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*"Training 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.

## Convivium Reaches New Heights

### Twelfth Annual Seminary Dinner Auction Blessed by Generosity

On Saturday, November 6, 217 of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's special friends and supporters gathered at the seminary for its twelfth annual dinner auction, *Convivium 2004*.

Fox 2 News anchor/reporter and Serran Dan Gray served as the *Convivium*'s Honorary Chairperson, emphasizing the need for happy and holy priests and encouraging support for the Fund-A-Need, or theme of the dinner auction, the health



Honorary Chairperson Dan Gray speaks on behalf of the *Convivium 2004* Fund-A-Need. (Photo by Chris Rossman)

and wellness of the 80 seminarians currently discerning their vocation for the priesthood at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

"The seminarians have made their needs very clear," Mr. Gray explained. "These young men know that to keep the body in good health is a duty, otherwise they will not be able to keep their minds strong and clear."

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## Seminarians Provide Pro-Life Witness at Kerry Rally

On Friday, October 8, members of the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community traveled to the America's Center to witness to the Pro-Life cause. Wearing sweatshirts that proclaimed "Dedicated to the defense of all human life," the seminarians attempted to attend the Democratic Watch Party and Rally (at which John Kerry would later be present) and pray for the senator to stand for what he believes as a Catholic.

While in line to go through security scanners, the seminarians were informed that the Democratic Convention Committee would not allow them to enter, as the party was being held in a private, rented venue (the America's Center), and the Party Organizers didn't think the seminarians had the spirit that was necessary for admittance.

Instead of giving up hope, the seminarians lined up at each entrance to the building holding up signs proclaiming their pro-life message. Even with much dissent from partygoers, the seminarians remained standing their ground from around 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Many partygoers taunted the seminarians, saying such phrases as "You can't impose your religious beliefs on me!" One party attendee was so bold as to take a sign out of the hands of a seminarian and proceed to rip it into pieces in front of him.



Seminarians at America's Center on October 8 (Photo by Jeff Geerling)

The seminarians prayed the Rosary, the Divine Chaplet, Vespers, and many other private prayers throughout the peaceful witness. The seminarians ask that all may pray for an end to abortion and a

respect for life from conception to natural death.

## Kenrick Alumni Reunion—October 6, 2004



(From left) Fr. Donald Buhr (St. Louis, 1966), Msgr. Donald Schramm (St. Louis, 1967), and Msgr. Walter Whited (St. Louis, 1966). (Chris Rossman)



Seminarian Jason Kurth (Des Moines, Theology II) serves (from left) Msgr. Robert Jovanovic (St. Louis, 1961) and Msgr. Louis Meyer (St. Louis, 1944). (Chris Rossman)



Seminarian Michael Houser (St. Louis, Theology II) serves (from left) Rev. Mr. Philip Niekamp (Jefferson City) and Fr. James Ramacciotti (St. Louis, 1985). (Chris Rossman)



Archbishop Burke with Msgr. Ed Griesedieck (St. Louis, Class of 1965). (Chris Rossman)



(From left) Fr. Robert Samson (St. Louis, 1979), Msgr. Vernon Gardin, V.G. (St. Louis, 1971), and Fr. Michael Henning (St. Louis, 1974). (Chris Rossman)



Archbishop Raymond Burke with Kenrick alumni, ordination class of 1944: (from left to right) Msgr. Andrew Meister (Omaha), Msgr. Louis F. Meyer (St. Louis), and Msgr. Ned Elliot (Memphis). (Chris Rossman)



Fr. Joseph Simon (St. Louis, Class of 1971) with Archbishop Raymond Burke. (Chris Rossman)



# Alumni Reflections

**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's mission statement includes the phrase "preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood of Jesus Christ." *The Herald* asked these Kenrick alumni: "In what ways were you prepared for the priesthood during your discernment as a seminarian?"**

## **Rev. Robert J. Rayson, Ordination Class of 1999, Diocese of Peoria, Illinois**



"My Pastoral Counseling classes prepared me for the demands of parish life. Dr. [Susanne] Harvath's class on grief counseling has really helped me in ministering to those parishioners who have suffered loss in their lives and who are dealing with mourning. I am able to help them facilitate the grieving process and I owe so much of this ministry to Dr. Harvath's teaching. Also, from a practical standpoint, Fr. [Edward] Richard's Moral Theology class and Fr. [James] Ramacciotti's Canon Law class made theoretical issues practical. These classes continue to help me as I minister to people in regard to end-of-life issues, marriage preparation, annulments, and so much more. The sound theological teaching and practical applications taught to me at Kenrick Seminary continue to serve me well in my priestly life as I serve as the pastor of three parishes."

