The Heart of the Priesthood

“Called to follow Him, to stay with Him, to bring Him to others.” - Pope Francis

2013-2014 Annual Report
Dear Friends,

Christ’s Peace! The mission of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is to guide our seminarians in configuring their hearts to the Heart of Christ so that they may one day, as priests, shepherd with Christ’s pastoral charity.

During the fall semester, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has undertaken a comprehensive strategic planning process. This is an exciting time as a creative plan is developed to help the seminary continue to live and affirm our mission while addressing future challenges and opportunities. Through this process, the seminary community is savoring anew the beauty of our call within a call to serve the Church’s mission of helping to form the next generation of priests.

The overall strategic planning process began in August and is expected to conclude before January. The leadership team, including Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and an external consultant, is revising the existing long-range strategic plan while recognizing the relevance of our current programs and services and changes in the external environment.

This planning process is an occasion for new unity and joy as we dream, envision and plan in the light of faith for the strengthening of the seminary’s inspiring mission. It is our hope that all our activities bring us into a closer encounter with Christ and that we are guided by the movements of the Holy Spirit as we look at ways to advance the seminary’s mission.

I invite you to pray with me. May our lives be illuminated by the light of Christ and may God give us the courage to share this light with all those we encounter each day.

In the Sacred Heart,

Father John Horn, S.J.
President-Rector
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Eucharist is the heart of the priesthood.

For a priest, true pastoral charity flows from and to the Eucharistic sacrifice. It is a priest’s job to draw others into an intimate relationship with God and a deeper understanding of His sacrificial love for each of us. In order to serve in this capacity, the priest must know and love God in a personal way. He must rely on the grace of God as he gives his life in priestly ministry for the love of Christ and His Church. It is the role of the seminary to help future priests build this foundational relationship with God through a program of spiritual formation.

St. John Paul II stated in his apostolic exhortation Pastores Dabo Vobis that spiritual formation “introduces [the student] to a deep communion with Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, and leads to a total submission of one’s life to the Spirit, in a filial attitude towards the Father and a trustful attachment to the Church.” Kenrick-Glennon Seminary provides an opportunity for our students to develop personal relationships with God that will ground them in their future priestly ministry.

Each seminarian is called to an intimate and unceasing union with God the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. This formation takes place in many aspects of seminary life: participation in the daily celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, participation in the daily Liturgy of the Hours, personal habits of prayer and meditation, frequent Eucharistic Adoration, the reading of Sacred Scriptures and other spiritual reading, and regular meetings with a trained Spiritual Director. All of these practices are central to seminary life and meant to draw each man closer to God and to prepare him for the reception of the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Please join me in praying that all of our seminarians and priests continue to grow in holiness. May they be witnesses to Christ’s sacrificial love and pastoral charity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis
As the shepherd of Christ’s flock, a priest is to help those under his care to enter into relationship with God. However, as the saying goes, *nemo dat quod non habet*. No one gives what he does not have. The priest must have that closeness with God, that intimacy that allows him to not only think and act with the heart of Christ, but to also lead others into that intimacy with God. The spiritual formation of a priest fosters this intimacy and is at the center of the whole of priestly formation. It vivifies and gives meaning to all the other areas of formation. If priests are to be like Christ, they need to draw close to Him.

We are blessed at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to be able to partake in many ways by which we can draw close to Christ in the spiritual formation we receive. Among these, prayer is foundational. Both private and community prayer is an essential to our seminary life. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours together as a community is part of the rhythm of our spiritual life at the seminary, and there is ample time for private prayer, with many of the men committing an hour each day to silent prayer before our Lord. We gather as a community each week to engage in *Lectio Divina*, in which we pray with the scriptures, and God speaks to us through His word.

Also essential to our spiritual formation is daily Mass, the source of our spiritual life and summit of our intimacy with Christ. Nearly daily opportunities for Eucharistic adoration provide for a truly blessed time for intimate prayer with our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. We are able to make frequent recourse to the Sacrament of Penance, where our Lord forgives those sins which are barriers to our communion with Him and strengthens us in virtue. Retreats, days of recollection, and conferences provide special opportunities to review and deepen our spiritual growth and our relationship with Christ. Regular spiritual direction provides the guidance needed to keep us on the right path and to help us discern what our Lord is saying to us.

