivans and depart for the day's journey.

Glennon college increasing from twenty-one to thirty, and the number of theologians on the Kenrick side rising to eighty-two from last spring's total of fifty-four.

While he is ever thankful to God for calling these seminarians to discern their vocations at Kenrick-Glennon, Msgr. Wojcicki is also grateful to the Kenrick and Glennon seminarians for listening to that call.

"I thank the Lord for our seminarians for so generously responding to their call to priesthood," said Msgr. Wojcicki. "I thank the Lord for the joyful witness of our seminarians who take seriously their vocations but not themselves. The excitement and joy these men bring to the seminary invigorates not only me, but our entire faculty and staff as well."

Monsignor continued: "I must men-

It is necessary to mention that the program was not intended to be an exhaustive visitation of the rich heritage and vast number of institutions in the Archdiocese, but rather a general—yet worthy—introduction to them. We began with pilgrimages to the Shrines of St. Fer-



A seminarian in quiet reflection at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in Florissant, the former convent at which St. Rose Philippine Duchesne taught for thirteen years. *(Jeff Geerling)*

dinand, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, St. Joseph, and the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. In addition to these, we toured the Old and New Cathedrals.

On the health care front, we journeyed to St. John's Mercy Medical Center and Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospi-



Seminarians from the Arch/dioceses of Omaha, Kansas City-St. Joseph, Rockford, IL, and Memphis, TN—17 dioceses in all—are discerning their vocations at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. *(Jeff Geerling)*

tion the wonderful work of our faculty and staff. I thank the Lord for these generous people, who provide a program of priestly formation which is attractive to bishops, vocation directors, and candidates."

tal. We also learned about St. Martha's Hall, for women who are victims of domestic violence; we visited St. Patrick Center; Our Lady's Inn, a homeless shelter for pregnant women; the St. Vincent de Paul Society; and Cardinal Ritter Institute and Senior Services. These are only a few agencies among many that reach out to those in need.

We spent a couple of days at the Rigali Center, visiting the Office of Apostolic Services, the Education Office, and the *St. Louis Review*. Then we headed down to Lindell Boulevard to visit the Chancery and the Tribunal. We also visited the Office of the Vicar for Religious, as well as a few religious orders: the Missionaries of Charity, the Pink Sisters, and the Passionist Sisters.

We finished our tour with a trip to Calvary Cemetery, as it is imperative to remember those who have gone before us, living out the faith and giving their lives in service to the Church. I benefited greatly from this experience and journey through the richness of our heritage here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I was edified each day and at each place we visited, most especially by the dedication of the faithful to help and serve others in need through their various ministries.

Faculty News and Notes

Fr. Paul J. Rothschild, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Pastoral Formation, preached a retreat to twenty-five priests of the Diocese of Peoria from June 3-9.



This summer, Associate Professor of Church History **Dr. Daniel G. Van Slyke** prepared the following three entries for the online edition of the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*: demonology, exorcism, and diabolical possession (theology of). His entries on baptism, confirmation, healing, and the Latin Rite are soon to appear in the *New Westminster Dictionary of Church History*.



At the International Patristics Conference in Oxford, England, Dr. Van Slyke delivered a paper on "St. Martin of Tours and the Order of Exorcist." He also joined the Board of Consultants of *Ephemerides Liturgicae*, the international journal of liturgical studies published in Rome. At the end of September, Dr. Van Slyke looks forward to presenting a paper, titled "Active Participation from Pius X to Benedict XVI," at the Annual Conference of the Society for Catholic Liturgy. He also took the summer course offered through the National Catholic Educational Association on "Teaching Online: Qualifying Faculty for the Catholic Distance Learning Network." On a more personal note, Dr. and Mrs. Van Slyke rejoiced at the birth of their fifth child, Jerome Maximilian, in April.