## **Rev. Msgr. James R. Hartnett, Ordination Class of 1938, Archdiocese of St. Louis**

"I entered the seminary directly out of grade school. We were taught by the Vincentians at that time and I had a number of instructors from whom I learned so very much. One of my favorite teachers was Fr. Martin O'Malley, C.M., who taught us history. I very much enjoyed my seminary experience and I have fond memories of that time. All of my classes have helped me in my priestly ministry, from hearing confessions and making sick calls to celebrating weddings and preaching sermons."

*(Note to our readers: At 92 years of age, Msgr. Hartnett is the oldest priest in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. He currently resides at Regina Cleri.)*



## **Rev. Brian R. Fischer, Ordination Class of 2003, Archdiocese of St. Louis, St. Clare of Assisi Parish**



"During my first year as a Theologian at Kenrick Seminary, Sr. Zoe [Glenski] told me: 'You will never learn everything you need to know about serving as a priest at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. What you will learn here is how to find the answers to your questions as you journey throughout your priestly life.' As a priest, I have found that to be true. There is one professor from whom I put to use everything I was taught. That professor is Dr. [Susanne] Harvath. Everything she taught me about pastoral counseling—how to treat the people I serve as a priest—all of this has served me very well in my ministry. Those skills that Dr. Harvath taught me have meant so much to me because it is the people with whom you interact as a priest that are the most important part of your service in the Church."

## **Rev. Paul J. Rothschild, Ordination Class of 1984, Archdiocese of St. Louis, All Souls Parish**

"I received excellent preparation for my life in priestly ministry from Kenrick Seminary. The seminary couldn't give me answers to every question that could possibly come up during my priesthood. If that were the case, I would still be in seminary today. What Kenrick was able to give me were the tools to face all the challenging experiences I've encountered—and continue to encounter—in my priesthood. The seminary equipped me with the tools I needed to minister to all those that I serve in my ministry. For that and for so many other gifts, I am grateful for my seminary experience."



## Faculty News and Notes



On May 4, 2004, **Fr. Donald Henke** (Moral Theology) defended his Doctoral Dissertation, *Artificially Assisted Hydration and Nutrition From Karen Quinlan to Nancy Cruzan to the Present: An Historical Analysis of the Decision to Provide or Withhold/Withdraw Sustenance From PVS Patients in Catholic Moral Theology and Medical Practice in the United States*.

The following is a brief description of the contents of the dissertation:

“Using an historical methodology, this dissertation traces the development of the decision to provide or withhold/withdraw food and fluids from the persistent vegetative state patient from the inception of the issue in 1975 to the pre-

sent. After a brief look at the current medical knowledge regarding the persistent vegetative state and the latest methods of food and fluid delivery, the dissertation examines the decision to provide food and fluids to such patients from the perspective of the Catholic Church and from the major American medical organizations. Centered upon the landmark cases of *Quinlan* and *Cruzan*, such a parallel treatment provides the necessary means to compare the morality of the conclusions they reached.”



**Dr. Anne Marie Kitz** (Old Testament) is currently teaching an adult education course on the Book of Genesis at Curé of Ars in Shrewsbury, and is also doing research while on sabbatical this semester.



### Sebastian Mahfood

(Intercultural Studies) and his wife Stephanie are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Alexander Sebastian, born October 13, weighing 7 lbs 15 ozs, 20.75 inches long. Alexander was blessed by both President-Rector Msgr. Ted Wojcicki and Vice-Rector and Dean of Students Fr. Edward Richard that same afternoon.



The happy family on October 13.

## Dr. Harvath Honored for Work with Project Rachel

On Saturday, September 25, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary was host to a Project Rachel event that honored two of its founding members, Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, now the Coadjutor Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas, and Dr. Susanne M. Harvath, currently clinical director of Project Rachel and professor of pastoral counseling at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Project Rachel began in St. Louis in 1986 as an outreach ministry of the Church, providing counseling and reconciliation for anyone touched by an abortion.

Dr. Harvath and Archbishop Naumann’s involvement in ministry to post-abortive parents actually precedes the origins of Project Rachel by several years, making the September 25, 2004 event a commemorative anniversary of sorts.

