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REV. JOSEPH C. TAPHORN APPOINTED 15TH RECTOR OF THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY

On July 16, 2018, The Saint Paul Seminary's Board of Trustees approved Archbishop Bernard Hebda's appointment of the Rev. Joseph C. Taphorn, JCL, as the 15th Rector of The Saint Paul Seminary. Father Taphorn will succeed Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan who has served as Rector and Vice President of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity since his appointment in 2005.

The Omaha native was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha in 1997 after receiving his theological formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, earning both a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity degree. He earned his bachelor's degree from Benedictine College in 1993. Father Taphorn has served as founding pastor and director of the St. John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha since 2016.



Father Joseph Taphorn

Father Taphorn earned a licentiate in canon law (JCL) from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 2002 and served at a number of parishes and in various administrative roles in the Archdiocese of Omaha, including Moderator of the Curia, Chancellor and Spokesperson, Judicial Vicar, Vicar for Clergy and Ecumenical Officer. In addition to serving the Archdiocese on the College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council and the Finance Council, he has served on the board of the Nebraska Catholic Conference and as an officer of Catholic Mutual Group. He also served on the steering committee and leadership team establishing a pastoral plan for parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

In addition, Father Taphorn has distinguished himself in his ministry to priests, seminarians and young adults. In 2017, he received certification in the Spirituality of the Diocesan Priesthood and Spiritual Direction from the

Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, where he continues to serve as a spiritual director for the institute's summer program for diocesan seminarians. He has collaborated extensively with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and Franciscan University of Steubenville Youth Conferences to provide retreats and conferences on college campuses at the local, regional and national levels.

"I am thrilled that Father Taphorn, with the generous permission of Archbishop George Lucas, has accepted this appointment," Archbishop Hebda said. "His love for the Lord and his Church, as well as his pastoral heart and extensive experience working with priests, seminarians and young people, will well serve the seminarians, seminary staff and the broader community. Knowing his love for the Eucharist and his commitment to humble, collaborative, Christ-centered service, I am confident that he will be an effective role model for our seminarians and lay students as they prepare for ministry."

Father Taphorn will begin his term as Rector on January 1, 2019. Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., who chaired the Rector Search Committee, will serve in the interim.



RECTOR'S COUNCIL DINNER 2018

The seminary's Board of Trustees, bishops, priests, seminarians, family and friends gathered for the Rector's Council Dinner on April 18 to celebrate Msgr. Callaghan's 13 years of service and leadership as Rector and Vice President of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Testimonies and stories shared told the story of a man who loves being a priest and forming other priests for the future. Cherished friends and colleagues also shared plenty of wit and wisdom learned from Msgr. Callaghan through the years. Irish singer and songwriter Dana Rosemary Scallon, accompanied by a group of seminarians, surprised Msgr. Callaghan with his favorite song, "Our Lady of Knock."



Msgr. Callaghan and Archbishop Bernard Hebda



As Rector and Vice President Emeritus, Msgr. Callaghan will continue to serve the seminary in the areas of advancement and community relations. He will also serve the Archdiocese as one of the Ministers for Clergy and as Vicar for Retired Priests.

The 2018 Rector's Council Dinner will be remembered as a living tribute to a dedicated priest and man of God.

Dana Rosemary Scallon and Msgr. Callaghan

SERVICE THAT NEVER STOPS

After serving 19 years on The Saint Paul Seminary faculty, Dr. Charlotte Berres, CSJ, associate director of pastoral formation, is retiring. However, when you talk to this tiny woman with white hair on top, a lifetime of service behind her, and a long list of plans for the future, you know Sr. Charlotte is not done yet.

“My life is value driven,” she says. “There is value in seeing God at work in the diocese, in the parish and in a seminarian.”

That explains the more than 30 years she served the Church in Canada – in the “bush” in Prince George, British Columbia, and later in a parish in Ottawa. It also explains her return to her childhood home in St. Paul to care for her elderly parents and older brother with Down syndrome. And, it explains the 20 years she cared for developmentally disabled adults in that same home while serving in local parishes. By the time she completed her Masters and Doctoral degrees in Pastoral Ministry in the 1990s, Charlotte had already amassed a lifetime of service and experience.



