

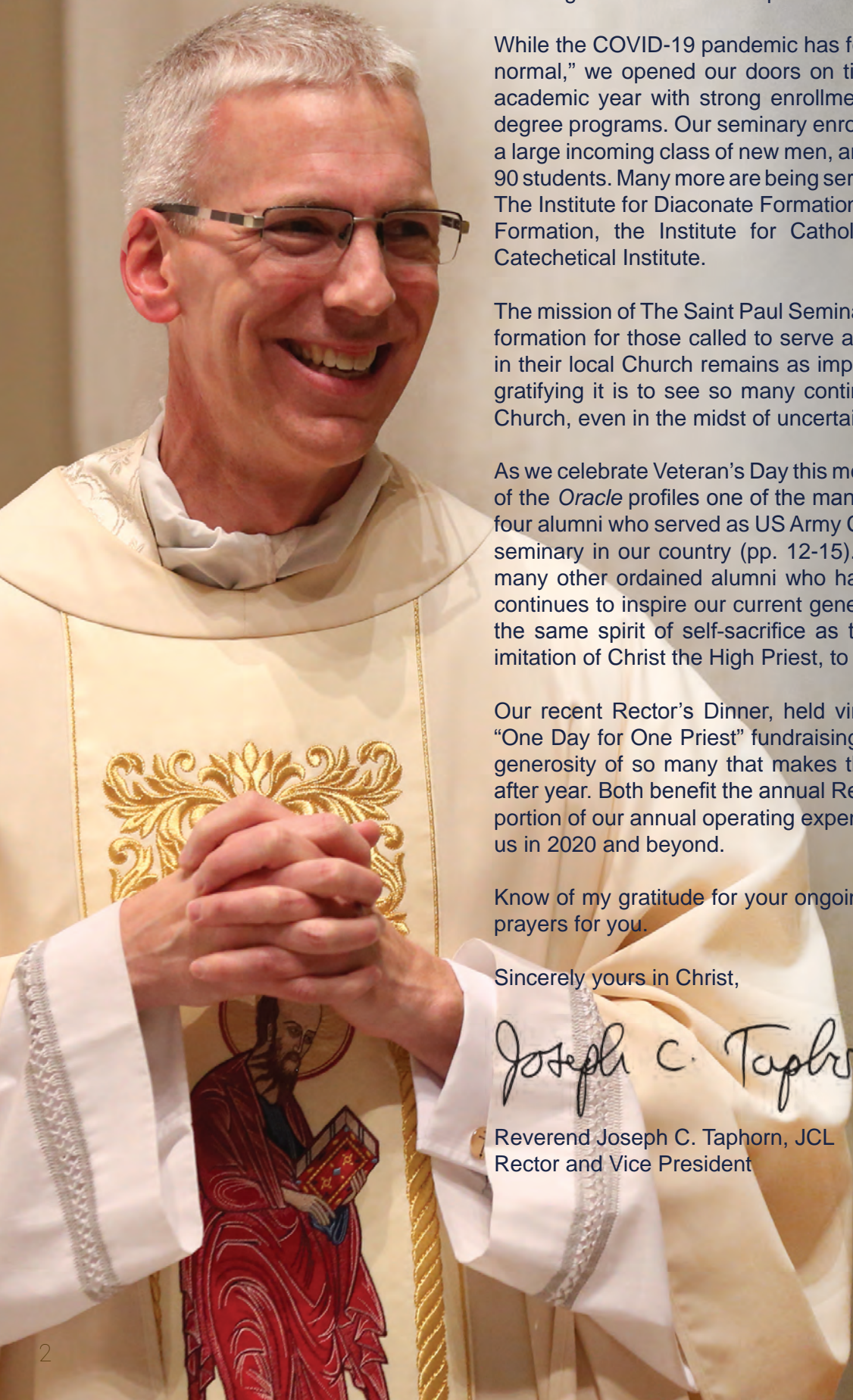
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Joyful Catholic Leaders



Dear Friends,

What a year 2020 has been! No doubt it has been full of surprises and challenges. But I cannot help but note many blessings as well.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has forced all of us to adjust to a “new normal,” we opened our doors on time this fall and started the new academic year with strong enrollment in both our seminary and lay degree programs. Our seminary enrollment remains steady at 70, with a large incoming class of new men, and our lay degree programs boast 90 students. Many more are being served through our various institutes: The Institute for Diaconate Formation, the Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation, the Institute for Catholic School Leadership, and the Catechetical Institute.

The mission of The Saint Paul Seminary to provide integrated, Catholic formation for those called to serve as priests, deacons or lay leaders in their local Church remains as important and relevant as ever. How gratifying it is to see so many continue to step forward to serve the Church, even in the midst of uncertainty in our country and world.

