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

The 2007 Convivium Dinner Auction Community and Friendship Mark 15th Annual Fundraiser

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary celebrated a spiritual and spirit-filled evening with 330 friends at its fifteenth annual Convivium dinner auction on Saturday, November 3. Beginning with Mass celebrated by Fr. Timothy Bannes (Associate Pastor, Holy Infant Parish, ordination class of 2007) and continuing on through the silent auction and an enthusiastic oral auction, Convivium 2007 was energized by a palpable enthusiasm from guests and seminarians alike.

Fox Channel 2 meteorologist Glenn

Zimmermann served as the auctioneer for the oral auction, with Debbie Bannes and Mary Kay Fallon heading a committed dinner auction committee as co-chairpersons of the annual event.



Student Body President and Theology II seminarian Anthony Yates (St. Louis) displays an oral auction item for the Convivium guests prior to bidding. (Jeff Geerling)

Convivium 2007 continued the annual increase of auction attendees during the fifteen-year history of the seminary's dinner auction.

Kenrick seminarian Jack Evans (Theology III, Diocese of Rockford) made a special (Convivium 2007, cont. on pg. 6)

Focus on Sponsoring Bishops

"The reasons I am pleased to entrust our seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for their priestly formation are..."

The Most Reverend Paul A. Zipfel, Bishop of Bismarck, North Dakota



"There are several reasons why I choose Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for some of our candidates for ordination to the priesthood. As a native son and priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis for thirty-six years before I came to the Diocese of Bismarck, and as a former member of the seminary board, I have come to know many of the priests and other faculty members on the staff.

They are the kind of women and men I trust to form future priests for our diocese. I admire them greatly.

The priests for Bismarck who attended Kenrick-Glennon are well-formed, well-trained, prayerful men who are doing great priestly work for God's kingdom in western North Dakota. Kenrick-Glennon has proven to me that they know how to form men to be fine priests."

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Pictures From Alumni Day, October 3rd, 2007



(From left) Msgr. Norbert Ernst (Class of 1972, St. Louis) and Fr. James Edwards (Class of 1976, St. Louis) sing to the alumni after dinner. *(Jeff Geerling)*



Msgr. Jim Hanson (Class of 1961, St. Louis) enjoys the appetizers. *(Francis Doyle)*



Golden jubilarian Fr. David Wichlan (St. Louis) speaks to the alumni following dinner. *(Jeff Geerling)*



(From left) Silver jubilarian Fr. Charles Barthel (St. Louis) with Fr. Robert Reiker (Class of 1973, St. Louis) *(Jeff Geerling)*



Seminarian Nathan Haverland (Pre-Theology I, Kansas City in Kansas) chats with Archbishop Raymond Burke. *(Francis Doyle)*



Seminarian John Fogliasso (Theology I, Wichita) poses with Fr. Fergus Monaghan (Class of 1972, Springfield-Cape Girardeau) at the October 3 Alumni Day cocktail hour. *(Francis Doyle)*

Congratulations to Our Silver and Golden Jubilarians

Silver Jubilarians (Class of 1982)

Rev. Larry Lee Anschutz (Springfield, IL)
 Rev. William John Baier (St. Louis)
 Rev. Charles William Barthel (St. Louis)
 Rev. Philip Martin Egan (Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO)
 Rev. Timothy Paul Elliott (St. Louis)
 Rev. Daniel Beckman Gartland (Lafayette, IN)
 Rev. Jeffery Allan Grant (Springfield, IL)
 Rev. Steven Charles Heina (Salina, KS)
 Rev. Thomas W. Hermes (Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO)
 Rev. Noel Walter Leslie (Belize City)
 Rev. Msgr. William Peter McGhee (Belleville, IL)
 Rev. Robert Hardy Stewart (Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO)
 Rev. Jerome Paul Twarog, C.R. (Resurrectionists)

Golden Jubilarians (Class of 1957)