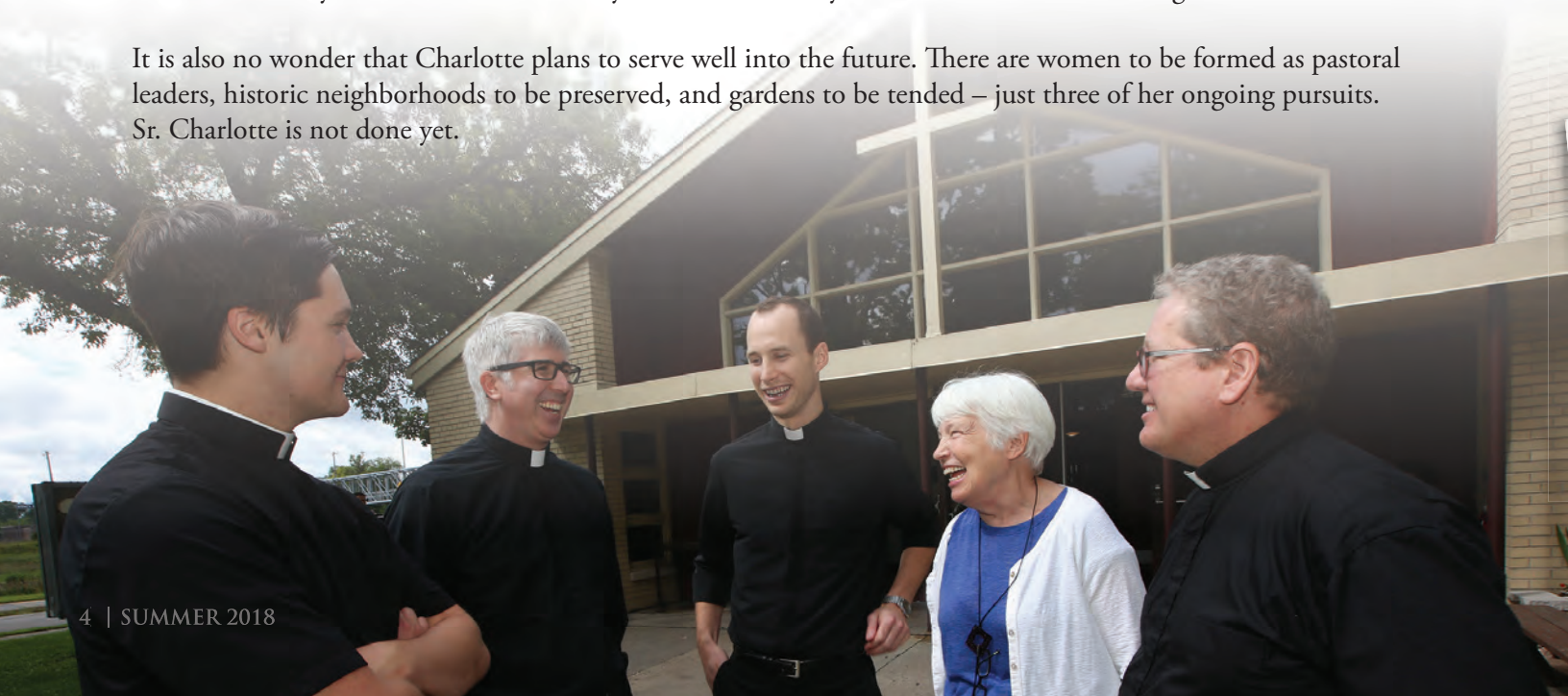
Dr. Charlotte Berres, CSJ

“She has a passion for the Church and has given her life to forming priests with a pastoral heart,” said Fr. Allen Kuss, director of Pastoral Formation and the Teaching Parish Program.

It is no wonder that this force of nature is behind the seminary’s robust and highly regarded pastoral ministry programs, including: Spiritual Pastoral Ministry, the Teaching Parish Program, Evangelization in Action, Spanish Immersion, Deacon Summer Placements and January-Term Parish Assignments. It is no wonder that the men who participate in these programs are well prepared to serve the people in their parishes.

