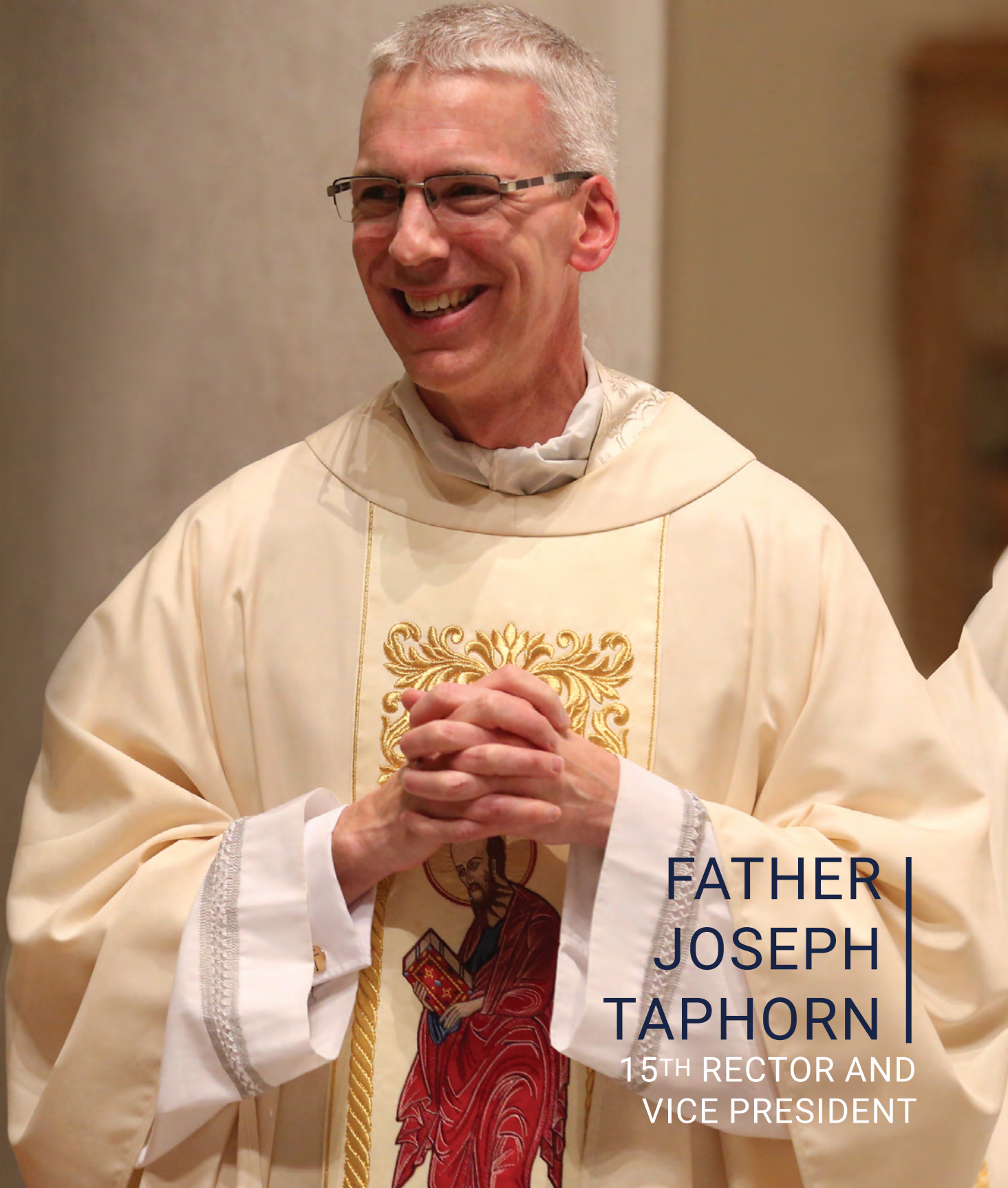


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SAINT PAUL SEMINARY SCHOOL OF DIVINITY | WINTER 2019



**FATHER
JOSEPH
TAPHORN** |
15TH RECTOR AND
VICE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Since I began my tenure as Rector and Vice President of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in January, I have received a warm Minnesota welcome (even during the polar vortex!) from the seminarians, students, faculty and staff. I am supported by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Vice Rector Reverend Scott Carl and Rector Emeritus Monsignor Aloysius Callaghan, and I look forward to collaborating with University of St. Thomas President Dr. Julie Sullivan. What an awesome responsibility and opportunity we have collectively been given to form the next generation of joyful, Catholic leaders for the Church.