Rev. Eugene Fred Bendel (St. Louis)
 Rev. John Anthony Moeder (Salina, KS)
 Most Rev. Edward Joseph O'Donnell (Lafayette, LA)
 Rev. Rev. Msgr. James Edward Pieper (St. Louis)
 Rev. Norman Francis Rotert (Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO)
 Rev. Gerald Francis Rowan (Wichita, KS)
 Rev. David Lee Wichlan (St. Louis)

Seminarian Spotlight



As children of God, we are each given gifts through which we give praise to and glorify our Creator. As Christmas nears, the giving of gifts seems to take on a greater priority in our lives, for better or for worse. Christmas also moves many of us to recall the infancy narrative of the Gospel of St. Matthew, wherein the Magi presented the newborn Christ with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *The Herald* asked the following seminarians this question: “If you were one of the Magi, with what gifts would you honor the Infant Jesus on the day of his birth?”



Michael Benz, Pre-Theology I / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: Holy Trinity, St. Ann

“Growing up, I was taught that Mary was grateful for the Magi’s gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but when Joseph led her and Jesus out of Bethlehem, the gifts remained at the foot of the manger. Therefore, I’d prefer to offer Jesus my humble and joyful solidarity with his holy poverty. I’d also write a poem about that night to share with the people of my land to whom I return so they could also make room in their hearts for the tiny infant wrapped in swaddling clothes.”

Patrick Fletcher / Junior, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Clement of Rome, Des Peres



“If I were to give the child Jesus a gift, just as the Magi did, then it would seem I would have nothing to give Him but my own life. I don’t think any material possession that I own could ever please the Lord. Instead, my devotion to following Him in my life and reflecting His love to the people of God would be all and everything I could give to Him.”



Max Biltz, Theology II / Diocese of Wichita, Kansas / Home Parish: St. Michael’s, Mulvane, Kansas

“What gift would befit a King? I would give Jesus a copy of the Torah, that is, the first five books of the Bible, the most sacred part of the Holy Writings for the Jews. I would give him the Torah because I myself have a deep love of Scripture. I would be giving something that is also very important to me, something that I love and for which I have a great passion. Historically, it is unlikely that Jesus owned a copy of the Torah, considering how expensive it was to buy even a little bit of papyrus. In the end, Jesus became the supreme master of the Scriptures even without owning his own copy of the Torah. Even so it would have been nice to have helped him out in this work of his even a little bit.”

Gerald Curren, Theology I / Archdiocese of Oklahoma City / Home Parish: St. Benedict Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma



“If I were one of the Magi, I would have simply offered to the infant Jesus my life in His service. How exciting it must have been to arrive after a long journey following a star to see the Messiah. Like the Magi, we do this very same thing each time we approach the altar at Mass. We offer ourselves to Jesus that we may continue His work.”



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

“I am reminded of a particular statue of the Christ Child which I saw in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The faithful offered to Jesus little toy cars, candy, and the like. This manifests a deep awareness of Jesus’ solidarity with us; Jesus has a true humanity with genuine—perfect, actually—human desires. With His human Heart, He desires our hearts. Had I been a Magi, I would like to have offered him my heart, which is to say, my whole being and all my love.”

Faculty News and Notes

A new display recognizing the latest print publications of Kenrick-Glennon faculty members has appeared recently in the Charles L. Souvay Memorial Library at the seminary. Faculty members at any level of higher education—undergraduate or graduate—typically contribute steadily to their academic disciplines by engaging in research and writing, and the Kenrick-Glennon faculty is no exception to this norm.

The display is a project of the seminary's Faculty Welfare Committee,



whose responsibilities include serving the seminary community by drawing attention to the professional achievements of faculty members. The exhibit, which is intended to become a permanent fixture at

the seminary in one form or another, features books that were written or edited by faculty members or to which they contributed chapters as well as journal articles that have appeared in print since 2006. Faculty members were invited to submit their professional bibliographies for inclusion in the display, and the results were impressive. Nine professors identified seventeen books they had authored or to which they contributed significantly, as well as twenty-two articles that have appeared in various academic and pastoral journals.