The Very Reverend C. Eugene Morris, who serves as Episcopal Vicar and Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is also an adjunct professor of sacramental theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Fr. Morris was invited back to the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary teaching this summer on the principles of sacramental theology. In previous semesters at the Institute, Fr. Morris has taught classes on Marriage and Orders and on Penance, Anointing and Burial. In addition to his three weeks in Chicago, Fr. Morris spent a week giving an ordination retreat to the permanent deacon candidates for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



Throughout the summer, Kenrick Professor of Homiletics **Fr. Michael Monshau, O.P.**, was involved in publishing, giving presentations across the country and fulfilling various responsibilities in the Dominican Order. Two articles he has written appeared in summer issues of the periodicals for which they were intended. The first, entitled "'Bury Me Under the Feet of My Brothers,' St. Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers," appeared in the June 2007 issue of *The Word Among Us*. The other, entitled "Call to Mission: the Necessary Ingredient for Preaching," was featured in the July-September 2007 issue of *Living Pulpit*.



In June, Father Monshau was a

capitular at the Provincial Chapter of the Dominican Province of Saint Albert the Great, a role he occupied by right since he is currently the Prior of Saint Dominic Priory, the Dominican house of formation in Saint Louis. In addition, he preached two retreats, one to the Dominican Cloistered Nuns at their monastery in Elmira, New York, and another for the Dominican novices in Denver, Colorado. He also conducted the semi-annual canonical visitation of the monastery of cloistered Dominican nuns in Menlo Park, California.

He has been named Promoter of Preaching of the Chicago Dominican Province, a task that requires him to keep the Dominican friars abreast of current studies, discussions and educational opportunities in the field of homiletics. This responsibility will, obviously, greatly benefit his homiletics students at Kenrick as well.

Dr. Sebastian Mahfood, Professor of Intercultural Studies, as coordinator of the National Catholic Educational Association's Catholic Distance Learning Network, oversaw this summer the certification of ten theological faculty from eight different seminaries. In the spring of 2008, these newly certified faculty members will begin offering transferable theology courses online to students in the participating seminaries. More information about the Network can be found at www.catholicdistance.org



(Faculty Retreat, from pg. 4)

showed remarkable hospitality, providing comfortable accommodations, fine dining facilities, access to Creighton's athletic center, and the campus' beautiful gardens for silent meditation. Professors Gresham and Van Slyke returned from the retreat refreshed in body and soul, and with renewed love and spiritual insight into their roles as seminary theologians.

Dr. Gresham was strongly impressed

by the retreat.

"The retreat was outstanding. I have been on good retreats before but this was unique for me—to spend a retreat specifically focusing on my role in the seminary," said Dr. Gresham. "For me it was a time in which I experienced my work in the seminary as a personal vocation and call from the Lord. My understanding of my task as a seminary professor was deepened. I had a very personal sense of the Lord communicating to me His call to

give of myself, to love and to pray for the seminarians. I find this call quite challenging and intimidating, but at the retreat I also found the answer by coming to understand more clearly that my work in the seminary is to flow out of intimacy with Christ.

Dr. Gresham continued: "The talks were excellent. They clearly called us to integrate our study and teaching of theology with our relationship to Christ."

Calendar of Events

2007 Christmas Novena—

December 4-12

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Seminary Open House—

February 17, 2008

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will be hosting its fourth annual Open House on Sunday, February 17, 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 the Midwest United States.

Discovering God's Grandeur in Nature



By Anthony Gerber, Theology II,
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Longs Peak in Colorado is often referred to as the Crown Jewel of Rocky Mountain National Park.

The hike is roughly fourteen miles roundtrip with an elevation gain of over five-thousand feet. Every year, for about three weeks, there is a small window in which it doesn't

snow and Longs can be attempted by those "more sane and reasonable" climbers;

in winter, professionals use it to train for Mount Everest. This past August, Tim Foy, Arkadiusz "Arek" Sienica, Jeff Geerling, and Anthony Gerber gave it a try. Despite bad weather, they all considered the expedition a success: Arek made it to the top while the rest praised God for keeping them alive.

Next summer, Arek hopes to climb ten "14-ers" in ten days while Tim and Jeff invest in Icy/Hot. Anthony hopes to return to Longs and try once more.



Anthony Gerber takes in the scenery at 12,000 feet. *(Jeff Geerling)*



Tim Foy pauses to catch his breath. *(Jeff Geerling)*



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