These sources of spiritual formation that I have received in my time here at Kenrick have brought me into deeper relationship with the Trinity. Spiritual formation has deepened my prayer life and helped me to listen to God speak to me through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments. The silent retreats really helped me to stop and look at the
big picture of my life and my spiritual progress, making clearer what God is calling me to do and how I can be more open to His call. Spiritual formation has also helped me to be more attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within me so that I can better do God’s will. Through my spiritual formation I have become more able to abandon myself to the will of God, and to trust in Him always.

Jesus said in the Gospel of John about the one who believes in Him, “rivers of living water will flow out of him.” My spiritual formation at Kenrick has helped me to dig deeper, to more fully tap into Christ the living water, so that I may become a fountain of that living water for those whom I will serve in my priesthood. It has helped me to deepen my relationship with Christ so that I am now better able to share this closeness with the people of God, and better able to teach them how to draw close to Christ. My spiritual formation, in bringing me closer to Christ, will help me to be an alter Christus, and it has deepened my love for the bride of Christ, the Church. It will help me to give the life of Christ to all who thirst.

On September 4th, the seminary community gathered together for the Mass of the Holy Spirit to celebrate the beginning of the 2014-2015 Academic Year. During the Mass, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson consecrated and entrusted the seminary to the Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Conception. The following text is an excerpt of the Archbishop’s homily:

“Essentially what we are talking about here is holiness – intimacy with God – It is the imitation of Mary, who was receptive to the Holy Spirit, and received the life of Christ in her womb. And it is the imitation of Christ who was poor, chaste and humble. In the seminary setting, it is an invitation to let Christ grow in us through our spiritual, theological, human, and pastoral formation as we prepare for the priesthood.

We are invited to grow in our faith journey so that one day we might be able to respond to God with the words of the Blessed Mother: “My whole being proclaims the greatness of God.”

And so we ask the Blessed Mother to intercede for us before the throne of God to help us be receptive to the Spirit, and to lead us to Jesus her Son. As we count the cost of following Christ, may the moments of conversion small and large help so that God’s desires for us become our desires for ourselves, and God’s love for his people become our love for them.”
The architect, James C. McCrery, II, specializes in Romanesque architecture and has researched the history and studied the design of the chapel, which was built in the Romanesque tradition. He is working with Fr. Jason Schumer, the Director of Worship at the seminary. BSI Constructors is the general contractor.

The renovations include changes to the sanctuary and nave. There will be a new altar, ambo, and presider’s chair. Choir stalls for concelebrating priests will line the apse, the curved wall behind the altar. The tabernacle will have a new setting against the wall in the middle of the apse. The floor and the pews will be repaired and refinished. The windows, which were part of the original design, will be sealed and protected. The walls will be repainted and the ceiling will be resurfaced. Updates for the lighting and sound systems are also under consideration. The renovations of the chapel are estimated to be completed in the summer of 2015.

Music can also further inspire and deepen prayer. With this in mind, the organ will be replaced. The old pipe organ was removed and the new one is under construction and will take a year to complete. The new organ will be installed after the completion of the building renovations.

During renovations, the seminarians will celebrate the Liturgy in the auditorium below the chapel. We all look forward to the completion of the renovations so that we may glorify God in a chapel whose beauty inspires prayer.
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is located on 44 acres of landscaped ground in the City of Shrewsbury, MO. There are many peaceful areas for quiet reflection and prayer. These images provide a glimpse of these sacred spaces.

1. Jack Ruzicka, College III – St. Louis, prays in the St. Charles Borromeo Chapel. The Chapel is used by the seminarians in Cardinal Glennon College for daily Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and personal prayer.

2. This reliquary contains a piece of cloth belonging to St. Vincent DePaul and was recently donated by the George family in honor of the late Father Robert F. Coerver, C.M., a former rector and faculty member. The seminary’s collection of relics helps us to honor the saints and to keep us connected to those holy men and women.

3. This statue of the Sacred Heart is one of the many statues on campus. It can be found on the south side of the campus near the soccer fields.

4. This grotto devoted to Our Blessed Mother is located on the eastern portion of the seminary campus. It offers seminarians a peaceful place to pray the rosary and have a prayerful encounter with Mary.

5. These Stations of the Cross, located near the Marion Grotto on the east side of the campus, depict the Passion of Christ.