“It was a blessing to be a part of this event and to be introduced as an honored guest,” remarked Dr. Harvath, who was recognized for over twenty years of ser-

vice to Project Rachel. The occasion also provided the opportunity for an endowment named after Archbishop Naumann to be given to Project Rachel to help provide for the cost of counseling, training, seminars, retreats, and publicity for this worthy ministry whose services are free and confidential.



Dr. Harvath addresses the September 25 gathering. (Chris Rossman)

The gathering at the seminary was attended by a variety of guests, including Cardinal Glennon College Junior Tim

Noelker, who was impressed with Dr. Harvath’s address. “Dr. Harvath gave a powerful presentation that really got across the trauma of abortion as well the overwhelming mercy of God. Her reminder that we all have a calling to foster a culture of life was inspiring as well.”

In her work as a faculty member at Kenrick-Glennon, Dr. Harvath teaches post-abortive counseling to the seminarians. “It is important that these future priests be sensitive to those people in their congregations who may be post-abortive,” said Dr. Harvath. “They must understand the needs of parents who have had an abortion and be prepared to guide them through the grieving process.”

Additional efforts for the post-abortive person overseen by Dr. Harvath include a ritual blessing for the naming and commendation of an infant who dies before birth, a monument to unborn children in Resurrection Cemetery, and a healing video entitled, “Dear Children: A Story of the Triumph of Love.”

# Seminarian Spotlight



**The Advent season and the celebration of Christmas can evoke such happy memories and joyful emotions. Here's what Advent and Christmas mean to a few of our seminarians:**



**Robert Favazza, Theology I / Diocese of Memphis / Home Parish: Resurrection Catholic Church, Memphis**

“Advent and Christmas continue to hold a special meaning for me. Every year at Christmas, ever since I can remember, my family travels up to Illinois to visit my grandparents. Before we all gather to open presents, we read aloud the account of the birth of Christ from the Gospel of St. Luke. After that, we sing hymns together. Through this yearly ritual, we are able to really focus on Christ at Christmas, recognize the importance of the Incarnation, and what that event means for human history and for our family in the present.”

**Thomas McFall, Second Year, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Ferdinand in Florissant**

“Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. I enjoy everything about Advent including the ‘dressing’ of the Jesse Tree and the Advent wreath. When I was a child, my family and I went to my mom’s old parish, St. Thomas More, for midnight Mass on Christmas. I love the music that is sung at the Christmas Mass and the readings are very inspiring. On Christmas day my family and I would travel to my Grandmother’s house to have a big Italian Christmas lunch. After that we would travel to my Aunt’s house and spend the rest of Christmas Day with all my cousins. Christmas will always remind me of those times and I thank God for bringing such joy into the world with the gift of his Son.”



**Kyle Hill, Theology III / Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau / Home Parish: Saint Mary’s in Joplin**

“The Advent and Christmas seasons have always been a time of joy for me. When I was a boy, not understanding the theological implications, these seasons were a joy for me because of the time I got to spend with my family and, of course, the presents. Now that I am grown and have had the blessing of a seminary education, my reason for joy has changed somewhat. Spending time with my family is still an important reason for my joy, however, my other reason has progressed from the material to the spiritual. My eagerness now is in receiving the gift of the Son made flesh, not only at Christmas, but every day of my life.”