Father Michael Monshau, O.P., Professor of Homiletics, who worked on the display, observed: "The display could have been much larger than it is. Many of our professors have bibliographies that extend much farther back than 2006, but the display had to be manageable in size and, we thought, current, so a decision was made to feature all books ever produced by our faculty, but only those journal articles that

have appeared in the past two years."

Members of the Faculty Welfare Committee are Father Michael Witt; Dr. Ann Marie Kitz; Father Thomas McDermott, O.P.; Father Michael Monshau, O.P.; Father Randy Soto; and Miss Mary Beth Wittry. Committee members observed that the next task facing those charged with the maintenance of the display will be the pleasant one of determining how to include recognition of the accomplishments of faculty members in whose disciplines equivalent contributions do not assume written form. For example, seminary Music Director Miss Wittry has composed original musical pieces for choir performance, while Dr. Harvath's many initiatives for mental health among church personnel are highly worthy of note.

Fr. Edward Richard, M.S.,



(Professor of Moral Theology) along with William Burke, M.D., and Patrick Pullicino, M.D., coauthored

an article that recently appeared in the *Linacre Quarterly*, the journal of the Catholic Medical Association, entitled "The Biological Basis of the Oocyte Assisted Reprogramming (OAR) Hypothesis: Is It an Ethical Procedure for Making Embryonic Stem Cells?" He is currently working on an article on the morality of treatment options for ectopic pregnancies.

Also a songwriter and recording artist, Fr. Richard was featured in a Catholic News Service article on Catholic Bluegrass by Mitch Finley which appeared in Catholic papers around the country and beyond. His music is also the subject of a story in the November/December issue of *All Frets*, the official publication of The Fretted Instrument Guild of America. In the article, author Doug Back, a recording artist and professor of music, writes: "The CD, *Holy Mountain Banjo* by Fr. Edward James Richard, a Ro-

man Catholic priest, missionary and seminary professor, presents itself as something out of the ordinary from the standpoint of the vocation of the performer; yet, from the standpoint of a bluegrass CD it is, in fact, quite traditional. ... I would speculate too that the discipline which Edward Richard undoubtedly developed while preparing for his religious vocation is also a large part of the reason why his banjo playing is so good. Fr. Edward Richard's extremely even and solid sense of rhythm, coupled with his commitment to the accuracy of the original tunes contribute to make this CD an extremely enjoyable project—not to mention that his Gibson Granada banjo is very well recorded, out front, and just sounds so much better than a majority of the other bluegrass banjo recordings I have sampled."

On November 12, **Fr. Jack Hun-**



thausen, S.J., (Spiritual Director) celebrated the Eucharist for the deceased members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Council 2012 at the Old Saint Ferdinand

Shrine in Florissant. On November 19 and 21, he gave a presentation to two different groups of the Bridges program on "Finding God in One's Daily Life." Bridges is a program in which retreatants make the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius over an eight-month period instead of in the traditional 30-day format. All of the retreatants have their own personal director with whom they meet weekly during the eight months. Fr. Jack also continues to celebrate the Eucharist frequently for the residents of St. Joseph Apartments, Our Lady of Life Apartments, and the Loretto Center.

October 28, **Dr. Susanne Harvath**



(Professor of Pastoral Counseling) lectured on the topic of "Project Rachel and Post-Abortion Healing" at the 31st annual St. Louis Respect

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Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Rockford

“The reasons I am pleased to entrust our seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon for their university formation is the palpable sense of unity and friendship that I see among the seminarians in the formation community as they go through the various stages of preparing for their vocation as priests. Our Diocese has long been a beneficiary of excellent priestly training from Kenrick Seminary throughout its history.

“The recent changes made by the present President-Rector, the Reverend Monsignor Ted L. Wojcicki, have been maturely decided and carefully implemented. Especially I am encouraged by the fact that Kenrick-Glennon Seminary now is working toward a self-contained course of philosophy studies that is mindful of the Church’s whole philosophical tradition. This will be an asset to the whole formation program, as students progress from a complete Catholic philosophical program to the study of Catholic theology.