The Mass marking my formal installation as rector was celebrated on February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In his homily, Bishop Cozzens reflected on Lourdes, France, as a holy site where the intercession of Mary leads pilgrims to experience healing. Similarly, our call here is to form priests and Church leaders who, by their closeness to Christ, can be instruments of healing in our world.

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity is a place where this kind of holy formation takes place for men who are answering God's call to the priesthood. It is a place where lay men and women prepare, through advanced study in our certificate and master degree programs, to live out their baptismal call to go into the world and lead souls to Christ. And this is a place where robust institutes support the theological foundation of our core programs and provide multiple opportunities for seminarians, diaconate candidates, lay ministers, theologians, Catholic school leaders and clergy to pursue truth and learn to be ministers of the healing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are included in my prayers each day, and I ask for yours as together we lead The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity into the future. Let us be guided always by the Holy Spirit and be His instruments to unleash the healing power of Christ on a broken world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Joseph C. Taphorn, J.C.L.
Rector and Vice President





Father Joseph Taphorn Installation Mass
February 11, 2019



MEET

Father Joseph Taphorn

FAMILY

Parents: Jim and Joan Taphorn
3 older sisters
1 older brother
10 nieces and nephews

HOMETOWN

Omaha, Nebraska

COLLEGE AND MAJOR

Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas
Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy and Spanish

ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD

June 7, 1997

FUN FACT

I was college roommates with Abbot James Albers, OSB, of St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, and good friends in college with Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

HOBBIES AND FAVORITE ACTIVITIES

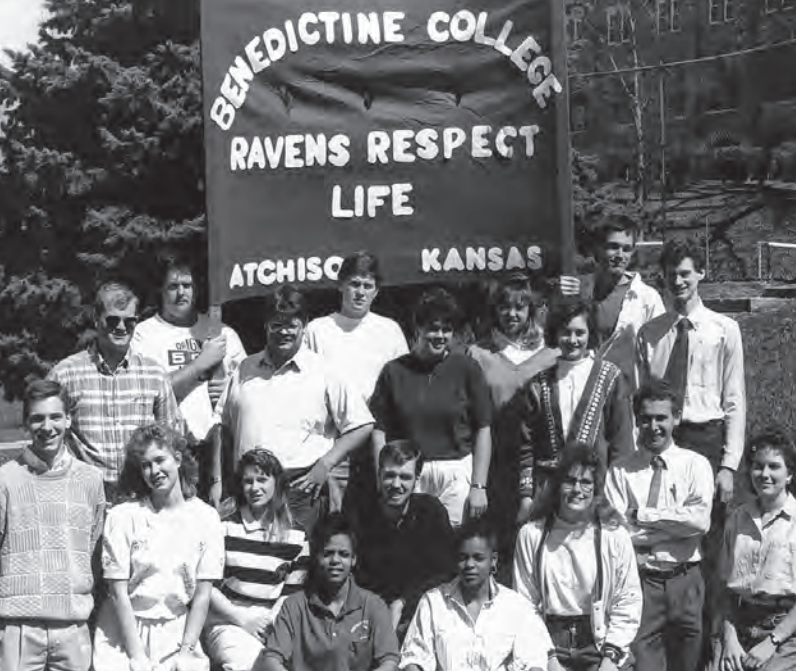
Running, watching movies on occasion, and dining out with friends.

FAVORITE FOOD

Italian

2011: The Jim and Joan Taphorn Family.





1990: Father Taphorn (far left) and Bishop Andrew Cozzens (bottom row, second from right).



2000: Father Taphorn and St. John Paul II.

FAVORITE SAINT

St. John Paul II, whom I met while living in Rome in the Jubilee Year 2000.