As we celebrate Veteran’s Day this month, the feature story in this issue of the *Oracle* profiles one of the many great legacies of our seminary: four alumni who served as US Army Chief of Chaplains, more than any seminary in our country (pp. 12-15). The witness of these men, and many other ordained alumni who have served as military chaplains, continues to inspire our current generation of seminarians to embody the same spirit of self-sacrifice as they desire to give their lives, in imitation of Christ the High Priest, to lifelong service to the Church.

Our recent Rector’s Dinner, held virtually for the first time, and our “One Day for One Priest” fundraising campaign remind me about the generosity of so many that makes this important work possible year after year. Both benefit the annual Rector’s Fund, which provides for a portion of our annual operating expenses. Thank you for standing with us in 2020 and beyond.

Know of my gratitude for your ongoing support and be assured of my prayers for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph C. Taphorn

Reverend Joseph C. Taphorn, JCL
Rector and Vice President

70 seminarians
are in formation
for the priesthood.

25 men are
in formation for
the Permanent
Diaconate.

90 men and
women are
enrolled in
our graduate
degree
programs.

Enrollment Fall 2020



300 men
and women
are enrolled in
Catechetical
Institute programs.

The second cohort
for the Institute for
Catholic School
Leadership will begin
in June 2021.

The Institute for Ongoing Clergy
Formation will host **26** events
and retreats this year.

Together, with **105** seminarians
in formation at Saint John
Vianney College Seminary,
enrollment at The Seminaries of
Saint Paul is strong!



FACULTY UPDATES **2020-2021**

After 15 years of faithful service as Instructor of Liturgical Theology and Homiletics, **Father Tom Margevičius** was reassigned this summer by Archbishop Bernard Hebda to serve the Church of the Risen Christ in Burnsville. He celebrates weekend Masses in Spanish and American Sign Language and continues to work part-time as Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Father Stephen Gideon joined the seminary faculty this summer as Director of Worship and Instructor of Liturgical Theology. He will also serve as a formation director for seminarians.

A native of Tennessee and a convert to the Catholic faith, Father Gideon was ordained in 1997. He served several parishes throughout the Diocese of Nashville and had been the Master of Ceremonies for Diocesan Liturgies since 2005.

“Father Gideon and I have remained friends since our time together in seminary,” said Father Taphorn. “He has a deep love for the sacred liturgy and has incorporated this into his ministry at the parish level. This pastoral experience will benefit our future priests and deacons in formation here.”

After 16 years as Director of the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library, **Mr. Curt LeMay** retired in September. Under LeMay’s leadership and dedicated service, the library became a destination for scholars both in the seminary and university communities and throughout the region.

“Curt’s personal dedication to the formation of our seminarians and students was remarkable both for its consistency and heartfelt expression,” said Dr. Christopher Thompson, academic dean. “He has been a real gift and will be missed for many years to come.”

A search for a new library director will commence in the spring semester.



Father Tom Margevičius



Father Stephen Gideon



Mr. Curt LeMay



NEWLY NAMED DEGREE PROGRAM

Launched this Fall

Approved by the seminary's Board of Trustees in April, 29 graduate students began the newly named Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL) degree this fall.

The 36-credit MAPL degree is a re-configuration of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) and the Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) degrees. Dr. John Froula, associate professor of Dogmatic Theology, serves as MAPL Program Director.

In bringing the two degrees together, the seminary hopes to foster the sense of community and friendship that was so vital in the MAPM and MARE programs. In addition, the program is designed to be more manageable while retaining the high standards of its program predecessors.

The MAPL program is intended for teachers and administrators in Catholic education, catechists, directors of religious education, counselors, youth ministers, those involved in ministries of mercy or prayer, or any other lay leader.

According to Froula, the MAPL is a professional degree designed for lay ministers and educators to receive the formation proper to their ecclesial role. Students in the program can expect to receive robust intellectual, spiritual, and moral formation as well as practical pastoral know-how.

Froula hopes the MAPL degree will support those who are making sacrifices to dedicate their professional lives or their free time to be instruments of God's work. "I am excited to see how all of the students will branch out into the Church and flourish," he said.

Correction:

The following alumni of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity were not included on the list of 2019-2020 graduates in the previous issue of the *Oracle* (June 2020). We apologize for this oversight. Congratulations to all!

