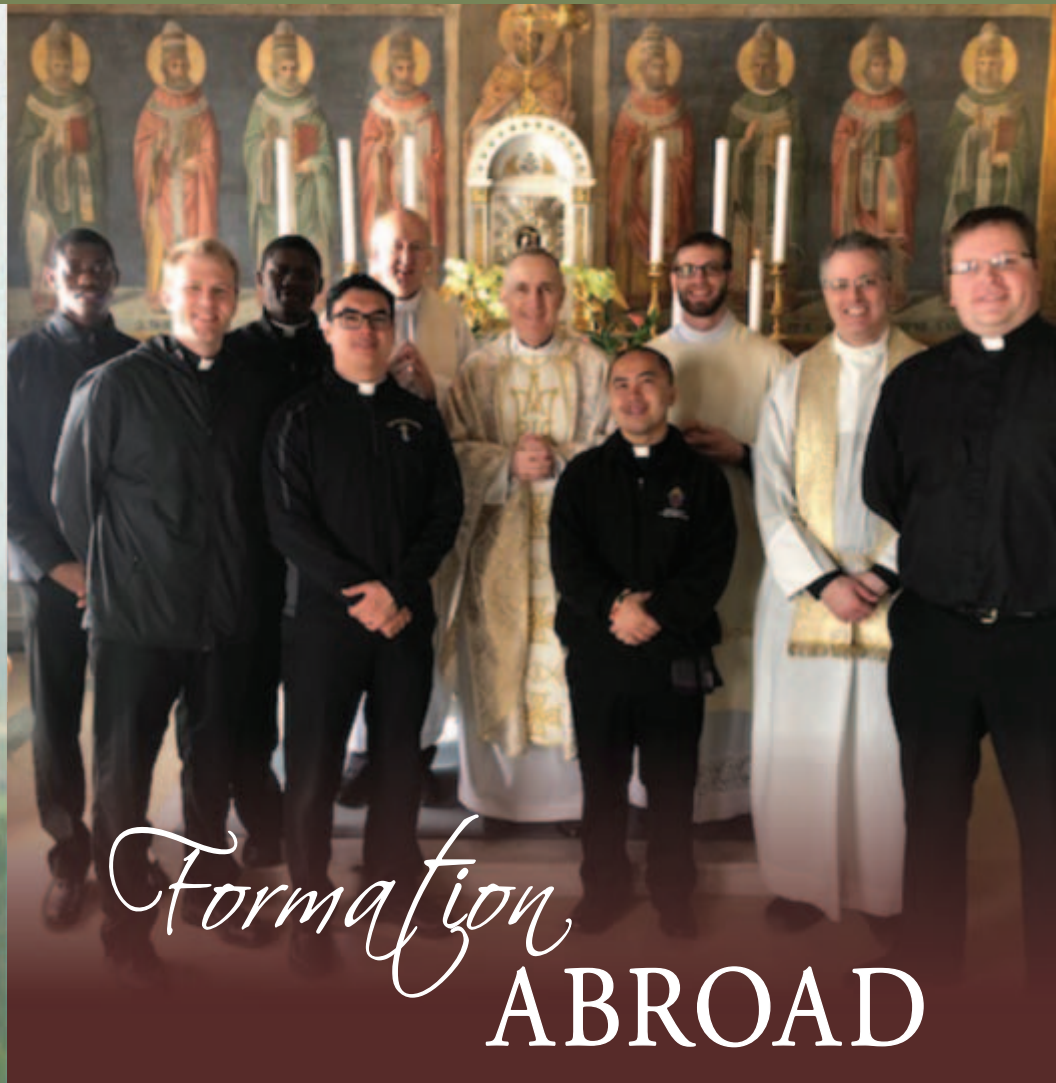


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SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIZATION

My dear friends,

In a new Apostolic Constitution entitled *Veritatis Gaudium* (The Joy of Truth), which is directed toward ecclesiastical universities and faculties, our Holy Father calls for a “bold cultural revolution.” He says, “The primary need today is for the entire people of God to be ready to embark upon a new stage of ‘spirit-filled’ evangelization. This ‘spirit-filled’ evangelization envisions ‘a resolute process of discernment, purification, and reform.’ The proclamation of the Gospel and the Church’s doctrine are called to permeate ‘a culture of encounter.’”

Our Holy Father recognizes that the future of the Church is in her youth. We must learn from the past and water and nourish, with passionate dedication, the roots that the Second Vatican Council sunk into the earth to hold the Church firm against confusion and chaos. Therefore, we must be unafraid when confronted with vistas un contemplated, even unimaginable to the Fathers of the Council, to graft creatively a new shoot on the old stock.