FAVORITE MUSIC

Contemporary Christian, American Folk and some musicals.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

1997: Ordination day. Father Taphorn is pictured between then-Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss and then-Archbishop Emeritus Daniel E. Sheehan.



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The Catholic Voice

HOME PARISH

Mary Our Queen Church in Omaha. My parents were among the founding families of the parish more than 50 years ago. My siblings and I were each baptized there by the founding pastor, Msgr. Francis Kenny, now deceased. Msgr. Kenny also celebrated my sisters' weddings. He was able to attend my diaconate ordination but passed away before I was ordained a priest.

FAVORITE FAMILY MEMORIES

My dad owned a Hobie Cat 16 sailboat when I was growing up. We loved to go sailing on summer weekends, and we went on an annual vacation to Lake Okoboji in northwest Iowa. When I was in high school, we took ski trips to Colorado. The family trips have ceased, but I still like to go skiing annually in Colorado with a group of priest friends.

“WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?”

My mom remembers me saying, as a very small child, that when I grew up I would either “marry Andrea” (a neighbor girl) or “become a priest.” But when I was older, I remember telling people that I wanted to become a doctor.

FAVORITE COLLEGE COURSE

I spent my first two-and-a-half years primarily studying science. When it became clear to me that I was not going to become a doctor, a wise priest, Fr. Matthew Habiger, OSB, advised me to change my major to philosophy. I really enjoyed the change, especially because there were only a few of us in the upper-level courses. You always had to be prepared for deep conversations!

A MEMORY FROM ORDINATION DAY

I remember being very moved when prostrating on the floor during the Litany of the Saints. I also had a strong experience of priestly brotherhood during the Sign of Peace.

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

Associate Pastor (parochial vicar) of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. At the time, it was the largest parish in the Archdiocese of Omaha. I was involved in all aspects of the parish—grade school, high school, Hispanic ministry, RCIA, and hospital ministry. It was a great place to learn how to be a parish priest.



FAVORITE MOVIE

It's hard to pick just one! I am just old enough to remember going to the movie theater to see the original "Star Wars" movies and was fascinated by them. I am also a "Trekkie." And I like the Netflix series "Stranger Things," which captures the feel of growing up in the 80s.

FAVORITE LITURGICAL SEASON OR FEAST DAY

St. Joseph's Day, especially when it occurs on a Friday in Lent. I also enjoy Advent's peaceful season of anticipation.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT MINNESOTA THAT YOU DID NOT KNOW BEFORE?

I have noticed that to come up with the name of a town in Minnesota, all you have to do is combine the name of an animal with the name of a body of water, such as "White Bear Lake," "Coon Rapids" or "Elk River."

WHAT DO YOU TELL A MAN WHO IS CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

I take great hope in a line from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI from his trip to the United States in 2008: "Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call." So, I would encourage a man to learn how to pray and trust that God will reveal His plan to him.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY SCHOOL OF DIVINITY?

Related to the answer above, I would like to see the seminary continue to grow as a genuine "school of prayer" to borrow a term from St. John Paul II. I am also a firm believer that we need to be docile to the Holy Spirit and learn how to receive and exercise the spiritual gifts in order to be fruitful in ministry. These goals apply to men in formation for the priesthood and to lay men and women pursuing a call to further education and ministry within the Church. Lastly, we need to continue to pay close attention to the foundation of all priestly formation, namely human formation. The seminary should have a healthy culture that fosters genuine growth in the humanity of our seminarians so that they can relate well to their parishioners and so better mediate God to them.

2018: Lincoln Half Marathon.



The Seminary Launches New Institute

In January, the Institute for Catholic School Leadership was launched as the newest institute of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. Nationally known and respected Dr. Merylann “Mimi” J. Schuttloffel is its founding director.

What is the Institute for Catholic School Leadership?

The Institute for Catholic School Leadership (ICSL) provides comprehensive education and formation for those entrusted with the leadership of Catholic schools. This distinctive formation equips leaders to nurture a vibrant Catholic identity and community, cultivate spiritual and academic excellence in faculty and students, and apply executive management skills to grow and improve their schools.

The institute will launch its inaugural program, a graduate-level certificate in Catholic school leadership, in the summer of 2019.

