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“Forming men for the priesthood for over 100 years.”

The Herald

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

Mission Statement

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

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

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

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The 2005 Convivium Dinner Auction A Night to Celebrate the Call to Priesthood

On Saturday, November 5, 240 of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary’s friends and supporters gathered at the seminary for the thirteenth annual *Convivium* dinner auction.

Zip Rzeppa, Director of Communications and Development for the Covenant Network, served as this year’s Honorary Chair. Mr. Rzeppa made a special appeal during the oral auction, encouraging generosity among the attendees toward the mission of the seminary, that is, preparing men for the Roman Catholic Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

This year’s *Convivium* dinner auction was another rousing success. With donations still arriving

from various benefactors, *Convivium 2005* is on pace to surpass the previous all-time high of \$100,200 raised at *Convivium 2004*.

As in year’s past, the November 5 event offered the fun of bidding on exciting and unique items while also affording attendees to interact with their future priests, many of whom served as waiters.

“It is always a blessing to meet the friends of the seminary,” remarked waiter Dan Beneventi, a Third Year Kenrick seminarian studying for the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa. “The generosity of our benefactors is such a strong

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Archbishop Raymond Burke converses with two of the 240 attendees at the November 5 *Convivium* dinner auction (Chris Rossman)

Making God’s Word Alive in the New Millennium Biblical Language Courses Offer New Insights Into Ancient Texts

Latin and other “dead” languages are alive and well at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

The new Program for Priestly Formation encourages Catholic Theological seminaries to teach their seminarians biblical languages. In accor-



Dr. Kitz instructs her students in biblical Hebrew during a September class at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

dance with this encouragement, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary offers to its men classes in biblical Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Dr. Anne Marie Kitz (Professor of Sacred Scripture/Old Testament) currently teaches biblical (or ancient) Hebrew to five Kenrick theologians, including Second Year semi- (*Languages, cont. on pg. 4*)

Pictures From Alumni Day, October 5th, 2005



Fr. Joe Kempf (Ordination Class of 1980) is congratulated by President-Rector Msgr. Ted Wojcicki for his twenty-five years of service as a priest. (Chris Rossman)



Archbishop Raymond Burke talks with Msgr. Kevin Callahan (Ordination Class of 1984) during the 2005 Alumni Day festivities. (Chris Rossman)



(From left) St. Louis seminarian Rodger Fleming assists Archbishop Burke and Rev. Mr. Kyle Hill (Diocese of Spg.-Cape) during the Alumni Day Mass. (Chris Rossman)



Golden Jubilarians concelebrate at the 2005 Alumni Day Mass with Archbishop Raymond Burke. (Chris Rossman)



St. Louis seminarian Rev. Mr. Nicholas Muenks in conversation with Fr. Nicholas Kastenholz (Ordination Class of 2002) at the 2005 Alumni Day. (Chris Rossman)



(From left) Msgr. Norbert Ernst (Ordination Class of 1972), Fr. Jim Edwards (1976), and Msgr. Pat Ham-brough (1985) perform a skit at the 2005 Alumni Day. (Chris Rossman)

Congratulations to Our Silver and Golden Jubilarians

Silver Jubilarians (Class of 1980)

Rev. James J. Byrnes, St. Louis
 Rev. James J. Foster, St. Louis
 Rev. John J. Ghio, St. Louis
 Rev. Paul A. Habing, Springfield, Illinois
 Rev. Lawrence A. Herzog, St. Louis
 Rev. Joseph G. Kempf, St. Louis
 Rev. Eugene G. Linnemann, Belleville, Illinois
 Rev. Paul A. Mandzink, M.S.
 Rev. Glenn M. Meaux, Lafayette, Louisiana
 Rev. Charles W. Morey, Springfield-Cape Girardeau
 Rev. Philip M. Moriarty, Jefferson City
 Very Rev. Paul J. Niemann, V.F., St. Louis
 Rev. Thomas J. Ripper, M.S.
 Rev. Dennis C. Schmidt, St. Louis

Golden Jubilarians (Class of 1955)

Rev. Arthur J. Althoff, St. Louis
 Rev. Robert W. Argent, St. Louis
 Rev. Theodore H. Burghoff, St. Louis
 Rev. Msgr. William A. Drennan, St. Louis
 Rev. John L. Hallemann, St. Louis
 Rev. Msgr. John J. Hickel, St. Louis
 Rev. John E. Leitner, Kansas City-St. Joseph
 Rev. John P. Mannion, Wichita, Kansas
 Rev. Norbert A. Mersinger, St. Louis
 Rev. Msgr. Raymond V. Orf, Springfield-Cape Girardeau
 Rev. Frank C. Palermo, Springfield-Cape Girardeau
 Rev. Robert D. Pool, Kansas City, Kansas