Monsignor
Aloysius R. Callaghan

Young people today do not want to live on the surface. They do not look for quick or ready answers; they seek Gospel clarity that calls for truth, charity and pastoral care. The adventure of orthodoxy, as St. John Paul II taught us, is what attracts young people today. It is the challenge of fidelity, integrity, authenticity and solidarity – the joy of the Gospel – the joy of truth. This is essential for a Church that goes forth.

The Holy Father’s clarion call for a radical paradigm shift – a “bold cultural revolution” – demands of us **great patience** in order to develop the docility, creativity and availability needed to embrace God’s will and begin again in earnest with “**spirit-filled evangelization.**”

Every January, our seminarians set out on a mission with this same spirit of evangelization. (See pages 8-11) From Ireland to the Holy Land to Rome, they immerse themselves in the mission of the worldwide Church, they grow closer to our evangelistic Lord, and they grow as future priests and ministers of the Gospel.

Along the way, it becomes clear to our seminarians that an abundance of patience and grace is needed to become “Missionary Disciples for Christ: Courageous in Truth, Generous in Love,” a theme that we adopted as a seminary this academic year and one that fulfills the Holy Father’s call.

A thought from St. Francis de Sales comes to mind:

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. Do not be disturbed because of your imperfections; always rise bravely from a fall. Daily make a new beginning. There is no better means of progress in the spiritual life than to be continually beginning afresh and never to think that we have done enough.

So let us begin again, with the assurance of our faith, to wholeheartedly embrace this cultural, spiritual and educational challenge, a bold cultural revolution, firmly convinced that God who has begun this good work in us will bring it to completion.

We must pray for each other now as we seek to build up the body of Christ with the joy of the Gospel.

May God bless you!

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan
Rector and Vice President

RECTOR'S DINNER 2017

The Twelfth Annual Rector's Dinner on October 26 was a night to remember. Friends and benefactors enjoyed an evening during which prayers were offered, toasts were made and songs were sung to celebrate the good work of the seminary.

Seminarians Peter Ly and Michael Kapperman shared their vocation stories, Virginia Schmidt gave remarks on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, and Archbishop Bernard Hebda expressed his deep appreciation for all that Msgr. Callaghan has accomplished as rector over the past 13 years.

As he has for other signature events, Msgr. Callaghan led all in attendance in song. Ever the faithful churchman and proud American, the 2017 medley included classic hymns and patriotic tributes to our country.

Left to right: Michael Kapperman shares his joyful testimony; Msgr. Callaghan is joined by Board Member Brian Wenger and University President Dr. Julie Sullivan; Archbishop Bernard Hebda celebrates the work of the seminary. Below: Msgr. Callaghan leads a group of seminarians in a medley. Photo credit: Dave Hrbacek.



SR. KATARINA SCHUTH DELIVERS FALL IRELAND LECTURE DR. CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON TO DELIVER SPRING LECTURE

On October 16, seminarians, students, priests, faculty and members of the university community gathered to hear Sr. Katarina Schuth, O.S.F., and Ph.D., present her most recent book *Seminary Formation: Recent History, Current Circumstances, New Directions* (Liturgical Press in 2016). The featured speaker for the fall Archbishop Ireland Memorial Lecture, Sr. Katarina presented her research on how seminaries and theological schools have evolved over the past 30 years and how they will continue to change in the future as they face new challenges. Sr. Katarina is Professor Emerita and Endowed Chair for the Social Scientific Study of Religion.



The Ireland Library lecture series highlights the academic work of seminary faculty and invited guests.

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 9, 2018, 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Christopher Thompson, associate professor of moral theology and director of the Center for Theological Formation, will present his new book entitled *The Joyful Mystery: Field Notes Toward a Green Thomism*. Ireland lectures are free and open to the public.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AND FRIEND RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL EVENT



Left to right: Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Fr. Dennis Dease, Quent Hietpas and Msgr. Callaghan.

On November 1, the seminary honored two exceptional friends with the Distinguished Alumni Award. They were recognized for their significant contributions to the seminary, their own parishes and communities, and the universal Church.

Ordained in 1969, Fr. Dennis Dease was recognized for his leadership as president of the University of St. Thomas; his contributions to improved medical care in Uganda and access to the arts in Armenia; his financial support for underserved students; and his commitment to the seminary's board of trustees.