Why is the Institute for Catholic School Leadership at the seminary?

The ICSL builds on the seminary’s history and experience with the formation of ecclesial leaders. It forms Catholic school leaders who exercise a specialized ministry in the Church. It also contributes to the formation of futures priests and collaborates with the Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation to enhance the critical relationship between pastors and principals as they strive for excellence in their Catholic schools.

Who is the Institute for Catholic School Leadership intended for?

The Institute is designed for principals and aspiring principals of Catholic schools, members of religious orders whose primary apostolate is teaching in Catholic schools, and pastors responsible for the governance of Catholic schools.



INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

The Seminaries of Saint Paul



Dr. Merylann "Mimi" J. Schuttloffel

Who is Dr. Schuttloffel?

Originally from Minnesota, Dr. Merylann J. Schuttloffel ("Dr. Mimi") is recognized internationally as a leader in Catholic education. With more than 40 years of experience in parochial and public schools, Dr. Mimi has taught every grade from preschool through graduate school in urban and rural settings. Most recently she served as Professor of Educational Administration and Policy Studies in the Department of Education at The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. (1996-2018). Dr. Mimi's research explores the intersection of Catholic identity, leadership and culture. Her concept of contemplative practice is a leadership model specific to Catholic educational contexts.

"I have always believed that the preparation of Catholic school leaders requires more than an academic program, and that a critical piece of that preparation includes the meaningful and effective collaboration with the pastor," Dr. Mimi said. "That is why I am particularly pleased that the ICSL has been established at The Saint Paul Seminary."

"I am thrilled to appoint Dr. Mimi Schuttloffel as the founding director of the ICSL," said Fr. Joseph Taphorn. "This institute responds to an urgent need in the Church today, namely, helping our Catholic school administrators create a culture in their schools where students can be formed into disciples of Jesus Christ."

SPECIAL EVENTS



Seminarians Take Formal Steps Toward Ordination

On October 19, sixteen Theology I men and eight candidates for the permanent diaconate were formally admitted as candidates for ordination. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, celebrated the Mass in St. Mary's Chapel. The rite marks the official beginning of the candidates' enrollment in major seminary. During the Mass, each seminarian and candidate stated his willingness to be ordained and to accept the obligations that follow from that declaration.

On November 6, eighteen Theology II seminarians and 10 candidates for the permanent diaconate celebrated the second formal rite in their journey toward ordination. Bishop Andrew Cozzens celebrated the Mass and installed the men as Acolytes. The role of the Acolyte is to 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 and journey toward ordained ministry.



Rector's Dinner Marks New Beginnings

The 13th annual Rector's Dinner on October 23 was an evening spent with friends who came together to celebrate the good work of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. Past and new leadership was recognized, and a new seminary brand was presented, one that will carry forward the mission of forming joyful, Catholic leaders.

Radio host and former TV news anchor Kalley King Yanta emceed the event during which Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Andrew Cozzens shared the seminary's vision of forming lay and ordained leaders for the Church. Together they formally introduced Fr. Joseph Taphorn as the 15th rector who will carry on this vision.

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Rector's Dinner Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Distinguished Alumni Honored

On November 8, the seminary recognized Dr. Charlotte Berres, CSJ, and Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan, rector and vice president emeritus, with the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Dr. Berres recently retired from the seminary faculty after 19 years of service. She earned her masters and doctoral degrees in Pastoral Ministry from The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in the 1990s, and she was instrumental in developing the seminary's highly regarded programs, including Spiritual Pastoral Ministry, the Teaching Parish Program, Evangelization in Action, Spanish Immersion, Deacon Summer Placements, and January-Term parish assignments.

Msgr. Callaghan served as the 14th rector and vice president of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity from 2005 to 2018. Under his leadership, the seminary, graduate programs and institutes experienced tremendous growth. During his tenure, more than 170 men were ordained to the priesthood, 119 lay men and women graduated from the masters degree programs, more than 1,400 students completed the two-year Catechetical Institute, and 43 men were ordained to the permanent diaconate.



Vice Rector Father Scott Carl and Bishop Andrew Cozzens present Msgr. Callaghan and Dr. Berres with prints of St. Teresa of Calcutta in November.