Whitney Anderson, Master of Arts in Theology
Sr. Maria Fatima Nunes, O.P., Master of Arts in Theology
Rev. Mr. Thomas Rausch, Master of Arts in Theology
Sarah Spangenberg, Master of Arts in Theology
Benjamin Tlougan, Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry



ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

Thirteen men were admitted to candidacy for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis on August 2. Archbishop Bernard Hebda presided at the Mass at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis. Eleven are in formation at The Saint Paul Seminary, and two are at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Pictured above with Archbishop Hebda (left to right):

*Timothy Lyngdal
Alexander Rasset
Joseph Wappes
Michael Maloney*

*Philip Conklin
Ryan Sustacek
Alexander Hall*

*Brent Bowman
Christopher Yanta
Nicholas Vance*

*Michael Panka
Derek Gilde
Francis Floeder*



Gerald Thornton received his official call to orders by Bishop Donald DeGroot on July 6 for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

Peter Brown was called to candidacy for holy orders for the Diocese of Duluth on August 4 by Father James Bissonette, diocesan administrator.

And, on August 9, Bishop Donald J. Kettler accepted **Daniel Ruprecht** and **Kevin Soenneker** for candidacy for orders for the Diocese of Saint Cloud. On the same day, **James Herzog** was admitted to candidacy for the Diocese of New Ulm by Msgr. Douglas Grams, diocesan administrator.

Theology I seminarian **Luis Cabrera** is pictured outside of his home parish, Christ the King, in Des Moines after his Admission to Candidacy Mass on August 22. Cabrera was received as a candidate for the Diocese of Des Moines by Bishop William Joensen.



INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES

Five Theology II candidates were called by their bishops to be installed as Acolytes on Monday, October 26, in St. Mary's Chapel. The Most Reverend John Folda, Bishop of Fargo, celebrated the Mass.

Seminarians from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis included **Kyle Etzel, David Kirsch, William Kratt, and Maximilian Mauch-Morff.** Also receiving this rite was **Jason Lee** of the Diocese of Des Moines.

Bishop John Folda offers the ciborium to Jason Lee while saying, "Take this vessel with bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of His Church."

LARGEST CLASS ADMITTED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

On October 11, nineteen men were admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate at Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale. This was the largest class of "aspirants" to formally commit themselves to further formation and discernment in preparation to be ordained as deacons. Bishop Andrew Cozzens received their commitment.

Over the next three years, these men will receive their formation through the Institute for Diaconate Formation at The Saint Paul Seminary. Ordination is scheduled for 2023.

Candidates for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis include:

<i>Wayne Bellefeuille</i>	<i>Kou Ly</i>	<i>Wilfred Pitts</i>	<i>Gregory Schultz</i>
<i>Robert Burns</i>	<i>Michael McGinty</i>	<i>Kevin Pregler</i>	<i>Patrick Spencer</i>
<i>Kevin Conneely</i>	<i>David Mead, Jr.</i>	<i>Bruce Richards</i>	<i>Thomas Utecht</i>
<i>John Fischer</i>	<i>Daniel Murphy</i>	<i>Christopher Richards</i>	<i>Christopher Vance</i>
<i>Patrick Kirsch</i>	<i>Francis Pavlick</i>	<i>John Rogers</i>	

Deacon Joseph Michalak, second from left, served the Candidacy Mass and Father Joseph Taphorn, far right, con-celebrated with Bishop Andrew Cozzens.



CATHOLIC ADVOCATE SERVES **as Visiting Scholar**

The Saint Paul Seminary is fortunate to have a robust faculty dedicated to the intellectual dimension of formation. Thanks to a generous estate gift from Father James Stromberg (Class of 1957), the Ann and Louis Stromberg Visiting Scholars Endowment enhances the work at the seminary by supporting a scholar who can contribute to its practical application in the pews and in public life.

This fall, the faculty and seminarians welcomed Mr. Jason Adkins, J.D., as the 2020 Stromberg Visiting Scholar. Adkins is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC).

Collaborating through the years on other courses and legislative issues, Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson knew Adkins was well suited to serve as visiting scholar.

“Jason was the ideal candidate, and I am grateful for his willingness to join us,” Thompson said. “His keen intellectual abilities, coupled with several years of public service as a faithful lay man, makes him especially valued in our community.”

Adkins’ presence in the classroom and among the faculty has been deeply felt. He is teaching an elective entitled “Catholicism and U.S. Politics,” moderating faculty seminars, and auditing a class.

“After representing the bishops of Minnesota for 10 legislative sessions, this was a great opportunity to take some time to teach, write, and think about the future of the Church in the public arena,” Adkins said. “I am hoping to be a resource for the seminary.”





ADKINS DELIVERS FALL IRELAND LECTURE

By Sarah Heselton
Master of Arts in
Theology Student

Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson describes the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library Lecture as “one of the rare occasions when the whole community is invited to think deeply on perennial topics under the guidance of a thought leader.”