“Sr. Charlotte, together with Fr. Kuss, has enhanced our pastoral formation programs from good to great,” Msgr. Callaghan said. “She has given herself totally to the important work of evangelization for more than 19 years. She has been a wonderful example of diligence, dedication and determination in moving forward the work of pastoral formation in a way that addresses the needs of young seminarians, as well as multicultural opportunities in the Church today. The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity owes Sr. Charlotte a debt of gratitude.”

It is also no wonder that Charlotte plans to serve well into the future. There are women to be formed as pastoral leaders, historic neighborhoods to be preserved, and gardens to be tended – just three of her ongoing pursuits. Sr. Charlotte is not done yet.



DR. THOMPSON DELIVERS BIENNIAL LECTURE

On April 9, Dr. Christopher Thompson presented his book entitled *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Toward a Green Thomism* (October 2017) at the spring Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library Lecture. Dr. Thompson, associate professor of Moral Theology and director of the Institute for Theological Research (formerly the Center for Theological Formation), draws from the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas and the “Green Thomism” he inspires in contemporary life.



Dr. Christopher Thompson

The next Ireland Library Lecture will be on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Dr. Francis Russel Hittinger, William K. Warren Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Tulsa, will mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Archbishop John Ireland. This event is free and open to the public.



SPRING EVENT CELEBRATES FRIENDSHIP



Theology II seminarian Nathan Hastings greets a guest after Mass.



Msgr. Callaghan mingles with friends at the annual Friends Mass and Breakfast events held on April 8 and 22.

Always quick with a joke, Msgr. Callaghan makes every friend of the seminary feel welcome.



GRADUATION SEASON 2018

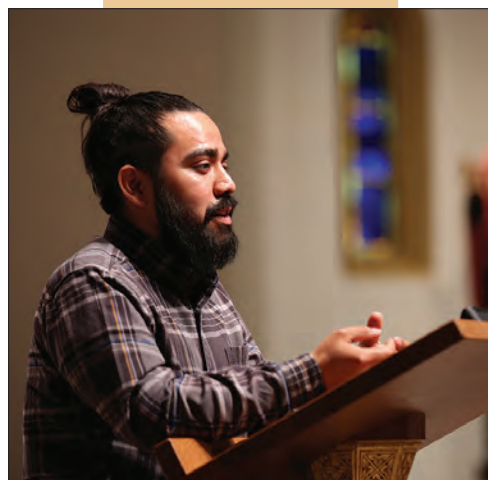
On May 15, more than 180 members of the Catechetical Institute's Class of St. Theresa of Calcutta received their certificates of completion after two years of study and formation. Bishop Andrew Cozzens celebrated the annual Mass and congratulated each graduate.

Juan Martinez and Susie Collins shared their personal testimonies and the impact the Catechetical Institute made on them. Thirty-five students in the Diocese of Des Moines graduated in May as well. The Class of St. Padre Pio will return for their final year and the Class of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati begins its two-year journey through the *Catechism* this fall.

To learn more about Catechetical Institute courses and offerings, visit: **cistudent.com**.



Top: Bishop Cozzens congratulates Tola Ou Quinlan as she receives her certificate of completion.



Right: Juan Martinez addresses his classmates as they mark the end of two years of formation.

Like father, like daughter. Maria McQuillan Kuzniar and Dan McQuillan celebrate their shared accomplishment.



Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate



Left to right: Seminarians Joseph Connelly, Andrew Zipp, Joseph Gifford and Louis Floeder were ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis on May 12 at the Basilica of St. Mary. This marks the start of their final year of formation prior to ordination to priestly ministry in 2019. Also ordained was Brother Seraphim Wirth of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace in St. Paul.

Right: Bishop Andrew Cozzens presided over the ordination. He was joined by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Helizandro Emiro Terán Bermúdez of Ciudad Guayana in Venezuela, where the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' mission parish, Jesucristo Reucitado, is located.

Also ordained to the transitional diaconate this spring were Michael Arey, Crookston; Robert Blood, Rockford; Mark Botzet and Gregory Sauer, St. Cloud; Timothy Cone and Thomas Rausch, Sioux Falls; Kevin Klump, Anchorage; Lawrence Oparaji, Madison; Zane Pekron, Rapid City; and Eric Seitz, Fargo.