Also honored was Fr. Dease's close friend and colleague, Quentin Hietpas. As a trusted member of the seminary board and special consultant, Quent has shared his broad fundraising

experience through the years. Guided by his belief in the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood, he has made a significant impact on the lives of many ordained clergy serving our Church today.

The seminary community is grateful for each of our distinguished alumni and friends.

SEMINARIANS TAKE FORMAL STEPS TOWARD ORDINATION

On October 19, sixteen Theology I men were formally admitted as candidates in formation for the priesthood. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, celebrated the Mass. This rite marks the official beginning of the candidates' enrollment in major seminary. Bishop Cozzens heard each seminarian state his willingness to be ordained and accept the obligations that follow from that declaration.

On October 30, sixteen Theology II men celebrated the second formal rite in their journey toward ordination. Bishop John T. Folda of Fargo, North Dakota, installed these men as acolytes. Acolytes assist priests and deacons at the altar and distribute Holy Communion to the faithful at Mass and to the sick.

Please pray for these men as they continue their formation.



Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Msgr. Callaghan are pictured with the Theology I seminarians following the Admission to Candidacy Mass in October. Photo credit: Dave Hrbacek.



Bishop John Folda greets Timothy Tran and the Theology II seminarians after the Installation of Acolytes Mass.

BORROMEIO WEEKEND SHARES GIFT OF FAITH WITH CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Every year, Borromeo Weekend brings the power and gift of the Eucharist to the seminary and campus communities.

The annual event, held November 3-5, began with Mass in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel at the University of St. Thomas and, two days later, ended with Mass in St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary. In between is a candlelight procession and 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Theology I seminarian Nate Whipple experienced the event for the first time this year. "There are moments in our lives when what is most important comes into sharper focus," he said. "I think the Borromeo candlelight procession was that kind of moment for me. Walking in procession with more than 200 seminarians and laypeople, I was struck by the centrality of our Eucharistic Lord and the importance of devotion to Him in the life of the Church. It is moments like these that remind me why I am here and why I want to be a priest!"



LESSONS AND CAROLS BEGIN ADVENT SEASON

Music and sacred scripture filled St. Mary's Chapel on the first Sunday of Advent for the annual Lessons and Carols.

The standing-room-only crowd heard scripture readings from Isaiah to the Gospel of Mark, interspersed with ancient and modern hymns and choral pieces from around the world that proclaimed the coming of the Messiah.

Dr. David Jenkins directed the seminary chorale, and Theology III seminarian Eric Seitz led the seminary schola. They were joined by cantor Elizabeth Sullivan, harpist Laurie Leigh, and Chris Kachian who played the guitar and harmonica.



TEN MEN ORDAINED PERMANENT DEACONS IN DECEMBER

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis welcomed 10 permanent deacons on December 9 when they were ordained by Archbishop Bernard Hebda at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. This was the largest permanent diaconate class since 2005.

The joyful celebration was the culmination of five years of formation guided by the Institute for Diaconate Formation at The Saint Paul Seminary. Deacon Joseph Michalak, the institute's director, noted the diversity of those called to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon. "Their professions range from commercial plumbing to engineering, and from business to youth ministry," he said. "They have the gifts and life experience that go along with this great variety of avocations."

THE NEW DEACONS AND THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENTS:

Gordon Bird, St. Joseph, Rosemount
 Dan Brewer, Transfiguration, Oakdale
 John Cleveland, Guardian Angels, Chaska
 Patrick Hirl, St. Hubert, Chanhassen
 Alan Nicklaus, All Saints, Lakeville
 Paul Ravnarik, St. Michael in St. Michael and St. Albert in Albertville
 Michael Redfearn, St. Bonaventure, Bloomington
 James Reinhardt, Risen Savior, Burnsville
 Ronald Schmitz, Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul
 Donald Tienter, Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul

There are currently 12 candidates and nine aspirants in formation for the permanent diaconate, with anticipated ordination dates of 2019 and 2021, respectively.

*Right: Alan and Anne Nicklaus approach the altar.
 Below right: Deacon Joseph Michalak and Archbishop Hebda
 prepare for the ordination Mass. Photo credit: Dave Hrbacek.*

The newly ordained deacons surround Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Archbishop Bernard Hebda.