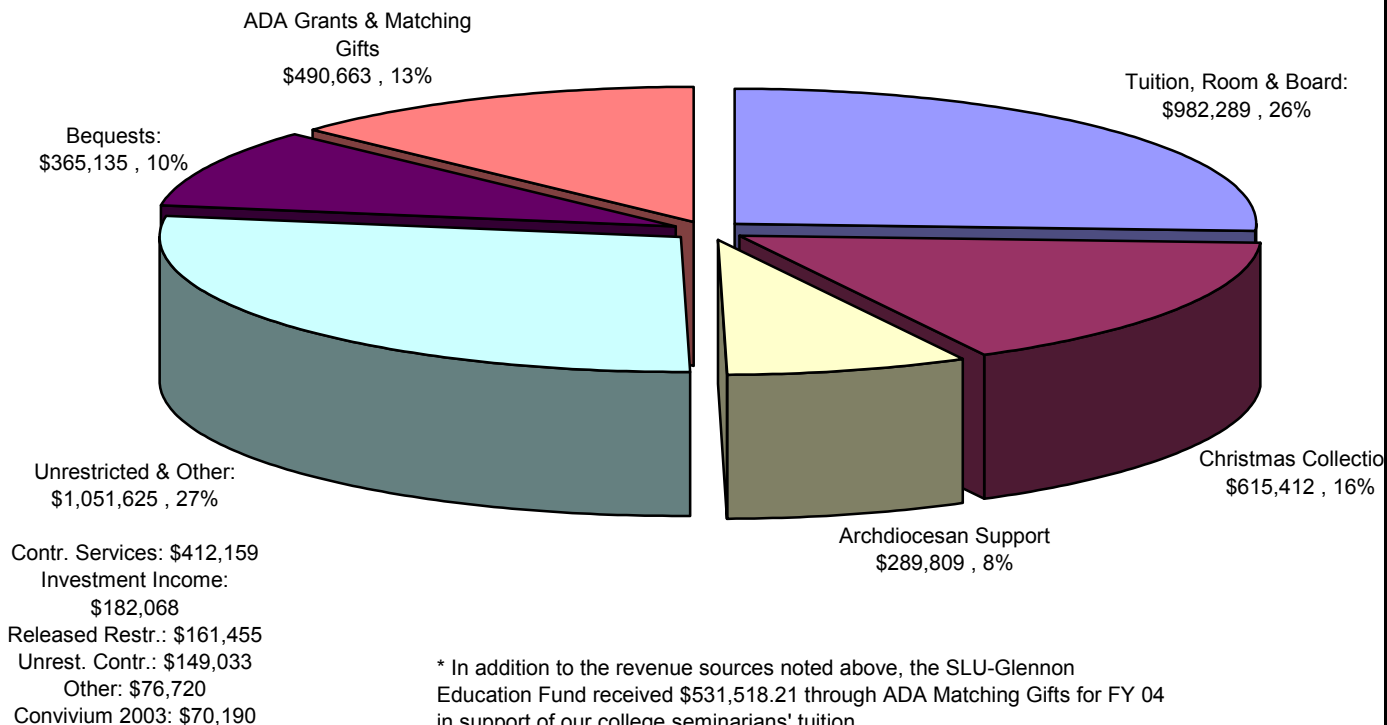


**Kevin Ridgeway, Third Year, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: Our Lady of Fatima in Florissant**

“When the temperature drops outside, trees become bare, and snow blankets the city streets; the atmosphere shifts from cold and dark to a gleeful world filled with anticipation to receive the *Salvator Mundi* at Christmas! During Advent, Holy Mother Church provides her faithful with scriptural readings filled with messages of hope and encourages everyone to “Make way for the Lord” as foretold by the prophet Isaiah for the coming of the Messiah. This Christmas my extended family will be awaiting the arrival of two new family members to be born on Christmas Eve. May this Christmas season be a source of tranquility and love to all who gaze upon Our Lord in the manger.”



**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, Fiscal Year 2004**  
**Operating Budget / Revenue Sources**  
**Total Revenue, FY 04: \$3,794,933**



The pie chart above illustrates Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's revenue for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. As this chart illustrates, the vast majority of the seminary's funds come from donors like yourself, through such avenues as bequests (10%), the Matching Gifts Program (13%), and the Christmas Collection (16%). This Christmas, the seminary is seeking to increase its Christmas Collection fundraising by introducing the Kenrick-Glennon Society, a giving club that will foster a stronger and more committed relationship between Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and its generous friends.

## There Are Many Different Ways to Support Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

By John J. Cleary, Director of Development



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary relies on the support of its friends. Without the prayers, time, talents, and treasures of the friends of the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, your seminary would not be able

to fulfill the mission statement you see on the cover of this newsletter.

The volunteers who serve Kenrick-Glennon Seminary—from those wonderful people on our *Convivium* committee who make our dinner auction operate so smoothly to the Knights of Columbus

who work in our building and on our grounds, serving by the sweat of their brows—are a critical support to the success of our mission.

To those generous benefactors who give to the seminary through the Christmas collection, the loving people who care enough to support the seminary through their companies' Matching Gifts Programs, underwriters and various donors who support *Convivium*, those people who remember the seminary through bequests and other planned gifts, and everyone who gives to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary by any means they are able—the seminarians, faculty and staff of the

seminary are grateful. Most grateful, however, are those Catholics—some of whom not yet with us—who will benefit from the holy and simple priests who are right now being formed in your seminary.

If you would like more information on the many different ways you can support Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, call me at 314-792-6113 or e-mail me at [cleary@kenrick.edu](mailto:cleary@kenrick.edu). I was a seminarian here in 1996-97, and I can attest to the type of environment Kenrick-Glennon Seminary provides to its seminarians during the critical years of their discernment: its value is without measure.