6. The stained glass windows in the Chapel of St. Joseph were designed by the Emil Frei Glass Co. They depict the story of redemption in the main panels, the lives of saints in the upper-circle panels, and the history of the Catholic Church in the St. Louis area in the lower-circle panels. An exterior protection system will be added during the current renovations to help preserve the stained glass.

7. The Mary, Mother of the Word Chapel is a small chapel located in a residential area on the second floor of the seminary.
Q1: What is your primary responsibility as Director of Spiritual Formation?
My responsibilities include several components of organizing the spiritual directors at the seminary, but foremost among the other responsibilities is to offer conferences on the spirituality of the diocesan priesthood.

Q2: What is your vision for spiritual formation?
My vision would be to help form holy, healthy, parish priests whose life’s desire is bringing the souls entrusted to them to Jesus Christ. I am excited to share my experiences of joy as a parish priest with the seminarians. I love parish life and did not want to leave my parish, but I felt called by God to work in the formation of future priests. My assignment to Kenrick is an answer to this call.

Q3: Do you foresee any particular challenges?
We live in a culture of constant distractions and temptations. As parish priests, we are called to be “contemplatives in action.” This means that, even in the busyness of daily life, my heart and mind need to be focused on Jesus. A deep and serious prayer life in which I am able to share my heart with Jesus is essential.

Q4: Can you share some elements of your own spiritual formation?
I entered and completed the three year course on spiritual direction offered by the Institute of Priestly Formation. In 2004, I completed the 30 Day Spiritual Exercises and began directed retreats for priests and seminarians around the country. One of my greatest privileges came in helping to direct a retreat for the superiors of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta.

Q5: What has been your favorite or most cherished moment as a priest?
A few years ago, a man came to see me about completing his 5th Step. I worked with him and helped his fiancée come into the Church. They were open to life but did not know if they would be blessed with a child due to medical complications. On my last weekend at the parish I had the privilege of baptizing their adopted son, Noah Mason. Yes, he was named after me. It was a powerful moment that concretely demonstrated the reality of spiritual fatherhood.

Q7: Last question, Father. If you had the chance, where would you like to visit most?
Over the years I have had the opportunity to spend about 2 months in the Holy Land. My favorite thing to do is to awaken very early—understand I am not a morning person—and pray for a couple of hours in the Holy Sepulchre at Calvary. I do not think I can get enough of being at the foot of Calvary with Jesus and Mary. My defining scripture verse is Gal. 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives through me.” It is here where I most experience our Lord.
The Council of Trent (1545-1563) was about to begin its proceedings when St. Ignatius of Loyola received a request from Pope Paul III. The Holy Father and the bishops gathering at the Council asked Ignatius to send them two wise and respected theologians to assist the Council Fathers in their deliberations. Ignatius sent two of his best: Diego Lainez and Alfonso Salmeron.

Like Francis Xavier and Peter Favre, these two men had been among the “First Companions” of Ignatius. They had received their spiritual formation from Ignatius himself. On the eve of their departure for the Council, Fr. Ignatius reminded his men to “make your resolutions in the morning and twice during the day make the Examen.” The men recognized that the Examen was an important part of their day and they treasured the graces that resulted from practicing the Examen faithfully.

What is the Examen? It is a spiritual practice or “exercise” that involves coming before God in prayer twice daily for about fifteen or twenty minutes. During that time, a person seeks to place himself/herself before Our Lord, reviews the morning (or afternoon), and makes plans for how he or she could be more loving of Christ and others. Faithful practice of the Examen helps a person to grow in self-knowledge and to gain deeper familiarity with Christ. It also helps a person to know and come to terms with his/her own failures to love.

Cultivating a daily habit of praying the Examen is especially helpful for growth in the spiritual life of “busy people,” including our seminarians. It is an honest account of “What I have done, and what I have failed to do.” I have experienced very positive growth in my own life through the graces that come from being attentive to the practice of the Examen. As a Spiritual Director, I have recommended the Examen to others - even if a person can only commit to making the prayer once a day. The Examen can become a gateway to a deeper and better knowledge of oneself and of God. It encourages an encounter with Our Lord and prompts people to think about their relationship with God at least once a day.