New Seminary Ministry Program Puts Seminarians in Parishes



By Fr. Paul Rothschild, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Pastoral Formation

The Pastoral and Practical Formation Program of Kenrick School of Theology has been revised as part of a larger revision of the school's curriculum. At the core of the revision is a purpose for having seminarians perform their apostolic work in a parish setting. They are assigned to a pastor who provides guidance, encouragement and support in a particular area of ministry. Seminarians in Theology I focus on Youth Ministry and/or the Care of the Poor, while men in Theology II concentrate on the Pastoral Care of the Elderly, Sick and Dying. Seminarians in Theology III are assisting in Religious Education programs like PSR, R.C.I.A./R.C.I.C., Adult Education, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and so on. Under normal circumstances, the men perform three or four hours of service in the parish during the week.

In addition to their apostolic work during the week, the seminarians will spend roughly three out of four Sundays a month worshipping and ministering in the parishes to which they have been assigned. This practice will offer experience that more closely typifies what the men will encounter on Sundays after Ordi-

nation. This portion of the program is intended to expose the men to the full breadth of a priest's life on Sundays. The seminarians are expected to share in the liturgies and ministries during the morning, and then return to the seminary after the last Mass or the Baptismal liturgy.

An integral element of their formation takes place when the men sit down with their pastors once a month to discuss how their experience of the ministry is developing. The students also participate in the theological reflection on their ministerial work twice a month throughout the year.



First Year Kenrick Theologian and St. Louis Seminarian Mark Chrimer (left and inset) serves a Sunday Mass at Queen of All Saints Church in Oakville. Pastor Fr. Joseph Simon celebrates the Eucharist. (Chris Rossman)

tioners and pastors alike have welcomed the men warmly, and are happy to lend their encouragement and support. The types of parishes participating in this program cross the entire spectrum: urban, suburban, rural, those parishes in transition as well as multi-cultural parishes.

"The main thing is that these men are learning pastoral skills and learning to think like a diocesan priest after being around these great role models," said Monsignor Ted Wojcicki, President-Rector of the seminary.

The program for Fourth Year theologians, the final year before priestly ordination, remains the same;

those seminarians are ordained transitional deacons and assigned to a parish on a nearly full-time basis.

One of the pastors who will be receiving help from two seminarians is Father Edward Rice of St. John the Baptist in the Bevo neighborhood of South St. Louis. He praised the concept.



Second Year Theologian Nathan Veltrop (Diocese of Jefferson City) on a Communion call to two parishioners in St. Joseph's Parish in Josephville.

"It's a real benefit to the seminarians. They gain a practical introduction into parish life without being thrown into it.

"It's also a good way for the people to see our seminarians, and it's a real help for me, with everything that's going on," he added, referring to the recent consolidation of two parishes with his.

This "real world" parish experience, coupled with the seminarians formation and study at the seminary will give tomorrow's priests the valuable front-line experience they will need before they are ordained and move to parish life full time.

(Portions of this story are taken from James Rygelski's article that appeared in the September 16, 2005 issue of the *St. Louis Review*.)

Faculty News and Notes



Fr. John P. Heil, Professor of Sacred Scripture / New Testament, has completed a soon-to-be-published book, *The Rhetorical Role of Scripture in 1 Corinthians*. Studies in Biblical Literature 15. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.



Dr. Andrew J. Sopko, Professor of Eastern Christianity, attended a three-day workshop sponsored by the Church Music Institute of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago. The workshop focused upon the historical development of Byzantine chant and included a number of sessions devoted to practicing the singing of Byzantine chant in English. Dr. Sopko will be incorporating material from the workshop into his liturgy course, "The Rite of Constantinople."



The newest member of the Seminary faculty, **Fr. Tom McDermott, O.P.**, Adjunct Professor of Spiritual Theology, is putting the finishing touches on his doctoral dissertation which he plans to defend in February in Rome. The topic of Fr. McDermott's dissertation involves the spiritual development in the life and

teaching of St. Catherine of Siena. The seminary community gladly welcomes Fr. McDermott, who served as a missionary in Nigeria for eighteen years where he served as Provincial.