J-TERM REFLECTIONS



Missions of Love

by Deacon Robert "Bobby" Blood
Theology IV, Diocese of Rockford

My brother deacons and I spent the month of January in Rome learning about the missionary work of the Church. The lessons were not limited to the classroom.

One of our first evenings in the city, I spotted a homeless man with a brown puppy curled up on his lap, both asleep on the sidewalk. There was a stillness about this man at rest. Oftentimes, in the hustle and bustle of life, especially in Rome, it is easy to walk past countless human beings. Many speak different languages; some are begging; others are in a rush. But in this man there was stillness. I was reminded in that simplicity to reflect on the beauty of humanity. The beauty of life given in all its forms.

My brothers and I are a few months away from laying down our lives for the sake of the Church. I can't help but think about this man as I ponder our future ministries. The priesthood is at the service of human beings, beloved children of God, who are longing to find rest in His Heart, whether they verbalize the desire or not. Even in the brief moments of encounter, we have the unique opportunity to see another in their goodness, to see them as the Lord sees them. In the simplest of words and actions we can speak love, where a dear child of God might feel unseen.

I pray that the simple presence of this man might never leave my heart and that the experiences we had in Rome, and throughout our seminary formation, will continue to fan a flame of zeal as we are sent out on our own individual missions of love.

"Lord, to whom shall we go?"

by Michael Kapperman

Theology III, Diocese of Sioux Falls

During the month of January, I was blessed to travel with our new Rector, Father Joseph Taphorn, and 13 classmates to the Holy Land. The pilgrimage was filled with many graces, and we were able to visit several historic sites: Joppa, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. As I reflect on this experience, there is one place that stands out: Capernaum.

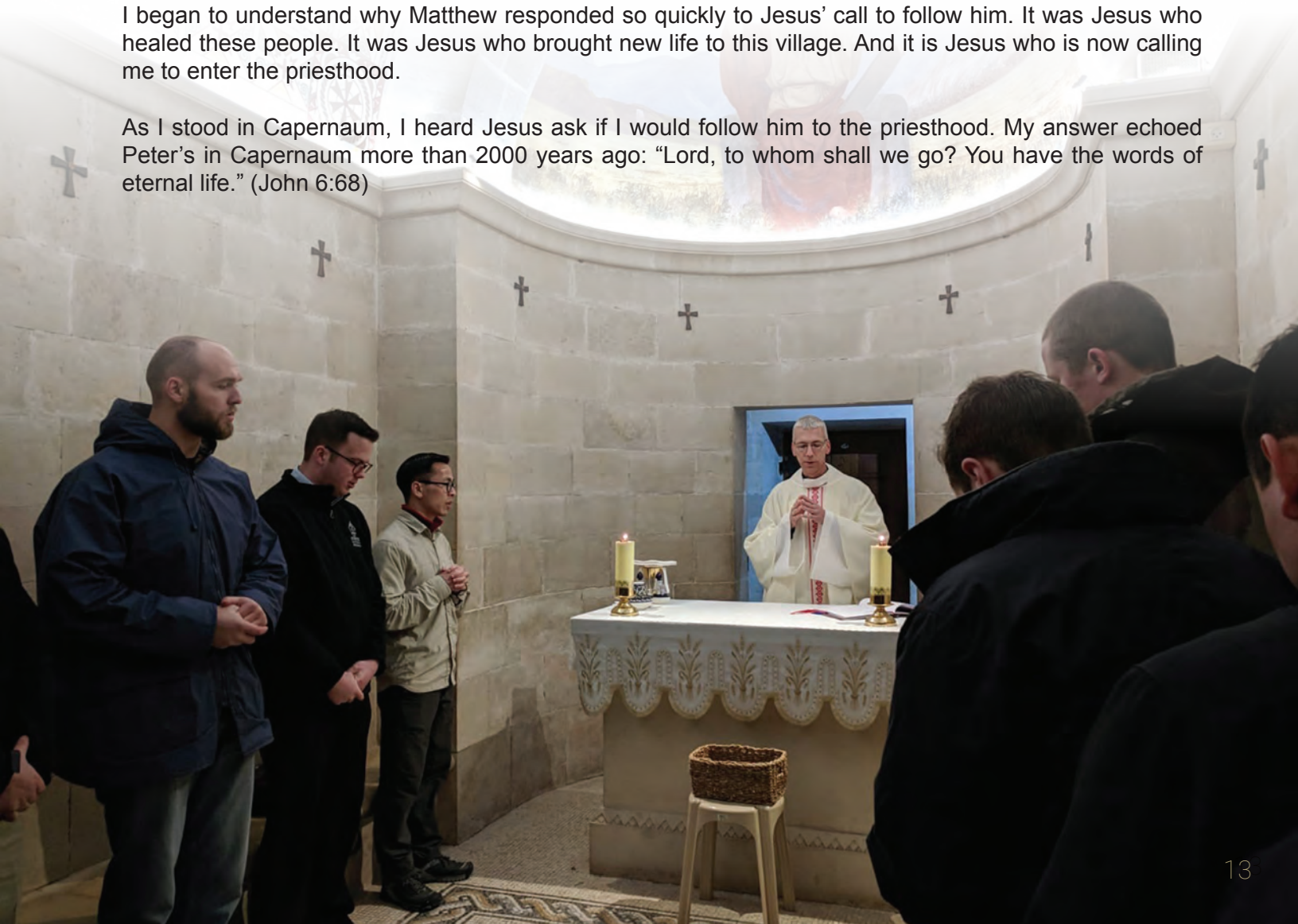
Before the trip, I had little knowledge of the village on the Sea of Galilee. I knew it was a city in which Jesus ministered, but no specific stories came to mind.