“Seminarians from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, over my years as Bishop of Rockford, have come to us well prepared and superbly motivated to be Christs to the world and this, of course, is their calling.”

Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

“Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is devoted to a thorough-going formation for our men: faithful in every way to the Church and charged with a mature and balanced pursuit of holiness. I love the spirit of the place!

“I am particularly pleased with the Theology and formation at Kenrick Seminary. The men are happy; at the same time they are challenged to work hard. They are helped to become men of prayer and knowledgeable and faithful sons of the Church. They don’t have to apologize for loving the Holy Father, loving our Blessed Mother, and thirsting for our Lord in the Eucharistic Mystery.

“The communication from the Seminary I have received has been helpful. The administration keeps me aware of both concerns and progress. This is vital to my responsibilities as bishop—spiritual Father to my seminarians.”



Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



“The reasons I am pleased to entrust our seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for their priestly formation are several. I have confidence in the rector and the faculty from many years of knowing them and working with them. They are dedicated to the Church and to maintaining an integrated program of formation for the seminarians. Recent and not so recent alumni of Kenrick are serving well as priests in a variety of settings in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Our diocese has been blessed by our collaboration with the seminary over many years. I am grateful to

Archbishop Burke and the people of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis for welcoming and supporting seminarians from dioceses like ours, which cannot operate our own seminary.

“Finally, I have a great personal attachment to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. This began when I was a seminarian myself and was renewed when I had the privilege to return to the seminary as rector. In each of these distinct periods of my life, being part of the life of the seminary helped me focus more prayerfully on the person of Jesus Christ and helped deepen in me the understanding of how to become a more worthy minister of the Gospel.”

Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan, Diocese of Colorado Springs

“The reasons I am pleased to entrust our seminarians to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for their priestly formation are: The very competent leadership of the seminary; Archbishop Burke, Msgr. Wojcicki, and the entire faculty have my complete confidence. The spiritual and academic formation is superb. I have been able to follow closely the efforts of the administration and faculty to build up the seminary in accord with the norms of the Church. I believe that Kenrick-Glennon is second to none among American seminaries.

“The students of the seminary are of the highest caliber. Whether in prayer or in class or in their relationships with each other, I always have the sense that these men are men of God. What a tremendous community they are! Their mutual respect and support are so essential for their growth in holiness. It is apparent that each seminarian has the good of every other seminarian at heart.”



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appeal during the oral auction, encouraging generosity among the attendees toward the evening's Fund-A-Need, that is, the special need designated by the seminarians for the 2007 dinner auction. This year's Fund-A-Need focused on the seminarians' need for funding so that they can travel to Washington, D.C. in late January 2008 to take part in the annual March on Life. Evans mentioned how much the trip means to the seminarians insofar as it allows them to witness to life and strengthen fraternity among the seminary community. Donors responded to this appeal, giving enough to reach the goal of \$33,000 needed to send every seminarian on the trip.

From a fund-raising perspective, Convivium 2007 was a tremendous



Fr. Timothy Bannes (left, ordination class of 2007) delivers the homily at the Convivium 2007 Mass and, later that evening, auctioneer Glenn Zimmerman (right) calls out giving levels in support of the dinner auction's Fund-A-Need. (Jeff Geerling)



success. With donations still arriving from various benefactors, Convivium 2007 has far surpassed the previous all-time high of \$122,528 raised at Convivium 2006. As of press time, funds raised for this year's dinner auction total nearly \$165,000.

"It was an evening to celebrate friendship, community, and life," re-

marked Fr. Bannes. "The seminary meant so much to my formation and my discernment to the priesthood and these benefactors—and so many others who could not be here tonight—helped to make this gift possible for me. These supportive and loving people continue to support all of our future priests with the same generosity."

