The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity develops leaders through formation of men for the priesthood and preparation of laity and religious for service in the Church. Our program acknowledges the unique role of the priest in persona Christi capitis and forms both seminarians and lay students in their important and complementary roles in ministering to God’s people.
Dear friends,

As we present our 2013-2014 Annual Report, we pause to give thanks to God for the many gifts He has shared with our seminarians, graduate students, priests, faculty and staff of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. We extend our gratitude to those who have generously shared their resources to prepare men for the priesthood and lay men and women for service and leadership in the Church and the world.

The 2013-2014 fiscal and academic year was filled with joy and opportunity. After a two-year, comprehensive self-study, followed by a successful site visit in October 2013 by an evaluation committee of the Association of Theological Schools, our accreditation was reaffirmed for a period of 10 years—the highest reaccreditation period possible. This is excellent news as we continue the legacy of effective formation and educational excellence in service to the mission of the Church.

Additionally, our Board of Trustees initiated a strategic plan that builds on a solid foundation of human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation as it looks to the future. While the process is ongoing, the foundational goals of the plan include:

- Continuing our partnerships with Saint John Vianney College Seminary, the University of St. Thomas and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
- Strengthening relationships with regional dioceses
- Establishing a national Center for Theological Formation
- Enhancing our graduate degree and lay certificate programs

Please take a moment to read a few stories that exemplify how our seminarians and students are impacted by your generous support: a Theology II seminarian who heard God’s call to the priesthood while growing up in a small town in Kentucky; a School of Divinity graduate student who is motivated by a call to servant leadership; and a student in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute whose studies have helped her to grow deeper in her faith, both personally and professionally. Their stories are inspiring and remind us of the important mission of this institution.

As faithful members of the seminary family, you are remembered daily in our prayers of thanksgiving. Please continue to pray for one another and for our seminarians, graduate students and alumni. Like you, they are the future of the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan, S.T.L., J.C.D.
Rector and Vice President

2013-2014 Enrollment
106 seminarians from 18 dioceses and two institutes of religious life
74 lay students enrolled in graduate theology programs
360 lay students enrolled in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute
The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity develops the next generation of Church leaders through formation of men for the priesthood.

“Coming home to priesthood”

For as long as Robert “Bobby” Gonnella can remember, he has been intrigued by the priesthood. He admired his parish priest and felt called to the priesthood while growing up in a small Kentucky town.

The path to seminary was not a straight one for Gonnella. He drifted away from his faith while in college and was even engaged for a short time. But the power of confession, combined with wise counsel from a trusted priest, led him “home.” At last, Gonnella was able to answer the call he had heard since childhood and entered the seminary after graduation.

In 2011, Gonnella started as a Pre-Theology I seminarian in order to get the necessary background in philosophy. His first two years of study were challenging at times, but he believes his undergraduate degree in math equipped him with a logical, linear way of thinking, preparing him for the more intense work of theology that he is immersed in today. “I really enjoy diving deeper into the mysteries of the faith,” he says. “Deeper knowledge allows for a deeper relationship with Christ.”

Before arriving in St. Paul, he didn’t know what to expect from seminary life. From the start, Gonnella’s class bonded well. Three years later, the 24 men from nine dioceses that make up his Theology II class rely on each other and encourage one another in holiness. “I really appreciate the brotherhood in seminary life,” Gonnella says. “Working toward a common goal of becoming priests naturally makes each man better.”

God willing, Gonnella will be ordained for the Diocese of Rockford in 2017. With only two more years of seminary formation, he looks forward to ministering to the people of God in his home diocese.

While he’s still with us, Gonnella will continue to enjoy the fraternity among his brothers in Christ: “Before I came to the seminary, I thought it might be all work and very serious. I want others, especially young men, to know the joy and community that we share here. I have never felt such peace in my life.”

“An intellectual pursuit of faith”

Derrick Crim is one whose life and work are so interconnected it is difficult to see where one stops and the other begins. “He embodies the spirit of the Gospel,” says Dr. Deborah Savage, clinical faculty and director of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program. After a 20-year career as a drug and alcohol counselor, followed by a doctorate in leadership from the University of St. Thomas, Crim enrolled in the pastoral ministry program, which integrates the study of theology and pastoral life. He is using this opportunity to go deeper into the examination of Christian theology, which in turn allows him to be an active servant and leader within his church.

As a non-Catholic, many have wondered why he chose to study at a Catholic seminary. Crim’s answer is simple: “I have been following Jesus my whole life. I believe I was led here.” He considers it a blessing to study alongside the seminarians in whom he recognizes a total surrender to Christ, something we all are called to in our own vocations. He also recognizes that the academic rigor of the program has at last connected him intellectually to his faith.
“It is a privilege to have someone from another faith tradition in our classroom,” Savage says. “The discussions among the students are very informative for everyone. Ultimately, if our goal is Christian unity, having Catholics and non-Catholics investigating the questions together can only help.”

Crim is motivated in his pursuit of intellectual and faith formation by God’s call to different ministries and mission fields. After he completes the program, he hopes to move into a leadership position where faith is essential to the mission. This will be his chance to apply his degrees toward service of others.