Ireland

THE THEOLOGY 1 SEMINARIANS CALLED ON A BIT 'O IRISH WIT WHEN THEY ENTITLED THEIR JANUARY TERM BLOG "SPS IRELAND 2018: THE SEARCH FOR GOD, GUINNESS AND GOLD." AS THEY MET THEIR BROTHER SEMINARIANS AND IMMERSSED IN THE HISTORY OF THE IRISH CHURCH, THEY CALLED ON THE ABIDING FAITH OF THE IRISH PEOPLE. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS ARE FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED BLOG WRITTEN BY SEMINARIANS PAUL HEDMAN AND TYLER FERRY.



Seminarians begin their pilgrimage to the top of Croagh Patrick, considered the holiest mountain in Ireland.

ON MASS IN GAELIGE

The following morning, we had what was surely a first for everyone on the trip: attending a Mass celebrated in the native tongue of Ireland, known as Gaelige (the fellas here just call it Irish). Some of our hosts here were gracious enough to practice the Mass responses with us the night prior, to no avail. Despite our deficiencies, it was a tremendous opportunity to be immersed more deeply into the experience of the Irish church. While the Mass wouldn't have been celebrated in Irish before the 1960's (Latin), many of the prayers said by the people of Ireland more than 1500 years ago were similar to those we heard that morning.

ON SAINTS AND SCHOLARS

Our day began at 7 a.m. with Morning Prayer and Mass. We then had breakfast and headed down the hall to our first class at Saint Patrick's College Maynooth, Ireland's national seminary. Sister Cait O'Dwyer, who assists seminarians with human integration, welcomed us and provided a general introduction to Ireland. She said, "We have, for some time, referred to Ireland as the land of saints and scholars. This is because we value education and seek to lead holy lives." This sentiment of Irish pride quickly became evident as the day carried on.

Our next class was on the history of the Church in Ireland taught by Dr. Salvator Ryan, professor of Ecclesiology. He gave a rousing and thorough presentation highlighting the deep roots which Catholicism has in the history of the Irish people, beginning with Palladius. No, that's not a typo; Catholicism in Ireland was not brought by St. Patrick, but a man named Palladius. This reality, however, does not seem to deter the people from still boldly proclaiming St. Patrick as the forefather of Irish Catholicism. I found this fact to be fascinating as it reminded me that history often lends itself to a "selective memory."



Fr. John Klockeman, fourth from right, and Theology II seminarians are pictured with Abbott Brendan Coffey, OSB, at Glenstal Abbey.



formation abroad

Holy Land

THEOLOGY III SEMINARIANS BOBBY BLOOD AND ERIC SEITZ CHRONICLED THEIR TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND. THEY EXPLORED THE ANCIENT SITES WITH THEIR BROTHER SEMINARIANS, FR. JUAN MIGUEL BETANCOURT AND MSGR. THOMAS RICHTER. THEY COUNTED EACH MOMENT AS A PRIVILEGE AND A GRACE AND MISSED NOTHING ALONG THE WAY.

FIRST BREATH OF THE HOLY LAND

Today, it was as if we as a pilgrimage group took our first breath of the trip. We arose, ate a great breakfast and then headed to St. Peter's in Jaffa.

We entered the Church that commemorates where St. Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit. That beautiful moment of inspiration has led to each and every incredible grace that we receive now through the hands of Holy Mother Church.

As is recounted in *Wayne's World 2*... "We're not worthy!" Yet, the Spirit says, "come." And we follow. As a group, we got our feet under us, we prayed in life giving silence, and we received our Lord in the Holy Mass. Each moment is a privilege and a grace...Breathe deeply.

NAZARETH

Mary has been pursing my heart, like only a mother could, for years. I always knew I wanted to know her, but I was resistant. Maybe my resistance was laziness, or fear I wouldn't be able to experience her love like my holy heroes have spoken about it. Maybe it was out of some disordered piety that feared loving Mary more than Jesus. However, in my first few years of college seminary everything started to click; I truly encountered our Lady in the rosary. To reflect on the mysteries of Jesus and Mary's life is an incredible blessing. It taught me who I am in the context of the Lord, Our Lady and love itself.

Fast forward to today...I didn't simply imagine the Wedding Feast of Cana, the Annunciation, and the Incarnation while driving around busy Minnesota streets ...I truly entered into that reality in Cana and by the cave here in Nazareth.

Who are we that our Lord would become man to die for us? Who am I that I would be given the opportunity to encounter our Sweet Lady who has pursued my heart for so long despite my fighting against her love? Yet today I lay my head on the pillow with nothing but gratitude. Gratitude that my heart has encountered love today. The Word became flesh here and dwelt among us.