**Thoughts on the “Examen” and Progress in the Spiritual Life**

**Rx: “Fifteen Minutes, Twice Every Day…”**

By Fr. James Knapp, S.J., Spiritual Director and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology

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**One way to pray the Examen:**

The Examen should take from fifteen to twenty minutes. Find a restful, quiet place that is free from distractions.

† I recall that at this moment I am in the presence of God. “Lord, you know my needs better than I know them.” Help me. (Pause for reflection)

† “Holy Spirit, give me light and help as I review this morning/evening.” (Pause)

† Review your day. “Lord, help me to review the events of this day in order to recognize your blessings and my shortcomings.” (Pause)

† Ask for pardon and give thanks. “Lord, I ask your forgiveness for my failings and I thank you for all your blessings.” (Pause)

† Resolve to listen to God’s voice: “As I look forward to the rest of this day, make me aware that you are always with me. Show me how to become the person you want me to be.” Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray. “Lord, you know my needs better than I know them. Give me your light and help as I review this day.”

† Conclude with the “Our Father.”
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

BISMARCK • June 12, 2014
Fr. Adam Maus
KANSAS CITY, KS • May 24, 2014
Fr. Anthony Saiki
Fr. Jaime Zarse
ST. LOUIS • May 24, 2014
Fr. Andrew Burkemper
Fr. Paul Hamilton
Fr. David Hogan
Fr. Conor Sullivan
Fr. Thomas Vordtiedre
Fr. Ryan Weber
COLORADO SPRINGS • June 7 & 28, 2014
Fr. John Stearns
Fr. Michael Buckley
JEFFERSON CITY • June 7, 2014
Fr. Christopher Aubuchon
KNOXVILLE • May 31, 2014
Fr. Colin Blatchford
Fr. Adam Kane
MEMPHIS • June 7, 2014
Fr. Yoelvis Gonzalez
OMAHA • June 7, 2014
Fr. Benjamin Boyd
WICHITA • May 24, 2014
Fr. Sam Brand
Fr. Andrew Walsh

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

JEFFERSON CITY • May 17 & 31, 2014
Deacon Cesar Anicama
Deacon Simeon Etonu
KANSAS CITY, KS • May 17, 2014
Deacon Jonathan Dizon
Deacon Matthew Nagle
OMAHA • May 30, 2014
Deacon Jeremy Hans
SALINA • May 31, 2014
Deacon Kyle Berens
Deacon Andrew Rockers
Deacon Chad Stramel
SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU • June 21, 2014
Deacon Joseph Kelly
ST. LOUIS • May 3, 2014
Br. Bartholomew Anokwute*
Br. Macarius Etim*
Br. Blasé Faimega*
Deacon Peter Fonseca
Deacon Daniel Kavanagh
Deacon David Miloscia
Deacon Alexander Nord
Deacon Kent Pollman
Deacon Zachary Povis**
Deacon Edward Volts
WICHITA • May 23, 2014
Deacon Curtis Hecker
Deacon Zachary Pinaire
* Brothers Bartholomew, Macarius, and Blasé will be ordained for the Society of Our Mother of Peace.
** Deacon Povis is studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Please join the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community in congratulating and praying for our 18 new alumni who were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood and for the 21 seminarians ordained to the Transitional Diaconate.

Top Right: Archbishop George Lucas, Class of 1975, ordained Fr. Benjamin Boyd at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, NE.

Right: The new St. Louis priests receive their first parish assignments from Archbishop Robert J. Carlson immediately following their ordination.

Below: Three Kenrick seminarians were ordained by Bishop Edward Weisenburger in the Diocese of Salina this summer.

Bottom Right: Mrs. Sarah Maus receives a first blessing from her newly ordained son, Fr. Adam Maus.

Remarks from Fr. Conor Sullivan’s First Mass

First, I want to tell everyone how exceedingly happy I am to be a priest... More and more frequently we hear talk about how people think that priests should be able to get married, that celibacy is an outdated discipline that discourages men from the priesthood. Well the truth of the matter is that I am indeed married. I am married to the church, and that’s not just a trite phrase. It’s not just a nice thought. It’s very, very real. My bride is the church, and she is the most lovely and beautiful woman I have ever met in my life. For centuries her face has been distorted and obscured by those who fail to represent her adequately. Frequently the world is all too eager and keen to throw dirt into her face and neglect the great gift that she is to each of us. But if you wipe away the dust and the dirt from her face ... if you look at the church and see her as she truly is, you cannot help but fall in love. She is our gift, given directly to us — to me in a special way from Christ. With her I am deeply in love.
Habemus episcopum! On May 1, 2014, Bishop Carl Kemme was ordained the 11th Bishop of Wichita by Archbishop Joseph Naumann, in the presence of Archbishop Carlo Vigano, Cardinal Francis George, and many other bishops, priests, and lay faithful in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Wichita, KS. It was a day of great rejoicing and expectation for the future of our diocese.

Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Springfield in 1986, Bishop Kemme was raised in rural Illinois on a family farm with five other siblings. During an evening prayer service the night before his ordination, he credited his experiences at the farm and with family as helping him to realize and appreciate his call to be a priest of Jesus Christ. Bishop Kemme graduated from Cardinal Glennon College and Kenrick Seminary, where he earned a bachelor of arts and a master of divinity degree.

After the ordination rite Bishop Kemme took his place on the cathedra, the bishop’s chair, and was presented to the faithful of the diocese for the first time as bishop. Following a show of joy and gratitude from the people, Bishop Kemme expressed his own thanksgiving for this new call saying, “Indeed my cup overflows with gratitude to God for all that he has done for this lowly servant of His.” He chose *Humilitas*, Latin for “humility,” as his episcopal motto. The faithful of the Diocese of Wichita look forward to many years of humble service and growth towards our heavenly homeland under the guidance of Bishop Kemme.

The Kenrick Alumni Association’s annual Alumni Day celebration was held on October 1, 2014. Priest-alumni of the seminary from across the nation gathered together for a celebration of the gifts of the priesthood, friendship, and our fraternal communion in the Lord.

The celebration began with Evening Prayer, including a homily from Fr. Laurence Nicasio, Class of 1989 – Belize City-Belmopan. The alumni then enjoyed a social hour and banquet. The Classes of 1989, 1964, and 1954 were honored as silver, golden, and diamond jubilarians. Fr. Charles Burgoon, Class of 1964 – St. Louis, shared remarks on behalf of the golden jubilarians. Also during the banquet, Msgr. Robert Gettinger, Class of 1964 – St. Louis, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his ministry to the marginalized in St. Louis City.

It was a wonderful evening with many opportunities to celebrate the years of blessings God has given to Kenrick graduates and His Church. We are grateful to the Alumni Committee, chaired by Msgr. Mark Rivituso, Class of 1988 – St. Louis, for their assistance in planning this reunion.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our priest-alumni and former administrators who have passed away in recent months:

- Fr. William B. Ahrens, Class of 1951 – St. Louis
- Msgr. William A. Drennan, Class of 1955 – St. Louis
- Fr. Kenneth S. Fulton, Class of 1950 – Tulsa
- Fr. Jack Melito, CM, former Rector of CGC and Dean of Students
- Fr. Richard H. Suren, Class of 1953 – St. Louis
- Fr. David T. Thomas, Class of 1952 – St. Louis
- Fr. Joseph J. Welschmeyer, Class of 2000 – St. Louis
- Fr. Joseph B. Wolf, Class of 1954 – St. Louis
Faculty/Staff Additions

Deacon Charlie Durban – Human Formation Advisor
Fr. Paul Eberle – Spiritual Director and Formation Advisor
Mrs. Mary Ann Fox – Administrative Assistant
Fr. James Mason – Director of Spiritual Formation and Dean of Students
Sr. Jeseentha Ponnankal – Carmelite Sister
Mrs. Marianne Rotter – Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Macy Russell – Communications and Operations Coordinator
Fr. Chris Seiler – Lecturer of Theology and College Formation Advisor
Mr. Carl Sommer – Coordinator of Assessment and Liaison for International Students

Faculty/Staff Departures

Ms. Lauren Clasen – Communications and Operations Coordinator
Fr. Gerard Dewan – Associate Spiritual Director
Fr. Dennis Doyle – Spiritual Director and Formation Advisor
Mrs. Robin Lukasek – Administrative Assistant
Sr. Vivienne Mendonca – Carmelite Sister
Mrs. Tory Welling – Administrative Assistant

Promotions in Rank

Dr. John Finley – Associate Professor
Dr. John Gresham – Full Professor
Fr. Randall Soto – Full Professor

FR. PAUL EBERLE

Fr. Paul Eberle, Class of 2005 – Bismarck, joined the seminary faculty this fall as a spiritual director. In this role, Fr. Eberle will serve as a spiritual guide and confessor for individual seminarians throughout the school year. Fr. Eberle underwent training in spiritual direction through the Institute for Priestly Formation from 2008-2011. After he fulfills this three- to four-year commitment at Kenrick, Fr. Eberle will return to the Diocese of Bismarck.