This changed when our tour guide began listing everything that happened here during Jesus' ministry. Capernaum was the place where Andrew and Peter worked as fisherman and the place where Matthew was called. It was also a place of many miracles: the healing of the paralytic man, the healing of the centurion's slave, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, and the healing of the hemorrhaging woman. This is also where Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead.

As I considered the miracles in Capernaum, a question arose in my heart: What would it have been like the day after those events took place? Since Capernaum was a small town, everyone knew those who had been healed. What do you say to your friend who was paralyzed a day earlier and is now walking? What do you say when you see Jairus' daughter playing in the streets with the other kids?

I began to understand why Matthew responded so quickly to Jesus' call to follow him. It was Jesus who healed these people. It was Jesus who brought new life to this village. And it is Jesus who is now calling me to enter the priesthood.

As I stood in Capernaum, I heard Jesus ask if I would follow him to the priesthood. My answer echoed Peter's in Capernaum more than 2000 years ago: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)



Ministry in Mexico

by Father John Gallas, Formator

In January, eighteen Theology II students traveled to Mexico City for a mission trip in order to live and experience life with those who are materially poor. A highlight of the trip was the opportunity to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. One morning we had adoration and Holy Mass at the Carmel on Tepeyac Hill, the site where Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531. At present there are 10 Carmelite nuns in residence there, living a cloistered life of prayer and intercession for the Church and the world. Thanks to some of our men who are fluent in Spanish, we had a lengthy conversation with the sisters who spoke with enthusiasm about the image of Our Lady and the many miracles and conversions connected with it.

Another grace of this trip was our work with the Missionaries of Charity sisters who live a life of prayer and charity in the Santa Fe neighborhood of Mexico City. In addition to Mass and Holy Hour with the sisters, we visited the slums and distributed food to those in need. It was fascinating, on the one hand, to see the material poverty, drug abuse and lack of basic sanitation and security, while on the other, the many expressions of joy and sincere Catholic faith. I was humbled by those who were willing to pray with us and ask for a priestly blessing upon their homes and families.

It was profound to watch our seminarians interact with the sisters and the people of Mexico City. I was particularly edified by their adaptability and willingness to engage in new and unfamiliar experiences. Their encounter with each person was an encounter with the Lord. They freely gave of themselves, even when the situation was uncomfortable. It did not matter if someone was materially or spiritually rich or poor. They tried to see each person as God sees them. I believe this experience will make a tangible impact on their future ministries.