January Term in Rome

DEACON ARIC AAMODT AND THE THEOLOGY IV SEMINARIANS SPENT THE MONTH OF JANUARY IN ROME. HE IS PICTURED (FRONT ROW) WITH HIS BROTHER DEACONS (LEFT TO RIGHT): GABRIEL AYAMDOOR, GRANT THEIS, JHONATAN SARMIENTO, PETER LY, RYAN ANDREW AND RAPHAEL AKURUGU, AS WELL AS FR. SCOTT CARL (THIRD FROM RIGHT). BELOW IS HIS REFLECTION.

As my brother deacons and I studied the missionary nature of the Church throughout the month of January in Rome, we learned first-hand about two of her important ministries: the Roman Curia and current ecclesial movements.

The visits to the different dicasteries, or departments, of the Roman Curia were very enlightening. It was great to see how Pope Francis inspires the people in each of the dicasteries as they fulfill their mission of being the voice and hands of the Holy Father throughout the world.

Spending time with Archbishop Patrón Wang, the Secretary for Seminaries in the Congregation for Clergy, was a gift. He is a holy man who is zealous about the formation of priests, including the seven of us who were sitting right in front of him that afternoon.

We then visited Fr. Josh Ehli in the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. He reminded us that the Gospel brings joy and fervor to the people who are receiving it for the first time. His words encouraged me as I look ahead to proclaiming and evangelizing in my future priestly ministry.

This was also confirmed in our visit to the Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. Not only is the Gospel life-giving to those who are hearing it for the first time, it is life-giving to those who are being renewed in it.

In our visits with various ecclesial movements, we saw the mission of the Church in action, especially with the Emmanuel School of Mission (ESM), which is an international school training missionary leaders for the Church.

I particularly enjoyed evangelizing with the ESM missionaries. They invited us to join them as they brought the World Youth Day cross to Saint Peter's Square. While I played guitar, my brother deacons and the missionaries sang hymns and engaged those who stopped to look at the cross. It was a very simple gesture, but we could see the eyes of the people open a little more to the grace God offered to them. It convinced me that evangelization is a very simple thing: sharing the grace, mercy and love that we have come to know.

Finally, experiencing the saints in Rome was profound as well. As my brother deacons and I prepare to hear confessions and be channels of God's mercy, it was especially moving to pray at the tomb of Saint Padre Pio, a priest who heard so many confessions throughout his ministry.



CHALICE SHARING PROGRAM A DOUBLE BLESSING



Now in its third year, the seminary's Chalice Sharing Program is a unique prayer opportunity between the seminary and parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

The Saint Paul Seminary's Women's Auxiliary coordinates the program and identifies participating parishes. The seminary and a chosen parish exchange chalices and pray for an increase in vocations at that parish for one month. Members of the parish are encouraged to join in the liturgical life of the seminary during this designated time. It is a tangible way to unite the sacrifice of the Mass with prayers for our priests, seminarians and those discerning a vocation.

For a group of parishioners from St. Francis de Sales in St. Paul, it was a prayerful entry into the place where their future priests are formed.

Their pastor, Fr. Juan Miguel Betancourt, S.E.M.V., is also the seminary's associate academic dean and assistant professor of Sacred Scripture. He invited a group of parishioners to bring the chalice and stay for Evening Prayer. He then gave them a tour of St. Mary's Chapel and answered questions. For some, this was their first visit to the seminary.

Lucy Johnson, a St. Francis de Sales parishioner and member of the Women's Auxiliary, noticed this experience strengthened the bond between her parish and the seminary. "Being in this sacred space made the experience more personal," she said. "To pray with our seminarians was a treasure. We were invited into their house, and we could see they are men of God."

Back at the parish, Fr. Betancourt explained the exchange program to the community. "This helped enrich the experience for everyone," Johnson said.

Since its inception in 2015, the seminary has exchanged chalices with more than 15 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

“In all the baptized, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization.”

(Evangelii Gaudium 119)

Evangelii Gaudium is Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation, in which he urges everyone, lay and ordained, to proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Our seminarians take this to heart and incorporate the call to evangelization into their weekly formation.

For Theology III seminarian Kevin Klump, it means spending his Saturday mornings with an extraordinary group of teens preparing for confirmation. Extraordinary because the kids in Kevin’s class are Karen refugees from Burma. English is their second language, and catching up on sleep might likely be their first choice on a Saturday.

Nevertheless, they, along with their younger brothers and sisters, take a bus to the Church of Saint Casimir’s in St. Paul for faith formation. Kevin’s brother seminarians Joe Connelly (Theology III) and James Bernard (Theology I) teach the middle school and grade school students, respectively.