On October 15-16, Fr. McDermott gave talks in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico, on "St. Catherine of Siena and the 'Cell of Self-Knowledge'" sponsored by Dominican Ecclesial Institute and the Aquinas Newman Center.



On October 25, **Fr. Edward Richard, M.S.**, Vice Rector / Dean of Students and Associate Professor of Moral Theology) presented the Catholic Perspective at the Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values at Washington University. Fr. Richard's presentation was a segment of the second part of a three part series called the Eliot Seminar Series on Stem Cell Research. Along with the Catholic Perspective presented by Fr. Richard, authorities from the Jewish, Protestant, and Muslim faiths lectured from their respective faith standpoints.

Co-published with William Burke and Patrick Pullicino, Fr. Richard lends his expertise in the area of moral dilemmas in stem cell research to the *Voices*, Vol. XX: No. 2 article, "Is Oocyte Assisted Reprogramming (OAR) A Moral

Procedure To Retrieve Embryonic Stem Cells?"



On September 24, **Fr. John Hunthausen, S.J.**, Spiritual Director, resumed celebrating the Eucharist at our Lady of Life Apartments one or two Saturday evenings each month.

On October 7 Father resumed the celebration of the Eucharist three or four times each month at the Loretto Center, the retirement community of the Loretto Sisters in Webster Groves.

On November 6 and 20 Father baptized two infant cousins, one a first cousin thrice removed and the other a second cousin twice removed. (Now there's a mouthful!)

On November 28 and 30 Father gave presentations on the Examen of Conscience to the participants in the Bridges program. This program consists of people who are making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola over a nine-month period as distinct from doing so in the format of a thirty-day retreat. It is also referred to as the Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life.

On December 15, Father will give a Day of Recollection to the residents of the St. Joseph and Holy Infant Apartments



Recently **Msgr. Edmund Griesdieck** (Spiritual Direction) enjoyed the opportunity to represent *(News and Notes, cont. on pg. 6)*

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narian Robert Favazza (Diocese of Memphis).

One might ask the question: So why study biblical Hebrew?

"That is a question I have to ask myself everyday," said Favazza. "Especially because I am not the most efficient linguist. If I had to give a response, I would have to say that it stems from the great love for the Sacred Scriptures I have had for many years. I believe that acquiring an aptitude with Hebrew will help me to look up words and understand their depth more profoundly."

Dr. Kitz views the study of this and other biblical languages as important to priestly formation.

"All translation is interpretation," said Dr. Kitz. "It is beneficial for any priest to look up scriptural words and interpret them for himself. By reading these words in their original language, one can better understand the intended meaning of the authors of sacred scripture without the interference of another translator."



Msgr. Edward Eichor teaches Latin to third year Kenrick theologian William Hennecke (Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau).

Seminarian Spotlight



With thoughts of Thanksgiving fresh in our minds, these seminarians tell *The Herald* what they are most thankful for in their lives:

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



“It is obvious that our Heavenly Father blesses us with many gifts. Though He has graced me with both an ability to run well and a wonderful family, I thank God for giving me a deep devotion to Mother Mary. Clearly, Jesus is the center of my spiritual life, and there is no easier means for approaching him than through his mother. Her timeless virtues provide a model for growth on which I can always improve myself as a loving, spiritual person.”

Matthew DeBlock, Theology II / Diocese of Rockford, Illinois / Home Parish: Holy Cross in Batavia, Illinois

“There are so many things a seminarian has to be thankful for...my family, friends, benefactors who make this awesome journey possible, the members of my home parish, the seminary community, and most importantly the Love of Jesus Christ! I am most grateful for a supportive family who always stands behind where Christ leads me, through easy and hard times, and who are always there to welcome me home. The fostering of my vocation is possible due to the great support of the seminary community. I would like to thank the staff and my brother seminarians for all they do. We truly are a family at Kenrick and this makes following the Will of Christ that much easier.”



David Skillman, Theology I / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Louis



“As I reflect upon the events of this past year, I am filled with gratitude for the gift of our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. I remember with fondness his pastoral visit to St. Louis when he told us, ‘Christ is calling you. The Church needs you. The Pope believes in you, and he expects great things from you!’ Those words ring true in my heart today as I pursue a vocation to the holy priesthood. Thank God for the gift of Pope John Paul II as a model of holiness to imitate in that pursuit.”