Seminarian Michael Reinhardt puts a fresh coat of paint on a building at the Missionaries of Charity residence in Mexico City.



PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Father John Floeder, dean of men and instructor of moral theology, successfully gave his *lectio coram* and thesis defense *magna cum laude* at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America on November 29, 2018.

The title of his thesis is “Love, Spiritual Fruitfulness, and Inseparability: A Pneumatological Analysis of the Sacrament of Marriage.” This completes Fr. Floeder’s Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.), an ecclesiastical degree in advanced theological studies.

Deacon Joseph Michalak, director of the Institute for Diaconate Formation, gave a series of four talks, “Receiving the Diakonia of Jesus,” at the first regional conference of the diaconate in Nova Scotia, Canada, in October. In November, he gave two retreats for the Diocese of Steubenville deacons, their wives, and deacon candidates. In January, Deacon Michalak presented “Happiness and Virtue” for deacons in formation for the Diocese of Duluth and led a retreat based on “Liturgy and Ministry of Charity.”

At the invitation of Archbishop Marek Jedraszewski, **Dr. Deborah Savage**, clinical professor of philosophy and theology, presented a paper in November at the International Congress on Marriage and Family at a conference at The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow. “The Radical Nature of the Gift of Self: Man, Woman, and the Marital Act” will be published this summer in a collection of papers from the Congress.

Sister Katarina Schuth, OSF, Ph.D., professor emerita, attended a conference at Christ University in Bangalore, India, on “Vocation and Mission of the Family: Reflections on Amoris Laetitia” from November 22-25, 2018, and presented a paper entitled: “Family: Priestly and Religious Formation for Ministry.” She also gave presentations on Formation for Ministry



Father John Floeder

to the faculty and students of Dharmaram College in Bangalore, and to priests and sisters preparing to be formation directors at Christ University.

In February, Sister Katarina participated in the Catholic Partnership Summit in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Leadership Roundtable to address crises of abuse and leadership in the Catholic Church in the United States.



Dr. Christopher Thompson

Dr. Christopher Thompson, professor of Moral Theology and director of the Institute for Theological Research, presented a talk entitled “Reinvigorating Catholic Advocacy Through Integral Ecology” at the Integral Ecology Workshop at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C., in November. His presentation explored the concept of integral ecology as both a re-presentation of the natural law and a re-packaging of Catholic social teaching. The conference was hosted by the USCCB Office of Domestic Justice, Peace, and Human Development and sponsored by the Minnesota Catholic Conference.

Dr. Christian D. Washburn, professor of Dogmatic Theology, delivered a paper entitled, “Fruitful Married Love” at a meeting of the national Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue held at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, in October. On November 7, Dr. Washburn gave a talk entitled “Dogma as a Guide for Choosing Good and Avoiding Evil,” at the University Club of St. Paul.

Dr. Washburn’s article “The New Natural Lawyers, Contraception, Capital Punishment, and the Infallibility of the Ordinary Magisterium” was recently published in *LOGOS: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 22 (2019).

Father Kevin Zilverberg, assistant professor of Sacred Scripture, is co-editor of a book, *Approaches to Greek and Latin Language, Literature and History: Κατὰ σχολήν*, published by Cambridge Scholars.

IN MEMORIAM

Father Paul La Fontaine, Class of 1972

Richard Leahy, Class of 1957

Father Francis Paquette, Class of 1957

Father Leo Stelton, Class of 1950



Father Paul La Fontaine



Pope Francis greets Father Michael Monshau, O.P., after a papal audience at the Vatican.

Father Michael Monshau, O.P., has joined The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity faculty in the areas of Homiletics and Liturgy. A native of Chicago, Father Monshau is a Dominican friar who has spent nearly 25 years in the ministry of priestly formation.

A graduate of Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis (M.A., M.Div. 1988), Father Monshau also earned a Ph.D. in homiletics and liturgy from Vanderbilt University (1997) and the pontifical S.T.L. in Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas ("The Angelicum") in Rome (2009).

After obtaining his teaching credentials, Father Monshau's entire priesthood has been devoted to seminary formation in Dominican and diocesan seminaries and Dominican houses of formation. He has served on the faculties of SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Michigan; The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California; Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri; The Angelicum, Rome; and, most recently, at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York.