“Talking about God and His mysteries can be difficult,” Kevin says, “especially with a language barrier. But I love the challenge!”

Kevin finds creative ways to illustrate Gospel lessons and to show his students Christ’s humanity, with charades, pictionary and hangman coming in handy on several occasions. Kevin’s goal is to take them through the Creed, Sacraments, moral law and the Our Father by the end of spring semester.

Like any good teacher, Kevin is also the student. “I learned very quickly that, in order to teach something well, I first need to fully understand it myself.”

For Theology I seminarian Nicolas Montenegro, the Holy Father’s call to evangelize means sharing the faith with students at Risen Christ School in Minneapolis. It even means dressing up like St. Nicholas to teach students in the bilingual K-8 Catholic school about this holy man who we celebrate on December 6.

Indeed, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work in our seminarians, impelling them to evangelize.



Above: Theology I seminarian Nicolas Montenegro brings St. Nicholas to life for students at Risen Christ School in Minneapolis. Below: Kevin Klump joins Nicolas Montenegro on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

MAT STUDENT IN SEARCH OF TRUTH

With more than 30 years of experience as a chiropractor in a successful practice, Dr. Timothy Bertsch, D.C., D.A.B.C.I., knows what hard work means. Named one of the best chiropractors in the state three years in a row by *Minnesota Monthly* magazine, his hard work has clearly paid off.

His return to the classroom, however, has been one of his biggest challenges yet. When he was preparing for his first final as a Master of Arts in Theology (MAT) student, he told his wife, Diane, “This is some of the hardest work I have ever had to do, but I have never enjoyed anything as much.”

Tim’s journey to the MAT program began with his return to a regular practice of his Catholic faith. This then led him on a search for truth as a student in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute, a faith formation program for Catholic adults at The Saint Paul Seminary. “I know that I learn best when I study something,” he said. “What better way to search for the truth than to study the *Catechism*?”

After completing the institute’s two-year, non-degree program in 2012, Tim took advantage of the School of Divinity’s offer of a free class to recent graduates of the institute. He began with a Christian Theology of God course and enrolled as a full-time student by the end of the semester.

“I am so impressed by this fine faculty, and I really enjoy my classmates,” he said. “I am often the oldest in the room, but they treat me like one of their own.”

Now halfway through the MAT program, you can find Tim at his practice during the day and in classes at night. He does not yet know where this search will lead him, but he is enjoying the pursuit.



Dr. Timothy Bertsch

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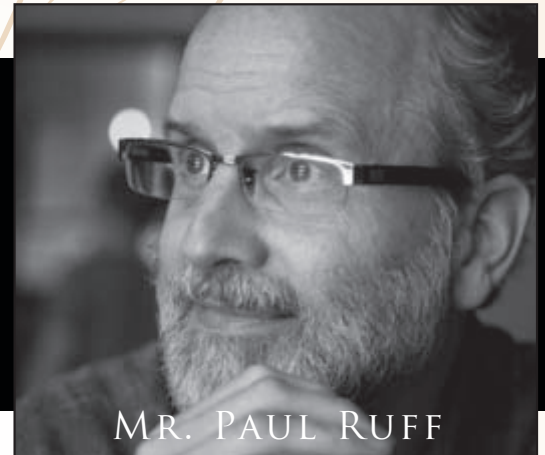
staff profile

Mr. Paul Ruff, MA, Licensed Psychologist
Assistant Director of Human Formation

Family: Paul and his wife, Dunia, have four children and two grandchildren.

Parish: Church of Saint Mark, St. Paul.

Hobbies: biking, going to the gym, reading and gardening.



MR. PAUL RUFF

“THIS IS A CALLING”

The seminary community is supported by a tremendous staff, which was made even stronger when licensed psychologist Paul Ruff joined the team in 2014.

With more than 25 years of experience in private practice and a love of the Catholic faith, Paul is an ideal agent of growth for men in formation. “Here I get to help men grow through the integration of the psychological and spiritual dimensions of themselves,” he said. “This is a calling.”

Paul collaborates with men throughout formation, from admissions to ordination, and beyond. He consistently finds that seminarians are wonderful clients. They inherently desire to grow in the freedom they need as they prepare to be men who can love and serve the Lord and His people. Paul also notes, “The seminarian, in cooperation with God’s grace, is the primary agent in his own healing and growth. It is my privilege to be there as a guide and a witness in that process.”