Savage is confident this will be Crim’s reality upon graduation: “He knows that the Gospel needs to be lived, not just studied. Derrick is a real gift to the program.”

**“Growing deeper in faith”**

Lifelong, active Catholic. Daughter of a philosophy professor. Administrative assistant to the vice rector of The Saint Paul Seminary. You might be asking, “Why is Lisa Flood enrolled in the Catechetical Institute?”

After watching family and friends complete the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute’s two-year program based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Flood could not wait to dive in herself.

In fact, she seized the opportunity to go deeper in the Catholic faith in order to continue to pass it along to her eight adult children and five grandchildren. “Every lecture I attend, I wish that my family and friends were sitting right next to me,” she says. “There is so much to learn and our instructors articulate it so well.”

Flood, along with seven other staff members from The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, joined the Class of St. Gianna to more fully embrace the faith for both personal and professional reasons. After working for more than four years with seminarians, priests and faculty members in the vice rector’s office, she considers it the perfect time to enter into the larger picture of faith.

After only a few small group sessions and large group lectures, Flood’s whole attitude about the more-than-900-page *Catechism* changed: “Truthfully, the *Catechism* has always been a helpful reference but an intimidating book. Now, it is very accessible.”

Flood also has experienced some “aha” moments as a Catechetical Institute student. The first, and perhaps most important, was when she more fully understood the theology of the Trinity and what that means in her own life: “It is now easier to think of myself as part of this beautiful relationship between the Father, His Son and the Holy Spirit.”

Her second inspiration occurred after only one or two sessions within her small group. Flood and her husband of more than 30 years were growing increasingly worried about the culture that their children and grandchildren face. Providentially, she was placed in a small group that includes young adults who are, in her words, “incredible.” Each week she meets with seven or eight others, young and old, who are able to articulate their faith yet want to learn more. “They are so encouraging to me,” she says. “I have a renewed sense of hope for the next generation.”

Flood is part of a growing Catechetical Institute “nation” of more than 450 current students and 660 alumni. Along with our seminarians and graduate lay students, she is committed to building her Catholic faith on a strong foundation for her family and for the future of the Church.
The Annual Rector’s Fund sustains The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity formation programs. The vast majority of gifts received directly support priestly formation. These figures do not include restricted funds that provide upkeep of St. Mary’s Chapel, book collections for Ireland Library, lay graduate programs and individual student assistance grants.

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The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity annual audit is conducted by Baker Tilly.
The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity endowment provides long-term, dedicated resources for the ongoing work of priestly formation. Named funds within the seminary endowment have been established by individuals and families to support a designated purpose or program. Endowed funds are essential to long-term viability of the seminary. They secure dependable funding for core programs, enabling the seminary leadership to focus on program content and strategic development.

In the 2014 fiscal year, distributions totaled more than $518,000 to support the seminary work of priestly formation and capital improvement projects.

The draw from endowed funds is determined by calculating up to five percent of the average fund balance over a rolling five-year period. The seminary endowment is invested at the Catholic Community Foundation and overseen by the finance committee of the seminary Board of Trustees.

**ENDOWMENT BALANCE**

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**NAMED FUNDS**

Named funds within the seminary endowment are established with a minimum balance of $100,000 to support a designated activity and/or recognize an individual or family who has demonstrated a notable commitment to priestly formation.

- Agnes Bordenave Seminarian Scholarship Fund
- Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Institute in Homiletics
- Archbishop Robert Carlson Endowment Fund
- Baumgaertner Endowment Fund
- Baumgaertner Endowment Phase II Fund
- Bishop Paul V. Dudley Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Blessed Junipero Serra Student Assistance Fund in Memory of Michael J. Pohlen
- Bonczek Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Cheyenne Diocese Scholarship Fund
- Cullinan Scholarship Fund
- Dankleman Endowment Fund
- Diefenach Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Froehle Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Galligan Endowment Fund
- Hickey Scholarship Fund
- Hill Trust Income Fund
- I Will Give You Shepherds Endowment Fund
- Ireland Library Fund
- Joan of Arc Endowment
- Keefe Memorial Endowment Fund
- Keller Scholarship Fund
- Kinsella Memorial Scholarship
- Kuebsh Endowment
- Kueppers Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Lawrence and Marie Flynn Ellstrom Fund
- M.M. Eunice School Fund
- Mary, Mother of the Church Endowment
- McGough Family Fund
- Mergens Scholarship Fund
- Muckley Endowment
- O’Neill Endowment
- Msgr. Jerome D. Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies
- Quentin and Sally Hietpas Scholarship Fund
- Rome Studies Program Endowment Fund
- Rotter Endowment
- Saint Alphonsus Endowment
- Sandquist Endowment Fund
- Sellner Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Sitzmann Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Spiritual Formation Endowment Fund
- Teaching Parish Endowment Fund
- Visiting Scholars Endowment Fund
- Weber Scholarship Fund
- William P. and Louise J. Wegscheider Scholarship Fund
- Wittman Scholarship Fund

For more information on establishing a named fund or contributing to an existing one, please contact Tom Ryan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement: (651) 962-5056 or trryan@stthomas.edu.
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