MEDAL OF HONOR ON DISPLAY

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has been blessed to receive a Display Medal of Honor to recognize recipient Fr. Emil Kapaun, Class of 1940. Mr. Joseph Miklovic from The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association coordinated the donation and installation of the Medal which is on display in the Fr. Emil Kapaun Student Center.

Following his graduation from Kenrick, Fr. Kapaun was ordained in the Diocese of Wichita and later joined the U.S. Army as a military chaplain. In 1950, he was captured and held in a prison camp near Pyoktong, North Korea. Prior to his death in captivity, Fr. Kapaun ministered to his fellow POWs and became known for his selflessness, holiness, and extraordinary heroism. Fr. Kapaun was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in April 2014. He was the seventh chaplain to earn the military’s highest award for valor and is also considered a candidate for sainthood in the Catholic Church.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Would you like to learn more about seminary life? There are many ways to receive information about our news and events.

Sign up for our monthly eNewsletters: @KenrickGlennon

You can also subscribe to our eNewsletter through our website (kenrick.edu) or by emailing communications@kenrick.edu.
**Convivium Mass & Dinner Auction**

Our seminary community is looking forward to hosting the annual Convivium Mass and Dinner Auction at the Cedars in downtown St. Louis on November 1st. This evening supports the education and formation of our seminarians and promotes friendship and fellowship with our generous community of supporters. More information is available online at kenrick.edu/convivium.

If you are interested supporting our seminarians through Convivium, please call 314-792-7435 or email convivium@kenrick.edu. Seating is limited.

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**Christ Alive Speaker Series**

This year, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is co-sponsoring a Christ Alive Speaker Series with the Paul VI Institute and the Catholic Renewal Center. The first lecture, “Fighting Porn in Our Culture... and Winning!,” was presented by Dr. Peter Kleponis on September 13th. The remaining lectures are:

**Saturday, November 8** • Mr. Neal Lozano  
*Unbound: 5 Keys to Freedom in Christ*

**Saturday, January 24** • Dr. Peter Martin  
*Forgiveness, Inner Healing and Mental Health: A Psychotherapy of New Beginnings*

**Saturday, April 11** • Ms. Suzanne Baars  
*Affectivity and Effectivity: Drawing on St. Thomas Aquinas’ Understanding of How to Order Human Emotions in Faith*

The Christ Alive Speaker Series is free and open to the public. Visit kenrick.edu for further information.

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**Advent Novena**

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will be hosting an Advent Novena in the evenings from December 2nd through December 10th. You are invited to join the seminary community as we prepare for the joy and splendor of Christmas. Each evening of the Novena includes prayer, Scripture, a reflective homily, and hymns.

Visit kenrick.edu/novena for more information about the homilists and the location of the Novena.

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**NOTICE**

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is seeking comments from the public about the Seminary in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The Seminary will host a visit February 9-10, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Kenrick-Glennon Seminary has been accredited by the Commission since 1973. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college: Third Party Comment on Kenrick-Glennon Seminary  
The Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission’s Web site at www.ncahlc.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.  
All comments must be received by January 12, 2015.
Supporting Our Future Priests

Kenrick-Glennon Society

What is the easiest way to support our seminarians? Become a member of the Kenrick-Glennon Society by making a gift of $100 or more to the seminary. By joining the Kenrick-Glennon Society, you become a part of our mission of teaching, sanctifying, and leading young men on a path of spiritual growth, maturity, and prayer. All members of the Kenrick-Glennon Society are remembered in the daily prayers of the seminarians.