Mr. Jason Adkins fulfilled this characterization when he delivered the fall lecture, just weeks before the 2020 presidential election.

Adkins’ presentation, “Progressivism, Patriotism, and Patriarchy: Competing Identities in a Post-Liberal America,” surveyed the development of the American experiment and gave guidance to Catholics who find themselves “politically homeless” today.

He began with Archbishop John Ireland. Optimistic about the social experiment taking place in his adopted homeland, Ireland thought the Church in America could “work in the public realm as one actor in a pluralist world,” working with other religions to animate the body politic with a soul. With secularization, Adkins explained that democracy is beset by two political extremes, which function both as identities and soteriologies (accounts of salvation): “progressivism” and “patriotism.”

He described progressivism as “beyond liberalism.” In this vision, the U.S. is an irredeemable nation that must continue to atone for its multitude of sins. There is a fall, but there is no grace or redemption. There is only a thirst for expiation of past injustices that cannot be satisfied.

Patriotism is the opposite extreme, Adkins argued. Instead of abhorring America’s origins, patriots laud it as the birth of the greatest nation throughout history. In this vision, all is grace, and there is no original sin or need for atonement.

According to Adkins, the Catholic, unable to subscribe to either political extreme, is called to a different political order: patriarchy, the rule of the Father, who art in heaven. To be under the rule of the Father is to bring His providential care to all persons, leading them to the heavenly city. To meet the challenges of the two errant and competing identities, Catholics must not be content to merely be the soul of the body politic—the city of man. Instead, they must be the Body of Christ and live the reality of the city of God so that people may recognize their true identity in Christ. Only then will the city of man begin to look like the heavenly city.



Integrative Formation Q&A

with **Psychologist Paul Ruff**
*Assistant Director of Human
Formation and Director of
Counseling Services*

Q: What is integrative formation?

Ruff: According to the guiding document for seminary formation, the *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis (Ratio)*, or “The Gift of the Priestly Vocation,” integrative formation calls for a fuller intentionality among the rector, faculty, staff and seminarians when designing and engaging in formation for the priesthood. In other words, the human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral dimensions of formation should enrich and build upon each other so that they can be more readily integrated within the seminarian.

Q: Why is integrative formation important in seminary?

Ruff: Formation that separates the four dimensions may not help a man develop internal unity, which is a hallmark of a healthy, holy priest. Intentional integration is focused on how to weave in these dimensions even as they are cultivated in a man. This requires a higher level of cooperation between faculty and formation staff, and actually invites us out of our “silos” into more dialogue and integration with each other.

Q: What does integrative formation look like?

Ruff: It is designed to be lived everywhere — in the classroom, refectory, residence halls, chapel, and in spiritual direction. Such a culture of integrity and respect creates an environment in which a man is free to reveal himself and be known and accompanied as he grows into his true vocation.

One concentrated area for integrative formation is the Wednesday Integrative Seminar, which has undergone major revisions this year. Each level of Pre-Theology and Theology now has a facilitator who organizes the curriculum and oversees the process of intentional integration. Another is in the interiority of each man as he studies, prays, and learns of his own humanity so he can better serve pastorally. Each dimension adds depth and fullness to the other. This is the deep interior work of integration.

Q: Are formators equipped for this new approach?

Ruff: It is my experience that if we engage in our own growth, we will be much more effective in inviting the men we serve into the areas required for real growth. As a result, the formators who accompany men in their progress towards priesthood are receiving ongoing support to live out their work effectively. Nearly all of our priest formators have taken part in a two-year certification program developed by the Seminary Formation Council, a national organization that provides education, practical tools, spiritual enrichment, and fraternal support to seminary formators. I am impressed with the openness of these priests to become a formational community for each other.

Q: Why integrative formation now?

Ruff: Seminaries better understand that the man “is the necessary and irreplaceable agent in his own formation,” rather than just a cooperating recipient, as he becomes the particular priest that God is calling him to be. (*Ratio* 53)

Q: Is integrative formation incorporated at other seminaries?

Ruff: All seminaries are being called into further integrative work in their programs. The sexual abuse crisis in the Church necessitates a renewed intentionality about this, and the *Ratio* casts a vision that guides the process. I am involved in monthly Zoom meetings with psychologists from seminaries in the United States and Rome. This is also the work of Integrative Formation within the life of the Universal Church - sharing and being inspired by each other.

SPS CELEBRATES **Four Chief of Chaplains**

By Jonathan Liedl

This year, the U.S. Army celebrates the centennial of the establishment of the Chief of Chaplains, a position of great distinction, carrying with it the rank of Major General.