In addition, he collaborates with the strong formation staff that surround a seminarian during his seminary years. The formation directors have invited Paul to help them build skills to deepen their individual work with the men in their care. “Since my first day, I have been welcomed and well utilized by my colleagues as a relative ‘newcomer’ on the formation staff,” he said.

Paul’s colleagues greatly appreciate his professional work that is enhanced by his spiritual life. “Paul brings light to the interior life of both students and colleagues,” said Fr. Jeff Huard, director of spiritual formation. “He is a man with deep charity born from his union with Christ. He is a gift to the seminary and the Church, and I am honored to work with him.”

Paul teaches the Human Formation Seminar for candidates for the Permanent Diaconate and assists in developing programs to support post-ordination formation with the Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation. He has also instructed and helped with curriculum development for the Institute for Priestly Formation’s summer program at Creighton University, and he has been an instructor in the newly formed Seminary Formation Council’s national training program of formation directors and staff at Saint Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Paul noted that these other involvements help broaden his vision of what is happening in seminaries around the country and leave him “feeling proud of our efforts here at The Saint Paul Seminary.”

Dr. Stephen Hipp, professor of dogmatic theology, has written a new book entitled *The One Church of Christ: Understanding Vatican II*, in the academic series *Renewal within the Tradition*, Emmaus Academic, Steubenville (OH), 2018.

Dr. David Jenkins, liturgical music director, **Fr. John Floeder**, dean of seminarians, and **N. Curtis LeMay**, director of Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, serve as animators for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. On October 23, seminarian and CRS representative Michael Reinhardt and Dr. Jenkins presented a program to seminary faculty and staff on the work of CRS in the Middle East. On February 15, they gave the same presentation to Archbishop Bernard Hebda and archdiocesan staff. On February 20-21, Dr. Jenkins, Fr. Floeder and LeMay attended the annual seminary faculty representative meeting at the CRS headquarters in Baltimore.

Dr. Deborah Savage, clinical faculty and director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education programs, presented her research on the masculine genius and its implications for leaders in business and other economic sectors to the Florida chapter of Legatus in November. In December, she presented her paper "The Nature of Woman in Relation to Man" at the annual conference of the American Catholic Philosophical Association in Dallas.

Together with the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute, and the Siena Symposium for Women, Family and Culture, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity sponsored a one-day symposium entitled "Man, Woman, and the Order of Creation" on December 11, 2017. Dr. Savage coordinated the conference and was also one of the speakers, presenting a talk entitled "Male and Female He Created Them."

Dr. William Stevenson, assistant professor of dogmatic theology, presented a paper, "Classical Natural Right and the Origins of Natural Law Doctrine as a Source of the Moral Life," at the October meeting of the National Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Additionally, he was the editor and author of the introduction to *Al-Siraj: The Lantern on the Path to God Almighty*, a book on Shi'a ethics by Shaikh Husain ibn-Ali ibn-Sadiq al-Bahrani, to be published in English by the World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities in the United Kingdom and Kuwait.

Dr. Christian D. Washburn, professor of dogmatic theology, delivered the lecture, "Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue: past, present, and future," at a Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Symposium held at the Edmundite Center for Faith and Culture at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, on September 26, 2017.

In addition, Dr. Washburn delivered a paper entitled "500 Years of Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue: Achievements and Future Challenges" at a conference at the University of St. Thomas on October 11. On October 19, Dr. Washburn presented a lecture entitled "Norms for Morality: Scripture, Tradition, and Magisterium" to the Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue at the University of Mary.



Rev. Dr. Thomas Margevičius (second from left), instructor of liturgical theology and homiletics, spent his sabbatical in a Spanish immersion program in Costa Rica. In addition to living with host families and receiving intensive tutoring, he celebrated daily Mass in Spanish and provided pastoral assistance in local parishes. Fr. Margevičius now preaches and assists Latino communities, as needed, in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.



Dr. Christian Washburn

in Rome. He submitted a paper titled "The Textual History of Old Latin Susanna," which he publicly presented and discussed on Oct. 27, 2017.

Together, Dr. Washburn and Dr. William Stevenson participated in an Evangelical-Catholic panel discussion, entitled "500th Anniversary of Protestantism," at the Trask Word and Worship Center at North Central University in Minneapolis on October 24.

In December, Dr. Julie Sullivan, president of the University of St. Thomas, granted Dr. Washburn tenure and promotion to the rank of Professor. This promotion was based on his record of achievement as a teacher and scholar as well as his contributions to the university and broader academic community.