FATHER TOULEE PETER LY

Age: 35

Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Home Parish: St. Vincent de Paul Campus of the Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

Mother: Blia Yang

Siblings: Mayhoua Gabrielle Moua, Maychoua Anne Lo, Maychy Clare Vu,
Tou Yang John Ly, May Yer Theresa Thao, Maypahou Bernadette Ly,
Maypachia Rose Ly, and Toutha Mark Ly

Undergraduate Education: University of Minnesota and University of St. Thomas
(Saint John Vianney College Seminary)

Teaching Parish: St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony

First Parish Assignment: St. John Neumann, Eagan

Originally commissioned by Fr. Joseph Johnson, Fr. Toulee Peter Ly shared this beautiful image of the Annunciation prior to his ordination. Local artist Eric Menzhuber painted the event in a way that shows the Hmong people that Jesus comes as their Savior. Father Ly's prayer card explains, "Far from decrying the historical facts of the Incarnation, this rendering emphasizes the spiritual significance of the Messiah for all peoples of every time and place."

Menzhuber Art Studio. Reprinted with permission.





FATHER ARIC AAMODT

Age: 27

Hometown: Shoreview, MN

Home Parish: St. Odilia's, Shoreview

Parents: Michael and LuAnne (deceased) Aamodt

Siblings: Amanda and Joseph

Undergraduate Education: University of St. Thomas (Saint John Vianney College Seminary)

Teaching Parish: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Minnetonka

First Parish Assignment: St. Hubert, Chanhassen

FATHER MATTHEW SHIREMAN

Age: 31

Hometown: Minnetonka, MN

Home Parish: St. Therese, Deephaven

Parents: Mark and Annette Shireman

Siblings: Andrew and Molly

Undergraduate Education: Marquette University

Graduate Degree: Masters of Science in Transportation, MIT

Teaching Parish: St. Victoria's, Victoria

Pastoral Year: St. Stephen's, Anoka

First Parish Assignment: St. Stephen's, Anoka



FATHER COLIN JONES

Age: 26

Hometown: Shoreview, MN

Home Parish: St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony

Parents: Gavin and Meghan Jones

Siblings: Claire, Aidan, Anna, Liam and Lydia

Undergraduate Education: University of St. Thomas (Saint John Vianney College Seminary)

Seminary Formation: Pontifical North American College, Rome

First Parish Assignment: Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids



GHANA

Fathers Raphael Akurugu and Gabriel Ayamdoor were ordained for the Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga on July 28.



ROCKFORD

Father Jhonatan Sarmiento was ordained for the Diocese of Rockford on June 2.



DES MOINES

Deacon Ryan Andrew will be ordained for the Diocese of Des Moines on December 14.



MADISON

Father Grant Thies was ordained for the Diocese of Madison on June 29.

GRADUATES AND ORDINANDS

Prior to priestly ordination, the Class of 2018 formally received their Master of Divinity degrees.

Pictured (left to right) with Interim Academic Dean Dr. Ken Snyder (center) at the University of St. Thomas Commencement Exercises on May 19: Aric Aamodt, Gabriel Ayamdoor, Peter Ly, Ryan Andrew, Grant Thies, Jhonatan Sarmiento and Raphael Akurugu.



IRELAND SCHOLAR CALLED TO EVANGELIZE

BY MARGARET JOHNSON



Brad and Susanna Parent

School of Divinity alumnus Susanna Parent is the Evangelization Manager for the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Her journey to this current position was driven by a fire to grow educationally and spiritually. That journey included completing the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) degree at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in 2016.

Susanna was a Catholic Studies major at the University of St. Thomas when she applied for and was awarded the John Ireland Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship offered annually by The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity to recent graduates of the University of St. Thomas.* Inspired by Mother Teresa's quote, "In order to keep the lamp lit, you have to keep putting oil in it," Susanna wanted to be a witness of the Lord's love and to continue learning and growing.

While pursuing her degree, Susanna worked part-time for the Archdiocese. That job turned into her current position upon graduation. Her primary focus is to create opportunities for people to encounter Jesus. Every day Susanna relies on the knowledge she gained from the "powerhouse professors" at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

It turns out many of those faculty members were also living examples of authentic Catholic marriage. Newly married herself, Susanna is grateful that she could look up to them while being formed intellectually and spiritually. "I've learned that one of the biggest joys and graces of being married is to have full confidence of my vocation, in that the simple and mundane tasks of everyday life are a way to grow in holiness."