Please prayerfully consider making your gift today at one of the following levels.
• Friend of the Seminary: $100 – 249
• Seminary Benefactor: $250 – 499
• Seminarian Sponsor: $500 – 999
• Rector’s Circle: $1000 – 4999
• Saint Louis Circle: $5000+

After years of faithful support, you may wish to plan a gift to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary as a personal legacy. When you share God’s blessings with the seminary, you share those blessings with our future priests and all those who will benefit from their priestly ministry. Please ensure that your commitment to our Church extends beyond your lifetime by making a planned gift to the seminary.

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Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated by our seminary community.

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Kenrick-Glenonn Seminary traces its remote beginnings to the year 1818. Today it continues a rich heritage of philosophical, theological, and priestly pastoral service, attentive to the needs of its constituencies, while cognizant of the challenges of contemporary evangelization.

Legally titled the St. Louis Roman Catholic Theological Seminary, the seminary comprises Kenrick School of Theology, a four-year graduate and professional program that prepares men for ordination to the Roman Catholic priesthood, and Cardinal Glennon College, a four-year undergraduate program that prepares men for ordination studies at Kenrick or elsewhere.

**HISTORY OF THE SEMINARY:**

1818: Members of the Vincentian Community arrived in Perryville, MO, where they established St. Mary of the Barrens Seminary, the first seminary west of the Mississippi River.

1847: Seminarians were transferred to St. Louis, where they lived in a group of temporary buildings in the Soulard area of St. Louis.

1848: Archbishop Peter R. Kenrick opened The Carondelet Seminary. It was administered by Archdiocesan clergy until 1857, when the Vincentian Community resumed its previous role of direction.

1893: The new seminary, located in a former convent, at 19th Street and Cass Avenue in St. Louis was the first site to bear the name Kenrick Seminary.

1915: Cardinal John L. Glennon opened the second Kenrick Seminary in Shrewsbury, MO.

1931: The first St. Louis Preparatory Seminary opened in what is now Kenrick-Glenonn Seminary. The facility housed the last two years of high school and four full years of college.
1957: Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter opened a new high school in what is now the Shrewsbury City Center.

1965: Cardinal Ritter created another high school, St. Louis Preparatory North.

1980: Portions of the seminary property were sold to Cardinal Ritter Senior Services and to private developers.

1986: Archbishop John L. May, after consultation, consolidated the seminary system into the present-day Kenrick-Glennon Seminary building.

2003: Cardinal Justin F. Rigali announced that, after 177 years of collaboration between the Vincentians and the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese would henceforth assume full responsibility in running the seminary.

2009: The historical Faith for the Future Capital Campaign was launched. Over $62 million was pledged by generous donors in support of the seminary.

2013: After extensive campus renovations, the seminary community returned to the Shrewsbury site after moving to a temporary residence for a year and a half. The renovated seminary campus boasts upgraded plumbing, heating and cooling systems, improved kitchen facilities, an expanded library, and the new Fr. Emil Kapaun Student Center.

MEET A SEMINARIAN

By Dean Wheeler, College II – Kansas City, KS

Both my life and my discernment are due in large part to two women: my earthly mother and Our Blessed Mother. My mother brought me into this world and ensured that my life was nurtured through the Sacraments. Our Blessed Mother is believed to have saved my life after I became gravely ill at three months old and was given almost no chance of survival. In a desperate but confident act of faith, my mother consecrated her dying infant to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I went from being seconds from death to completely healthy in just a few weeks. The doctors were never able to come up with an answer for my recovery.

My mother also instigated my formal discernment. One snowy day, she informed me that instead of going sledding with friends, I would be attending a discernment retreat. Though I was reluctant to attend, this event was the first time I ever seriously asked myself if I was called to be a priest. I soon began to explore and learn more about the Catholic Church. I learned the reasons for the Church’s teachings, Her service to the world, and, above all, Her mission to draw all people to Our Lord. These intrigued me so profoundly that I could not ignore the draw that I felt to serve the Bride of Christ.

Since entering the seminary, I have been abundantly blessed. God is truly never outdone in generosity, and I have never been happier since I believe that this is where the Lord wants me.
FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Revenue:
- Contributions $2,452,473
- ACA and Other Grants $850,113
- Investment Income $215,193
- Tuition $1,474,017
- Fees and Other Income $726,667
- Release from restriction $921,636
- Total Revenue $6,640,099

Expense:
- Administration $1,019,764
- Kitchen and Facilities $1,325,909
- Instruction $1,585,009
- Formation $737,389
- Development $380,247
- Library $379,682
- Worship $150,908
- Other $264,453
- Depreciation Expense $1,628,366
- Total Expenses $6,312,174

Please note that this unaudited report excludes contributions and expenses associated with the Faith for the Future Capital Campaign and the renovations project. The expenses include a large amount of depreciation which is a non-cash item.
The seminarians crafted a scale replica of the seminary (tower included!) as their float for the Shrewsbury Centennial Parade.