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Life Convention. This event, which was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis, was titled *Pray That They Will Have Life 2007*.

The Director of the Souvay Library, **Dr. Andrew J.**



Sopko, recently accompanied his "Rite of Constantinople" class to St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Soulard

for a celebration of the eucharistic liturgy and ecumenical discussion. Dr. Sopko also currently serves on two committees outside the seminary. The first is involved in the planning for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) in St. Louis while the second is a local group dedicated to making better known the work of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). He continues to work on an historical study of changing perceptions of Christian Tradition that he began during his recent sabbatical.

On October 5, at the Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory School



Founder's Day Dinner, President-Rector **Msgr. Ted Wojcicki** received the Cardinal Justin Rigali Award for Faith Development, "given to those persons who passionately demonstrate the Gospel principles in all their endeavors." The President of Cardinal Ritter High School, Dr. Leon Henderson, remarked: "Everyone at Cardinal Ritter has so much admiration and love for Monsignor, who has been such an important part of the Cardinal Ritter community for so many years. Monsignor's example of Gospel values, his willingness to serve others humbly—we feel it was time for Monsignor to receive the recognition he deserves as a Servant of Christ."



Dr. John Gresham (Associate Professor of Systematic Theology) published a book review of *The Trinitarian Theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas* by Gilles Emery in the November 2007 issue of *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

October 22-26 **Fr. Donald Henke**



(Assistant Professor of Moral Theology) and Dr. John Gresham spoke in Branson, Missouri, to the annual Institute for Priests and Permanent Deacons of

the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. Over 80 priests and deacons were in attendance. Fr. Henke spoke during the first two days on the topic of Catholic moral tradition at the end of life, especially those medical and moral aspects of the care of persistently unconscious patients. Dr. Gresham spoke the next three days on "A Catholic Response to the Quest for the Historical Jesus" and on "Paradigm Shifts in the Study of New Testament Christology." Dr. Gresham also shared the story of his journey of conversion to the Catholic Church.



"Catherine of Siena's Teaching on Self-Knowledge" by **Fr. Thomas McDermott, O.P.** (Assistant Professor of Spiritual theology) appeared in

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Missiology Workshop Challenges Kenrick Seminarians to Think Globally



By Kevin Stockbridge, Theology III, Diocese of Memphis

On Wednesday, September 19, the Kenrick

School of Theology had the privilege to learn more about mission and evangelization from two outstanding presenters. The workshop, entitled *Mission Ad Gentes*, covered the history and theology of missionary work and evangelization as well as a practical look at how this important work is being done in the Church today. The day proved to be both informative and inspirational.

The first presenter was Father John



Msgr. Francis Blood addresses the seminarians of the Kenrick School of Theology on September 19. (Jeff Geerling)

Gorski, a Maryknoll Missionary with over 41 years of experience serving in Bolivia. Fr. Gorski's work on the topic of missions is respected throughout the Church. He

was the first president of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists as well as a frequent consultant at meetings of CELAM, the South American Bishops' Conference. He spoke to the seminarians about the history of mission in the Church and the development of the understanding of evangelization. Father Gorski also challenged

the students to take a fresh look at the work of inculturation and theology in

evangelization. Following his presentation, several members of the seminary community were eager to ask questions of the speaker.

The second presentation was given by Msgr. Francis X. Blood, the Director of the Archdiocesan Missions Office of St. Louis, who spoke of ways in which the work of evangelization is going on in the Church today, particularly in reference to world missions. Monsignor is no stranger to foreign missions either, having spent five years serving in Bolivia. He explained the history and functions of the Pontifical Mission Societies and showed how priests and parish communities can get involved in this vital work of the Church. He shared a number of stories about his own work in Bolivia and invited the seminarians to be open to responding to a call to foreign missions.

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the November issue of *New Blackfriars*, a theology journal published in the U.K.

Homiletics Professor **Fr. Michael Monshau, O.P.**, was on the



planning committee and also delivered a presentation at the annual meeting of the Catholic Bishops of Missouri with the major superiors of the religious communities present in the state.