Daniel Queathem, Freshman, Cardinal Glennon College / Archdiocese of St. Louis / Home Parish: St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood

“Over the past few years, I have grown increasingly aware of the countless blessings I have received throughout my life. I appreciate the example of my parents who have supported, guided, and motivated me in the joys and the challenges that have shaped my character. Because of their willingness to sacrifice for the sake of our family, they taught me to live selflessly as a man for others. My friends have pushed me to follow God’s will and showed me how to live the Gospel message. Without their influence, I would not have had the courage to enter Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and discern my call to priesthood. Finally, I thank God for my faith, which has allowed me to know and love him more intimately each day.”



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support to the mission of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and to the men discerning their calling to the priesthood.”

As they did last year, *Convivium 2005* Co-Chairpersons Nancy Giljum and Debbie Bannes led a dedicated group of committee volunteers (many of them parents of seminarians) to their successful goal, continuing the annual increase of auction attendees during the thirteen-year history of



Recently ordained Kenrick alumnus (class of 2003) Fr. Bill Vaterott was the celebrant for the Convivium 2005 Mass. (Chris Rossman)

the seminary’s dinner auction.

“Fund raising is an obvious goal of Convivium,” said Mrs. Bannes, “as it supports our seminary’s many critical needs. But Convivium is so much more than that. It is ‘friend raising’ by the manner in which it connects faculty,

parents, students, board members, supporters, and many friends with Kenrick-Glennon Seminary’s mission and ministry.”

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resent the Seminary at the annual conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors, which took place October 27-30 at the Grand Seminaire de Quebec. The main topic of the conference this year was “Discernment and Decision: Seminary Spiritual Direction and the Discernment of Spirits,” led by Fr. Bernard Owens, S.J. Also Monsignor attended and contributed to a workshop on the topic: “Spiritual Battle: Benefits and Cautions to this topic in regard to Seminary Formation.” The highlight of the conference was the Eucharist at the Notre-Dame de Quebec Cathedral Basilica presided by Marc Cardinal Ouellet, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, who had recently returned from participating in the Synod on the Eucharist. The next evening Cardinal Ouellet hosted a reception at his residence where he gave some reflections and responded to questions concerning the Synod.



Dr. John Gresham, Professor of Systematic Theology, recently presented a lecture entitled “Apologetics 101” at the *Gateway Women’s Speaker Series*, Gateway Academy, Chesterfield, Missouri on September 29. In the month of October, Dr. Gresham

presented a four-week course on “Mission and Vocation of the Laity” at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cottleville.



In conjunction with **Dr. Susanne Harvath’s** course on Grief Counseling, seminarians from that class constructed a memorial display table in honor of the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, translated: “The Day of the Dead” (see below). Pictured beside the display (from left to right) are Theology II seminarians Scott Hastings (Archdiocese of Omaha) and Noah Waldman (Archdiocese of St. Louis).



George Weigel and William Dever to Speak at Upcoming Seminary Lectures



George Weigel

The Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture for the 2005-2006 Academic Year will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2006. George Weigel is our speaker. Mr. Weigel is a well-known scholar

whose works include the 1999 biography of the late Pope John Paul II, *Witness to Hope*, was a critically acclaimed best seller and *The Cube and the Cathedral: Europe, America, and Politics Without God*.

Mr. Weigel will speak on the subject of the global vision of the current Holy Father, Benedict XVI.

The Charles-Francois Jean



William G. Dever

Lecture has recently been rescheduled for Thursday, April 6. William G. Dever, Ph.D., will be our speaker. Dr. Dever is an

author and scholar whose

works include *Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come From?* and *Did God Have a Wife? Archaeology and Folk Religion in Ancient Israel*.

Dr. Dever will be speaking on the topic of his latest book, that of folk religion in ancient Israel.

Both lectures will be open to the public. For more information please call 314-792-6100.

Giving to the Seminary: Your Generosity Supports Your Future Priests



By Msgr. Ted L. Wojcicki,
President-Rector

What an historic year for our Church! And for the world! The entry into eternal life of Pope John Paul the Great!

The election of Pope Benedict. In the spirit of his namesake, St. Benedict, the Holy Father will seek to restore for Europe its roots in Jesus Christ.

Here in the Midwest we support and collaborate with our new Holy Father by forming priests in the image of Jesus Christ. These seminarians, God-willing, will soon serve society as priests, bringing the joy and hope of Jesus to a confused and troubled society.