But the men who have been appointed to the office have not commanded troops in battle, nor devised grand military strategies. Instead, they have discharged an arguably even more important duty: providing spiritual care for the entire Army as the leaders of thousands of religious ministers in the Chaplains Corps.

And the religious institution that has formed the most Chiefs of Chaplains since the position was established in 1920? Not a Protestant seminary, despite the chaplaincy's historically Protestant roots. Nor a centuries-old East Coast Catholic institution.

Instead, The Saint Paul Seminary (SPS) can claim the greatest number of U.S. Army Chiefs of Chaplains as alumni. Of the 25 Chief Chaplains in Army history, including seven total Catholic priests, four of them received their formation at SPS: Msgr. Patrick J. Ryan ('27), Msgr. Francis L. Sampson ('41), Msgr. Patrick J. Hessiah ('53), and Msgr. Donald W. Shea ('62).

When Father Michael Creagan ('97), a chaplain in the Minnesota National Guard, first learned this fact in 2015, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis priest thought it was an accomplishment worth recognizing. He worked with then-rector Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan to create a display celebrating the seminary's four Chiefs of Chaplains, complete with the priests' photos, the Chaplains Corps crest, and two stars to indicate their rank as two-star generals.

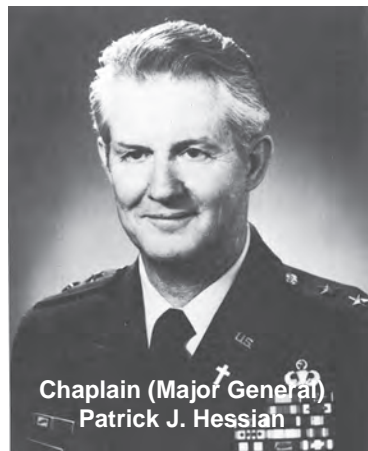
"It's a nice way to remember their legacy," said Creagan of the display, which hangs on a wall in the seminary lobby, adding that the fact that SPS has provided religious formation to four Army Chiefs of Chaplains is "a significant bit of history."



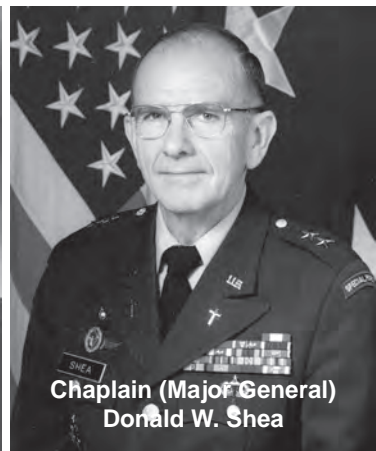
Chaplain (Major General)
Patrick J. Ryan



Chaplain (Major General)
Francis L. Sampson



Chaplain (Major General)
Patrick J. Hessiah



Chaplain (Major General)
Donald W. Shea

Class of 1927
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain
1954 – 1958

Class of 1941
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain
1967 – 1971

Class of 1953
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain
1982 – 1986

Class of 1962
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain
1994 – 1999

LIVES OF SERVICE

Msgrs. Ryan, Sampson, Hessian, and Shea's service as Chiefs of Chaplains should be seen as the culmination of chaplaincy careers marked by bravery and selflessness. All four served in overseas wars, with three of the chaplains receiving the Purple Heart award for wounds suffered in combat.

The first SPS alumnus to serve as Chief of Chaplains, Msgr. Ryan, was born in Litchfield, MN, in 1902. He joined the Army in 1928, one year after being ordained a priest for Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and served in North Africa and Italy during World War II with the Third Infantry Division.



Pope John Paul II receives
Msgr. Patrick Hessian at the Vatican in 1986.

Although a U.S. soldier at war with Nazi-controlled Germany, the compassion of Ryan comes through in some of his autobiographical notes, shared by the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps Museum at Fort Jackson. The priest recalls how, after the Fifth Army captured 500,000 Germans during the invasion of Italy, he approached his commanding officer to ask if he could "give the German prisoners a bit of religion." The Fifth Army's commander, General Lucian Truscott, responded, "You have *carte blanche*, padre."

Ryan had the German clergy relieved of secular duties and had several altars built, boosting religious service attendance in the prison camp from about 30 percent to 70 percent.

"That was probably the most triumphant moment of my life," wrote Ryan, who went on to serve as Chief of Chaplains from 1954 to 1958.