**To learn more about the John Ireland Scholarship, visit our website: stthomas.edu/spssod/graduate/financingyourdegree*

GRADUATION NOTES



Left: Edward Burke and Peter Young received their Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry degrees during Commencement Exercises on May 19.



Right: Sisters Eileen Leon and Emy Ychikawa, PES, hold the gonfalon prior to receiving their degrees in Theology.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL COURSES IS NOW OPEN

Classes Begin September 5!

**Contact Ana Theisen,
Graduate Admissions Coordinator:
(651) 962-5069 or gradtheology@stthomas.edu**

Dr. John Froula, assistant professor of Theology, contributed an essay, “Moral Virtue, Union with Christ, and Two Teresas,” to the volume *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology* (Sapientia Press, 2018). He also translated a section of Hugh of St. Victor’s *De sacramentis in Victorine Christology* (Brepols Publishers, 2018).



*Left: On April 22, **Dr. David Jenkins**, liturgical music director, conducted “Sanctuary: A Celebration of Christian Hope in Word and Music” that included themes drawn from Catholic Social Teaching. Participants included The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity Chorale, organist Michelle Plombon, seminarian musicians, and homilist Fr. Tom Margevičius.*

N. Curtis LeMay, director of the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, served as Master of Ceremonies for the Catholic Library Association’s first national online conference in April 2018. In addition, LeMay was recently appointed to the French-American Heritage Foundation of Minnesota Board of Trustees.

Fr. Tom Margevičius was named Director of Worship for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. He will continue to serve The Saint Paul Seminary part time as an instructor of liturgical theology and homiletics.

Dr. Christopher Thompson has been promoted to the rank of Professor at the University of St. Thomas. This award was based on his fine record of achievement as a teacher and scholar and is a tribute to his contribution to The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, the University, and the broader academic community. Dr. Thompson is a professor of Moral Theology and the director of the Institute for Theological Research (formerly the Center for Theological Formation).

*Right: Catholic Theological Union (CTU) Board Chair, Rev. Kurt Hartrich, OFM, confers the doctoral hood on **Sr. Katarina Schuth, OSF**, Professor Emerita, and presented her with an honorary doctorate in theology at commencement exercises on May 24.*

Sr. Katarina was recognized for her extensive research and publication in the areas of theological education for pastoral ministry, preparation of Church leaders for ministry, seminary education, and the relationship between the Church and American culture.



Photo courtesy of Catholic Theological Union at Chicago.

Dr. Christian D. Washburn, associate professor of dogmatic theology, attended the Ninth Meeting of Round XII of the U.S. Lutheran–Catholic Dialogue in April at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award. Since 1995, two alumni are honored each year: an ordained alumnus and a lay alumnus or exceptional friend of The Saint Paul Seminary.

Nomination forms and a list of past recipients are available on our website: www.saintpaulseminary.org. Alumni pages can be found under the "About Us" tab. **Nomination forms are due by September 5, 2018.**

For more information, please contact **Tizoc Rosales**, associate director for institutional advancement: (651) 962-5071 or tizoc.rosales@stthomas.edu



Monsignor Delbert Malin, Class of 1958, visited The Saint Paul Seminary on May 20. Msgr. Malin celebrated 60 years of priestly ministry this spring and resides in La Crosse, Wisc. He is pictured with Fr. Tom Margevičius and Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan.



Father James P. Burns, Class of 1993, was named the 14th president of Saint Mary's University in Winona, Minn. Fr. Burns most recently served as dean of the Woods College of Advancing Studies and Summer Session at Boston College.

IN MEMORIAM

Father Martin Fleming, class of 1952 ►
 Father John Holdren, class of 1971
 Father Francis Roach, class of 1956
 Father William Arthur Ryan, class of 1959
 Father Rallen Stencil, class of 1963



Dave Hrbacek/ The Catholic Spirit

REAL PARTICIPATION IN THE GOSPEL

Every person who works in development has heard the comment. Sometimes it is a veiled affirmation: “I could never raise money for a living.” Sometimes it takes the form of a good-humored jab: “She is the one you don’t want to meet,” or, “Watch your wallet when you are with him.”