Rev. Kevin Silberberg, assistant professor of Sacred Scripture, successfully completed the culminating examination of the preparatory doctoral year at the Pontifical Biblical Institute



Fr. Silberberg is pictured with his doctoral director, José Manuel Cañas Reillo.

In November, the Companions of Christ celebrated the 25th anniversary of their founding. Forty-one members from the archdioceses of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and Denver spent a week on retreat in Assisi and met Pope Francis following a Papal Audience in Rome. All pictured here with Bishop Andrew Cozzens are from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and all but one is an alumnus of The Saint Paul Seminary. The Companions of Christ is a fraternity of diocesan priests and seminarians established as a public association in 1992.



“WHY DO I GIVE”



Thomas Ryan

At the close of the calendar year, the government signed into effect a fairly significant tax law reform. There was much written and debated on how it would impact charitable giving before the reform was made effective. Some researchers estimate that charitable contributions could decrease by as much as \$100 billion. Since that time, I have had many discussions with friends and colleagues about whether or not the reform will negatively affect charitable giving. My answer: I think not.

To begin, the \$100 billion estimate refers to “deductible” contributions. This means that some Americans (a relatively small number, actually) will find it easier to take the increased standard deduction rather than itemize. This does not mean that they will not make charitable donations; it just means that those donations will not contribute to itemized deductions. One could even make the case that some people will have more disposable income to direct to charities.

Next, even though the number \$100 billion seems large, this worst-case scenario would amount to a four percent reduction in charitable contributions, and this may not even be the case. Historically, charitable giving has always increased amid tax law reform. The only time charitable giving has decreased is in times of recession.

A less-talked-about tax law change is the reduction or elimination of the tax on estates. Without going into detail, this change will affect very few and primarily wealthier Americans. Again, I do not think the impact will be as significant as people fear, because of my final point below.

Most people, certainly most Americans, do not give to charities because they get a tax break. Rather, they give because they are generous. They believe in and want to help advance the mission of an institution. As Christians, we are called to be good stewards. We are called to make the most of our resources, including wise tax planning, in order to do the most good with the resources God has given us.

The bottom line is that all we have is given from above – our time, our talents and our treasure – and we are called to share them generously to advance God’s Kingdom this side of heaven. In doing so, not only will we do good here and now, we will also be blessed to hear the words of the Master: “Well done good and faithful servant...Come, share your master’s joy.” (Matthew 25:23)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas R. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Thomas R. Ryan
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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Ten reasons to make a will

INTERESTING FACTS

- People over the age of 50 control 70 percent of all privately held assets in the United States. (U.S. Census Bureau)
- Less than 50 percent of people between the ages of 50 and 60 have a will. (AARP)
- As the facts indicate, those over 50 possess a great deal of wealth, and, yet, there are many in this group who have not planned for how their assets will be distributed upon their passing. Making a will is about being a good steward of the assets God has given.

HERE ARE 10 REASONS TO MAKE A WILL:

- 1 You decide how your assets will be distributed. A will is a legally binding document that determines who gets what and when they get it.
- 2 You decide who will take care of your minor children. Making a will is not just being a good steward; it is being a good parent.
- 3 You decide who will make sure the will is adhered to (the Executor). Think trustworthy, honest and organized.
- 4 You avoid legal disputes and potentially difficult and uncomfortable disagreements among family members.
- 5 You avoid a lengthy and costly probate process. All estates go through the courts. A will simply gives the court a road map to follow which ends up saving a great deal of time and money.
- 6 You can make a charitable gift. A bequest to a charity can be made as a percentage of the estate or as a specific dollar amount.
- 7 You minimize estate tax. Planning a will allows you to minimize or eliminate estate taxes (depending on the size of the estate). An estate lawyer or tax expert can be of great help here.
- 8 It is adaptable. A will determines a plan given current life circumstances. If those circumstances change, the will can be changed to reflect these adjustments. Note: you may incur charges.
- 9 It curtails end-of-life issues. Typically, a health directive is put together when one plans a will. This is an important document, especially from a Catholic perspective, as it determines what can and cannot be done during end-of-life events.
- 10 It brings peace of mind.

For more information about including The Saint Paul Seminary in your will, please contact Tom Ryan: trryan@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-5054.



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5:00 p.m.

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ARCHBISHOP IRELAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY LECTURE

April 9, 2018

7:30 p.m.

3M Auditorium, Owens Science Hall

GRADUATE STUDIES INFORMATION NIGHT

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5:00 p.m.

Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library

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May 12, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE CLOSING MASS

May 15, 2018

6:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Chapel

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