Ryan's fellow archdiocesan priest, Msgr. Hessian, served as Chief of Chaplains between 1982 and 1986, and was described as an "icon" by his chaplain colleagues. Born in Belle Plaine in 1928, the Minnesota priest was an active duty chaplain for 23 years, including time in Vietnam.

There, he brought the presence of God to his men, making communion visits to soldiers in their foxholes. In one instance, a foxhole he had just visited was struck by a mortar, mortally wounding the man inside. As Msgr. Hessian held and comforted him, the dying soldier looked up to him and reassuringly said, "But I've received Jesus today."

When asked about these kinds of experiences, Hessian said he "tried to be the local parish priest for those kids." The recipient of many awards, his proudest honor was the Soldier's Medal, which he received after persuading a suicidal soldier to hand him the live grenade he was holding.

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Msgr. Shea, a priest of the Diocese of Helena, is the most recent SPS alumnus to serve as Army Chief of Chaplains, which he did from 1995 to 1999. The Butte, Montana, native entered military service in 1966, and his time as a chaplain took him to Vietnam, the Korean Peninsula, Panama, and Europe.

Military Chaplains have made tremendous sacrifices to bring the sacraments to the troops since the Revolutionary War.

He was known for entering into combat zones fearlessly, with nothing but his Bible and Mass kit. Shea received many awards for his service, including four Bronze Stars, one of which was given with a rare “V-device,” indicating good performance under fire and at great personal risk.

A HOLLYWOOD INSPIRATION

While the life stories of each aforementioned chaplain could serve as the basis for a film, an event from the lives of one of them already has. Shortly after parachuting into France on D-Day, Msgr. Sampson came across a soldier who believed his three brothers had been killed in combat, making him his family’s only surviving son. After requesting that the War Office send the soldier back stateside, Sampson responded to the young man’s protests, saying, “You can take that up with General Eisenhower or the president, but you’re going home.”

The incident is widely cited to be the inspiration for the blockbuster movie *Saving Private Ryan*, though some important details differ. The soldier in question was not Private Ryan but rather Sgt. Fritz Niland. And, fortunately, it turns out that the brother Sgt. Niland thought had died in the Pacific theater was later found alive.

Sampson recounts these and other wartime chaplaincy experiences in his book *Paratrooper Padre*, as well as in an expanded version called *Look Out Below!*. The Diocese of Des Moines priest, who began his service in 1942, reveals the heart of a man who knows the dignity of his office, but doesn’t take himself too seriously.

The day before the invasion of Normandy, Sampson meticulously made sure all Catholics in his regiment received the sacraments. He reports that “Confession and Communion are the greatest comfort to our men at the front,” and that he celebrated Mass “under every conceivable circumstance”— including in only two minutes’ time during a period of intense German shelling.

In a bit of self-deprecating humor, Sampson reflects on a time when a German soldier was about to shoot him, acknowledging that “whenever I was in any great danger, and was scared, instead of the Act of Contrition which I intended and tried to say, I always said the grace before meals.”

But there is no denying the Cherokee, Iowa native’s bravery. He received the prestigious Distinguished Service Cross after he volunteered to stay with 14 wounded men as the Germans moved in on their position. During a later jump into Europe, he was captured again, and requested to remain at the prison camp for enlisted men, rather than being sent to an officer’s camp.

“The amazing success of Father Sampson is explained by his uncanny ability to identify himself completely with the paratroopers and thus ‘gain all for Christ,’” wrote Phillip Hannan, the eventual Archbishop of New Orleans. “His exploits and escapes were legendary, but these were secondary to his constant care of the souls of all his men.”



Right: Then-Father Francis Sampson laces up his boots in the barracks in 1954.

Msgr. Sampson served as U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains from 1967 to 1971.

LIVING LEGACY

Rector Father Joseph Taphorn said the seminary community is proud of its alumni priest chaplains.

“Their achievements are proof of our long and remarkable legacy. We have made an impact in the Church and in the world,” he said.

Although none of SPS’s Chiefs of Chaplains are alive today, there is hope that their example will inspire others to follow them into military chaplaincy. The need for Catholic chaplains is dire, with only 76 priests for an active duty Army population of more than 470,000 Catholics—approximately one priest per 5,500 lay faithful. Catholic chaplaincies in the other branches of the military face a similar deficit.

Creagan encourages seminarians to consider the possibility of serving in the military chaplaincy, describing it as “the largest young adult ministry” available, given that most of the people a chaplain ministers to are in their 20s and 30s.

Taphorn describes the vocation to serve as a military chaplain as a “call within a call.” Seminarians who might have a desire to explore this possibility are encouraged to have honest conversations with their bishop and the formation faculty, whose aim is always to help a man listen to the Lord’s particular call in his life and to “have the courage to embrace it.”