These comments point to a sometimes-incorrect perception of fundraising, especially in the Catholic arena. Raising money can be considered taboo—something you are not supposed to talk about in church, especially in a homily. It can be viewed as a “necessary evil,” something we have to do but no one likes to do, like taking out the trash.

However, giving of our financial resources is nothing less than living out our Gospel call. It is part of what it means to be a disciple. It is real participation in advancing the mission of the particular organization we are supporting. That is why many places have changed their name from Fundraising Office to the Office of Mission Advancement.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda articulated this point well at one of the many fundraising events he attended this past spring. He noted that the vast majority of us are not able to evangelize young people, feed the poor, care for the sick or celebrate the sacraments on a full-time basis. The vast majority participate in the primary work of the Church by giving of our resources. The hungry are not fed, the young not evangelized, the priest not formed, the sick not cared for without the generosity of many, many people.

Similarly, I have heard benefactors say to those working in the nonprofit world, “You are doing the real work, I am just writing the checks.” I understand where the comment comes from and greatly appreciate the affirmation it contains. However, here too, is a nuance that requires clarification because I see how hard people have worked over the years to earn the resources they have. And I see that after all the hard work, toil and labor, they give the resources to the Church. I find this truly amazing and incredibly edifying.

In the end, it takes all. Some give by *going*; others give by *giving*. The giving of one’s particular resources is real participation in the Gospel.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads “Thomas R. Ryan”.

Thomas R. Ryan
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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Reasons a Will May Not be Necessary

There are many reasons to make a Will, ten of which were listed in the Winter 2018 issue of the *Oracle*. Some of the most important reasons include when children are involved, when one's assets are complicated, and when trying to avoid probate and litigation.

However, there are also situations in which a Will would not be required. Todd Johnson, certified financial planner, private wealth advisor and friend of The Saint Paul Seminary, shares other options to consider when transferring assets and charitable giving.

Q Assuming no minor children are involved, in what situation would a Will not be required?

A If every asset has a named beneficiary designation, the asset transfers directly to that named individual or organization at death without having to go through Probate or inquire of any Will. Simply put: beneficiary designations override a Will. It is only those assets that have no named beneficiary (or are not owned in a Trust) that go to Probate where, at that time, your Will would be necessary.

Q Without a will, how are assets transferred to a designated beneficiary?

A Most assets can be transferred by simply filling out a designated beneficiary form provided by the financial institution that holds your asset. Examples include life insurance policies, Brokerage Accounts, IRA's, 401(k)'s and Bank Accounts. Even a house can have a named beneficiary designation by signing a Transfer on Death Deed (TODD) form.

Q Are there advantages to transferring assets without a Will?

A If you meet the criteria mentioned above, it can be simpler and less expensive to transfer assets via a beneficiary designation verses a Will. In addition, designated beneficiaries can be changed by the account owner at any time at no cost.

Q Is there anything else you would like to share about the importance of being good stewards of our God-given resources?

A "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." Proverbs 3:27

TO BE WISE STEWARDS OF OUR FINANCES

INCOME – An example is tithing in which you donate 10% of your annual income to the church or other charitable institutions.

ASSETS – For example, donating appreciated assets within a Brokerage Account to a qualified charity. If you are 70 ½ or older, you could also direct your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA to a charity which can reduce your income taxes while making a difference for the receiving charity. While you will not receive an income tax deduction for a rollover gift, you will not pay any income tax on the transfer.

ESTATE - IRA and 401(k) assets that pass to non-spouse beneficiaries (e.g. children) are fully taxable. Instead, any IRA and 401(k) assets that are passed to a charitable organization transfer without any tax implications.

Please contact your financial planner to discuss the best options for you.

For more information about designating The Saint Paul Seminary as your beneficiary, please contact **Tom Ryan: trryan@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-5054.**



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The 35th Annual Golf Tournament

The 35th Annual Golf Tournament was a great day to celebrate the work of The Saint Paul Seminary. More than \$190,000 was raised to support the formation of our future priests. Thank you, golfers! Thank you, friends!

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*First Place Foursome:
Jack Kennefick, Jim Wangen, Tim Kosiek and Tom Hurley*



*Second Place Foursome:
Shelly Ahl, Shelley Lynch, Jan Curtis and Marlys Lynch*