Dr. Thomas Fisch

Dr. Thomas Fisch, retired associate professor of sacramental theology and liturgy, was appointed to the honorary rank of Professor Emeritus by University of St. Thomas President Dr. Julie Sullivan on February 18, 2019. After more than 37 years of service as a dedicated member of the faculty of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, Dr. Fisch officially retired on December 31, 2018.

Dr. Fisch earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1968, and three distinct Master of Arts degrees in Education (1970, College of St. Thomas), American Studies (1977, University of Minnesota), and Systematic Theology (1981, St. John's University). He subsequently went on to earn both Master of Arts (1985) and Doctor of Philosophy (1988) degrees in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame.

"Please join me in thanking Dr. Fisch for his contributions to The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity," said Father Taphorn, "and please keep him and his wife, Mary Jo, in your prayers that they may enjoy a long and happy retirement."

WHY A NEW BRAND?

Throughout my 14 years of work at the seminary, it has become increasingly difficult to describe the great things taking place here in a way that is easy for others to understand. There is The Saint Paul Seminary, separately incorporated but affiliated with the University of St. Thomas; there is the School of Divinity, our graduate school of theology that is governed by both the seminary and university; there is Saint John Vianney College Seminary, separately incorporated from the seminary and university but united in mission and governance with the major seminary; and finally, there are seven supporting institutes at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity engaged in forming lay and ordained leaders for the Church. The bottom line: We had a great story to tell but no clear way to share it.

And now, after a lot of hard work, we are excited to present a new brand – The Seminaries of Saint Paul – which is comprised of our two seminaries, one graduate school, and seven institutes all united in a single mission of forming joyful, Catholic leaders.

WHY JOYFUL?

During the branding project, the word “joy” kept coming to the surface. The word initially gave me pause. Given the challenges taking place in the Church, we did not want to be presumptuous nor tone deaf. But the more we discussed it, the more it became clear: “Joy” was precisely the right word.



According to French philosopher and Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, “Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.” Joy is different than being happy or enthusiastic. It is divine. Joy does not deny that there is real suffering and sin in the world. The martyr St. Stephen found joy in the face of injustice and persecution. He understood that no matter how difficult or painful things appeared, truth, beauty and goodness would ultimately prevail. Joy is precisely the quality that the world longs for and what ecclesial leaders need to be effective in their work.

I learned a great deal in our branding project, but there were two things that helped me understand the importance of our brand. First, a brand can be aspirational as well as descriptive. Second, a brand is a promise, and a great brand is a promise kept. The Seminaries of Saint Paul will always strive to be better and will employ all that we can, with God’s help, to form joyful, Catholic leaders for the Church today and for generations to come. That is why we are so grateful for and will continue to need the generous support of our friends and benefactors who share our joy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas R. Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas R. Ryan
Vice President for Institutional Advancement



THE SEMINARIES OF SAINT PAUL

Joyful Catholic Leaders

OUR NEW BRAND

WHO WE ARE

The Seminaries of Saint Paul is a national center of formation for Catholics, including seminarians, diaconate candidates, lay ministers, theologians, Catholic school leaders, and clergy. This includes Saint John Vianney College Seminary, The Saint Paul Seminary, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, and seven supporting institutes.

WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to form **joyful, Catholic leaders**.

Joyful: We radiate a deep, abiding joy that flows from lived discipleship. That joy is the unmistakable sign of the presence of God – and the witness today's world desperately needs.

Catholic: We impart the full beauty and truth of the deposit of the faith – nurturing Catholics who are grounded in tradition, prayer and the sacraments ready to proclaim this truth amidst the cultural relativism of our modern world.

Leaders: We train for servant leadership and teach our graduates to lead with humility, kindness and courage. They are prepared to make hard choices with compassion and clarity of mission. They are the kind of leaders who lift others up along the way.





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SAVE THE DATE

Choral Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 15, 7:00 pm
St. Mary's Chapel

With The Saint Paul Seminary School
of Divinity Chorale

David Jenkins, Director

Michelle Plombon, Organist

Fr. Tom Margevičius, Presider



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