This annual event, which this year occurred on October 30 at the Cardinal Rigali Center, presents a regular opportunity for all of the bishops in the State of Missouri to spend time sharing conversation and fellowship with the major superiors of the numerous religious communities and secular institutes that serve the dioceses of the Province of Saint Louis.

Father Monshau's talk was entitled "Eucharist: Mystery to be Lived," corresponding to the third portion of the Holy Father's recent Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*. Father Michael's address was preceded by presentations from Archbishop Burke who spoke on the first portion of the exhor-

tation, "Eucharist: Mystery to be Believed," and Mother M. Ingeborg Rohner, F.S.G.M., who spoke on the second portion of the document, "Eucharist: Mystery to be Celebrated."

Fr. Lawrence Brennan (Professor of Systematic Theology)



made three presentations this fall: "A Catholic Response to Post-Denominationalism," at Concordia Theological Seminary in Clayton on September

18; "Serpents and Doves: Being Smart in the Service of the Church Today," at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association of Theological Schools in Chicago on September 28; and "The Degrees of Teaching Authority in the Church," at the Media Center of the Daughters of St. Paul in Crestwood on October 10.



Dr. Anne Marie Kitz, (Old Testament/Hebrew Bible) has recently published an article in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* entitled "Effective Simile and Effective Act: Psalm 109. Numbers 5, and KUB 26." She will also be presenting a paper at the

National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego this November.

Coming Events at the Seminary

Open House

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will be hosting its third annual Open House on Sunday, February 17, 2008, from 1:00-4:00 P.M. There will be seminarian-guided tours, display tables featuring various aspects of seminary life, refreshments, and many opportunities to meet the future priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Midwest United States.

2008 Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture

On Thursday March 27, you are invited to join the seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon for a 7:30 P.M. lecture on the topic of medical ethics, presented by Dr. Thomas Hilgers of Omaha. Please call 314-792-6100 for reservations.

In Support of the Seminary



By Rev. Msgr. Ted L. Wojcicki,
President-Rector

What a blessing! 112 seminarians at our seminary this year! What an abundance of faith and life and gifts they bring! Thanks be to God!

What blessed work for those of us privileged to assist in the priestly formation of these young men at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

I am grateful to all who will help to support this vital mission of our seminary by making a donation to join the Kenrick-Glennon Society through your contributions to this year's annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary.

May I please ask your prayers for our seminarians, for those of us who serve them in the seminary—and that all who receive a priestly calling from God may respond with a generous commitment.

Be assured of the prayers of our seminary community for all who are part of our seminary family during our Christmas Novena. May you all know the hope and peace of Christ our Savior this Christmas Season!

Grief Counseling Class Tours Funeral Home



By Francis Doyle, Theology II, Diocese of Jefferson City

Being a priest means ministering to people in all of life's stages, from birth to death. Grief counseling class, taught by Dr. Susanne Harvath, explores the grieving process, especially from loss associated with death. The class recently visited Hoffmeister-Kriegshauser Funeral




Home to learn more about the process of planning a funeral. Director Donald Daugherty conducted a very informative tour of the facility. He not only explained all the practical details of a funeral, he also discussed the nuances of ministering to family members during the process.

Funeral director Donald Daugherty addresses Dr. Harvath's class during their tour of the funeral home. (*Francis Doyle*)

Dr. Harvath has been teaching the grief counseling course since 1991 and has taken her classes on the tour every year since then. She feels placing the students in the funeral preparation process is very beneficial. "The tour is important because it allows future priests the opportunity to understand the funeral process through the eyes of the family members and other professionals who are there to assist," said Dr. Harvath.

Seminarian Anthony Yates (Theology II, St. Louis) was impressed with all that is involved in arranging a funeral. "Don emphasized the relationship between the priest and funeral director and showed how they can work together to help the family." Yates also liked Daugherty's suggestion of prearranging funerals, which makes the process much easier on the family.

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