Recently Jim Caviezel (star of “The Passion of the Christ”) visited our seminary. He witnessed to the seminarians

his own strong personal commitment to his Catholic beliefs. He encouraged—and challenged—the seminarians to live wholeheartedly a devotion to Jesus Christ by courageously taking up their own cross. This cross is the only path to hope—and to eternal glory—for seminarians and priests, as it was for Jesus himself.



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

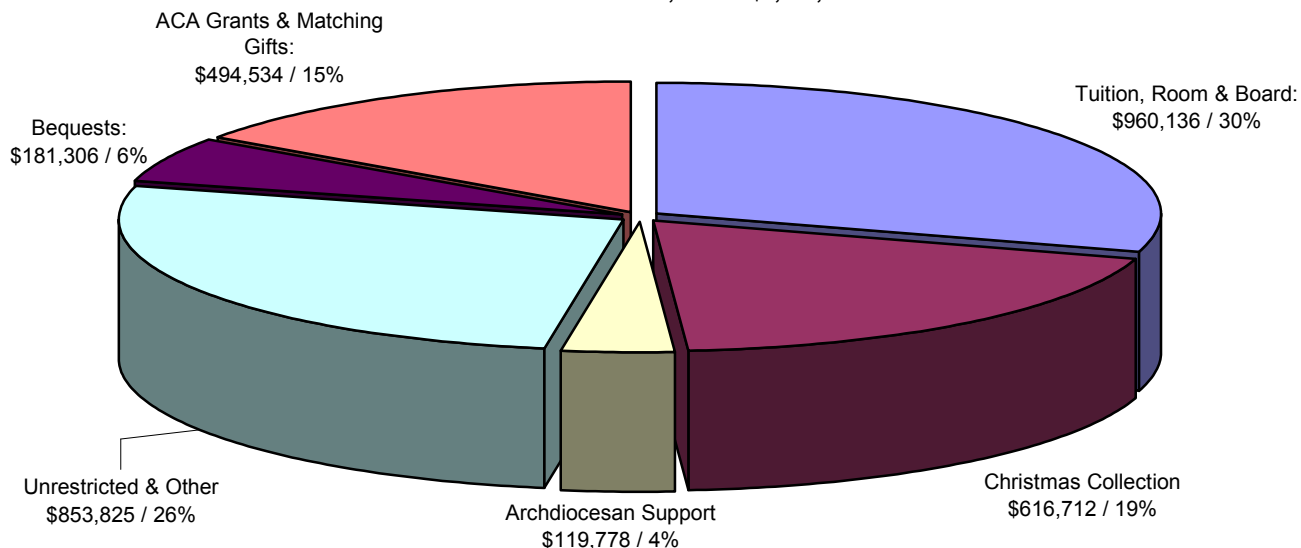
I am grateful to all who will help to support this vital mission of our seminary by making a donation to join the Ken-

rick-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 percentage of our annual revenues. (I am also grateful to the growing numbers 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!

**Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, FY 2005
Operating Budget / Revenue Sources
Total Revenue, FY 05: \$3,226,293**



In addition to the revenue sources noted above, the SLU-Glennon Education Fund received \$571,278.00 through ACA Matching Gifts for FY 05 in support of our college seminarians' tuition.

Coming Events at Kenrick-Glennon

Evening Prayer With the Seminarians

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary invites you to join our seminarians for Sunday 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 29, February 26, March 26, & April 30.

Seminarian Variety Show

The annual Seminarian Variety Show will be Friday February the 24th at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, February the 25th at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Mark your calendar now and prepare to be entertained!

2005 Christmas Novena

From Monday, December 5 to Tuesday, December 13, you are invited to come to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and pray with your future priests in the Seminary's beautiful Chapel of St. Joseph. Please join our seminarians for nine evenings of prayer and music as we prepare our hearts and minds for the joy and splendor of Christmas.

Jim Caviezel Visits the Seminary Address from Star of "The Passion of the Christ" Inspires Kenrick-Glennon Seminarians



Archbishop Raymond Burke looks on as actor Jim Caviezel addresses the Kenrick-Glennon seminarians on Sunday, October 16. Mr. Caviezel had much to say in regard to his experience filming "The Passion of the Christ" as well as discussing many other topics related to witnessing his Catholic faith. (*Chris Rossman*)



Jim Caviezel played the role of Jesus in Mel Gibson's 2004 film "The Passion of the Christ," which detailed the final hours and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. (*Chris Rossman*)



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