## From the Desk of the President-Rector

By Rev. Msgr. Ted L. Wojcicki



Evils in the world abound! The culture of death surrounds us. Many search for direction.

Our Holy Father stands as a great sign of hope, a sign of life, of resurrection following suffering.

Many young men enter our Seminary inspired by this Pope. John Paul II points us to Jesus Christ, the light of the world. We are soon to celebrate His birthday. These seminarians work hard in their formation and discernment to be dedicated priests in this new millennium. They are the hope of the future, to

bring to the world the hope of Jesus Christ.

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. As you can see on the accompanying pie chart, this collection provides a significant percent-



age of our annual revenues. (I am also grateful to the growing number who are remembering the Seminary in bequests.)

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!

## In Memory of Those Generous Souls Who Have Remembered Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Their Wills...

**Rev. Paul Christian Albers**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Dorothy Gebhart**  
**Mr. Edward Jost**  
**Mr. Ernest J. Lessard**

**Ms. Agnes Alt**  
**Ms. Margaret Grab**  
**Mrs. Rose Kelemen**  
**Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Marschner**  
**Mr. Phillip L. Zimmermann**

**Ms. Magdalen A. Drury**  
**Dr. and Mrs. Lewis and Anna Hutton**  
**Rev. Walter James Keutzer**  
**Ms. Sue M. Mug**

For more information on making a bequest to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, contact the Seminary Development Office at 314-792-6113.

## Matching Gifts: A Great Way to Maximize Your Donation

By Gina Scherer, Development Office

**What is a Matching Gifts Program?**  
Matching Gifts is a program offered by corporations and foundations as an encouragement to employees to donate to their favorite non-profit, tax-exempt public charities.

**Why Matching Gifts?**  
Non-profit, tax-exempt public charities receive matching dollars for the gifts of their donors, in many cases doubling their donor-gift-income that is used for operations, extra curricular activities, equipment and materials, upgrading after school programs, cultural and sporting programs. This funding supports many school and charitable organization's programs.

**Will my gift qualify for this program?**  
The guidelines and rules for qualified gifts vary from corporation to corporation. In some cases the companies or foundations will match dollar-for-dollar to full-time, part-time, and even retired employees (and their spouses) making donations of qualifying gifts to charities recognized by the Federal Government under Section 501(C)(3) as a tax-exempt public charity.

**Interested in the Matching Gift Option?**  
Check with your employer's human resources or personnel office to find out if your employer participates in a matching gift program. Obtain a matching gift form from the human resources or per-

sonnel office to complete after you have made a gift to your favorite charity. Turn completed form into the company, specifying which tax-exempt public charity or institution you have made your gift. The company will check with this charity to verify your gift, and when verified the company will send a matching gift payment to the charity specified by you, the donor.

**For additional information about using the matching gift option for a donation that you have made or wish to make to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, contact our Development Office and speak to John Cleary. You can reach John by calling (314) 792-6113 or by e-mail at [cleary@kenrick.edu](mailto:cleary@kenrick.edu).**

## Coming Events at Kenrick-Glennon

### Christmas Novena

Please join the seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon for the 2004 Seminary Christmas Novena. From November 29 through December 7 at 7:30 p.m., you are invited to this prayerful Advent celebration featuring the seminary chorus. For further information, please call 314-792-6100.

### Meet Your Priests of Tomorrow...Today

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

### Evening Prayer With the Seminarians

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary invites you to join our seminarians for Evening Prayer in the seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph. Future dates (all Sundays, all beginning at 7:30 p.m.) for this once-a-month event open to the public include January 30, February 13, March 13, and April 24.

### Seminarian Variety Show

From Friday, February 25 to Sunday, February 27, the seminarians of Kenrick-Glennon will showcase their myriad talents in the annual Seminarian Variety Show. There will be five performances; call the seminary at 314-792-6100 for show times.

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seminary's most successful dinner auction to date, raising just over \$100,000.

*Convivium 2004* Co-Chairpersons Nancy Giljum and Debbie Bannes led a dedicated group of committee volunteers to their successful goal, continuing the annual increase of auction attendees and donated items during the twelve-year history of the seminary's dinner auction.



Convivium Co-Chairpersons Nancy Giljum (left) and Debbie Bannes (right). (Photos by Chris Rossman)

"While the financial success of *Convivium 2004* is gratifying, the financial needs of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in its valuable work of educating our future priests continues," said Mrs. Giljum. "The members of the Committee hope that they have aided, along with our donors and attendees, in establishing a basis for the financial success of future *Conviviums* to provide for those financial needs."



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