The seminary welcomed hundreds of parishioners from the Archdiocese of St. Louis during the annual Open House in February.

Prior to their graduation and ordinations, the Class of 2014, including then-Deacon Andrew Burkemper of St. Louis, traveled to the Holy Land for the annual diaconate retreat and pilgrimage.

More than 1,000 cheered as the seminary soccer team won the 1st Annual Souls and Goals Soccer Cup. The game, which pitted the seminarians against priests and their friends, was designed in part to raise awareness of vocations.

A YEAR IN REVIEW:

- In August, the seminary hosted a BBQ for St. Louis Archdiocesan Priests to mark the Feast of St. Louis.
- The new solar array system was installed in September on the south side of the seminary campus in an effort to conserve energy and reduce electricity costs.
- In November, the KGS Lions beat Clergy & Co. in the first annual Souls and Goals Soccer Cup.
- Friends and members of the seminary community were invited to the Advent Novena in December to prayerfully prepare for the splendor and joy of Christmas.
- The Nunc Dimittis Book Club was established for seminarians in the fall semester under the direction of Fr. Randy Soto, Associate Professor and Formation Advisor.
- Members of the Class of 2014 participated in the 2nd Annual Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage in January.
- In January, many seminarians commemorated the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade by participating in the March for Life in Washington, DC.
- In February, Dr. Janet E. Smith presented the Second Annual John Cardinal Glennon Lecture on "The Universality of Natural Law and the Irreducibility of Personalism."
- The seminary was chosen as one of the host locations for the Cakeway to the West in honor of the City of St. Louis’ 250th birthday (on display through December 2014).
- Bishop Carl Kemme, Class of 1986, was installed as the 11th Bishop of Wichita in May. See page 11 for more information.
- The seminary invited all friends of the seminary to become Prayer Partners by praying for different intentions each week (posted online at kenrick.edu/prayer).
- In October, Fr. Dennis McManus presented the Peter Richard Kenrick Lecture entitled "From Pius XI to Francis: Catholic-Jewish Relations Under Seven Popes."
- The St. Charles Borromeo Award for Excellence in Priestly Formation was established to recognize one graduate who has excelled in all dimensions of priestly formation (human, spiritual, intellectual, pastoral) during his time at Cardinal Glennon College.
Students by Diocese/Archdiocese

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*The Benedictines are part-time students at Kenrick.*

Enrollment Update

This year, the seminary is near capacity with 131 full-time seminarians and 5 part-time students - a 10% increase in overall enrollment from the beginning of last year. This includes 70 seminarians in Kenrick School of Theology, 21 men in the Pre-Theology Program, 5 Benedictine part-time students, 2 seminarians on a Pastoral Internship, 2 men studying English as a Second Language, and 36 students in Cardinal Glennon College.
CAALENDAR of Events

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1 Convivium Mass and Dinner Auction .................... 5:00 pm • The Cedars
Thursday, November 6 Souls and Goals Soccer Game ........... 7:00 p.m. • St. Dominic High School
November 21 – 23 “Come and See” Weekend
November 26 – November 30 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

December 2 – 10 Advent Novena
Tuesday, December 16 Fall semester ends
Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

JANUARY

January 6 – 10 Retreats
December 29 – January 11 Holy Land Retreat and Pilgrimage
Monday, January 12 Spring semester begins
Tuesday, January 22 March for Life – Washington, DC
Saturday, January 31 John Cardinal Glennon Lecture ...... 10:30 a.m. • Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

FEBRUARY

February 13 – 15 40 Hours of Devotion
Sunday, February 15 Open House...............................................1:00 p.m. • Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Thursday, February 26 Board of Trustees Meeting

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a proper ecclesial community of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis preparing men for the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God the Father, we seek each seminarian’s configuration to the Heart of Jesus Christ, High Priest and Shepherd, so that he can shepherd wholeheartedly with Christ’s pastoral charity.

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