And, who knows? Maybe a future Chief of Chaplains is currently at the seminary. What is certain, however, is that a man pursuing chaplaincy will follow the legacy of sacrificial love lived out in the lives and ministries of Msgrs. Ryan, Sampson, Hessian, and Shea, and the other military chaplains who were formed at The Saint Paul Seminary.

PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Deacon Joseph Michalak, director of the Institute for Diaconate Formation, was recently elected to a two-year term as Region VIII representative for the National Association of Deacon Directors Board of Directors. Michalak was also appointed Chair of the National Directors Institute and serves on the annual convention committee.

Dr. Deborah Savage's article, "Women in Seminary Formation: The Promise and the Challenge," was published in *Inside the Vatican* (Online edition, June 1, 2020). Dr. Savage, clinical faculty member, was asked to respond to Marc Cardinal Ouellet's comments on the importance of women in the formation of priests.



Dr. Deborah Savage

Savage also published two major papers this summer. The first was in a special issue of *Religions* organized on the theme "Feminism from the Perspective of Catholic Theology." Her paper was entitled "Redeeming Woman: A Response to the 'Second Sex' Issue from within the Catholic Exegetical Tradition." The second

paper, "When the Starting Place is Lived Experience: The Pastoral and Therapeutic Implications of John Paul II's Account of the Person," was published in the *Journal of Christian Bioethics*.

Dr. Savage's article "The Return of the Madman: Nietzsche, Nihilism, and the Death of God, circa 2020" was published in *Catholic World Report* online on August 10. It is a commentary on current events seen through Nietzsche's parable of the madman.

In October, Dr. Savage gave a talk at Hillsdale College's Free Market Forum held in Omaha. She was part of a panel on "The Economic Consequences of the Breakdown of the Family" and her talk was entitled "The Impact of the Sexual Revolution on the Family."

Dr. Merylann "Mimi" J. Schuttloffel, founding director of the Institute for Catholic School Leadership, presented "Contemplative Leadership: Decisions to Shape a School Culture" at the School Leaders for Today National Principals Virtual Summit in July and at the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Head of School Orientation in August.

Rev. Joseph Taphorn, rector and vice president, served as a member of the McGrath Institute Seminary Study Group (University of Notre Dame), which drafted a set of proposed benchmarks for seminary and house of formation sexual misconduct policies. Father Taphorn was also recently elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools (Mundelein, IL) for a three-year term.

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:30 p.m.
Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library Lecture

*Redeeming Woman:
The Feminine Principle in the Divine Plan*
Presented by Dr. Deborah Savage

Rev. Kevin Zilverberg, assistant professor of Sacred Scripture, was awarded the Dr. Marc and Mrs. Rachelle Bibeau Award for the best doctorate at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome during the 2019-2020 academic year. The eight doctoral candidates who defended dissertations at the Institute during the past school year were considered for the award. The Pontifical Biblical Institute grants these awards for three levels of students, with its largest prize reserved for the best doctoral dissertation and defense. Father Zilverberg earned a score of 9.98 out of 10, for which

he received the doctoral-level Bibeau Award *in absentia* on Oct. 8, 2020 during the inaugural ceremonies of the 2020-2021 school year.

His dissertation, which he defended in Nov. 2019, was subsequently evaluated in double-blind peer review and accepted into the Spanish government's book series on biblical philology, *Textos y Estudios Cardenal Cisneros*, published by the National Spanish Research Council (CSIC) in Madrid. The book will appear under the title *The Textual History of Old Latin Daniel from Tertullian to Lucifer*, which refers to the early Church Father Lucifer, Bishop of Cagliari in Sardinia, Italy.

Father Zilverberg also published the essay "Cultic Verbs in *Vetus Latina* Daniel and in Jerome's Translations of the Greek Additions to Daniel" in the journal *Acta Antiqua Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* (vol. 59, 445–452). The article is the print version of his oral presentation given at the 13th International Colloquium on Late and Vulgar Latin, held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2018. Father Zilverberg also lectured in Latin, making philological and exegetical observations on the Gospel according to John, Chapter 6. He gave the lecture by Zoom, for the annual Latin immersion conference of the *Institutum Veterum Sapientia* at St. Joseph College Seminary in Mount Holly, NC, on July 31, 2020.



IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Vincent H. Arimond, Class of 1954
Rev. John C. Clay, Class of 1951
Msgr. James D. Dawson, Class of 1954
Mr. Dale J. Finnell, Class of 1960
Rev. Leonard W. Fraher, Class of 1956
Mr. Thomas D. Gleason, Class of 1951
Rev. Robert P. Goblirsch, Class of 1960
Mr. John David Loch, Class of 1961
Mr. Eugene F. Morrill, Class of 1960

Rev. Richard P. Partika, Class of 1951
Msgr. Michael J. Patnode, Class of 1972
Mr. George P. Roushar, Class of 1954
Rev. Msgr. John J. Rolf, Class of 1957
Dr. John J. Stathas, Class of 1969
Mr. John W. Webb, Class of 1961
Rev. Peter C. Wittman, Class of 1975
Msgr. Richard A. Wolbach, Class of 1955
Mr. Stanley T. Zarzecki, Class of 1959

ENCOUNTER WITH A VETERAN PRIEST

It was Wednesday, September 6, 2006, when I first met Monsignor Patrick Hessian (Class of 1953). What was supposed to be a 45-minute meeting turned into an all-afternoon, heart-to-heart conversation. By the time it was over, I had heard his story, learned a thing or two about the advancement world, and received a deposit that I would draw on the rest of my life. Needless to say, there were moist eyes on both sides of the conference room table.

After returning from active service in Vietnam, Monsignor Hessian led the development office for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Monsignor Aloysius Callaghan, then Rector of The Saint Paul Seminary, thought it would be a good idea for me to pick his brain on the development world. I still have the nine pages of notes that Monsignor Hessian jotted down in a notebook purchased before boarding a plane returning from Southeast Asia. These pages are filled with helpful tips for successful advancement work. More importantly, they contain sage advice for fruitful service in the Church.

My encounter with Monsignor Hessian was so much more than a business meeting. He recalled his experience in Vietnam - being pinned down at close range all night by enemy fire, crawling through the jungle on his belly to give dying soldiers their last rights, being wounded by inhaling Agent Orange - and how these experiences influenced his own faith and ministry.

He also taught me that advancement work especially for the Church must be approached like a vocation. It requires remote preparation, daily communication with God, and a listening ear to discern His will.

Monsignor Hessian did not lead the typical life of a diocesan parish priest, but it was his priesthood that made his life special – for those he served in the military and for an advancement officer new to the seminary.

This is why the mission of the seminary is so important. The priest is a visible sign that this life is temporary and there is a better one coming. A priest reminds us that there is a God above who meets us in our daily needs and sustains us in hope and charity.

Our world, our Church, and each one of us, including our children and grandchildren, need good holy priests who can help us on life's journey. That is why our core program of forming good, holy priests is so important. And that is why each day we give thanks for those who partner with the seminary in forming joyful, Catholic leaders.



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

The Cost of Formation

The Saint Paul Seminary is a member of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), an accrediting organization of more than 270 seminaries/graduate schools in the United States and Canada. As a member school, the seminary has access to comparative research and data on other member schools, providing a benchmark for trends and strategic planning. Comparative data on this page was shared by ATS Executive Director Frank Yamada at a Development Officers' Conference in February 2020.

Over the Past 25 Years...

- Enrollment in mainline Protestant seminaries has declined.
- Enrollment in Roman Catholic seminaries has been flat or stable.
- Enrollment in Evangelical seminaries has increased.

The Approximate Cost to Educate a Priest or Minister...

- Mainline Protestant = \$70K/year
- Roman Catholic = \$60K/year
- Evangelical = \$30K/year

Revenue Proportions at ATS Freestanding Schools (2018)

	Endowment	Giving	Net Tuition	Auxiliary & Other
All ATS	25%	30%	28%	17%
Evangelical	15%	35%	35%	15%
Mainline Protestant	45%	20%	15%	20%
Roman Catholic/Orthodox	20%	30%	30%	20%
The Saint Paul Seminary	13%	37%	39%	11%

The Saint Paul Seminary relies on annual giving more than its peer institutions. At the same time, this comparison illustrates the need to grow the endowment which is part of the seminary's long-term strategic funding initiative.

What my gift does at The Saint Paul Seminary...

Funds needed in addition to tuition to form our future priests, deacons and lay leaders.

Priests

- \$30,000 For a Year
- \$15,000 For 6 Months
- \$10,000 For a Semester
- \$2,500 For a Month
- \$635 For a Week
- \$100 For a Day

Deacons

- \$12,000 For a Year
- \$6,000 For 6 Months
- \$1,000 For a Month
- \$250 For a Week

Lay Leaders

- \$12,500 Full-Time Student
- \$6,250 Half-Time Student
- \$3,125 Part-Time Student
- \$1,875 One Graduate Course
- \$300 Catechetical Institute Participant



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Priests and seminarians enjoyed a canoe trip on the St. Croix River before fall classes began in September.



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