THE RESOUNDING SUCCESS OF
I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS
TRANSFORMING AN INSTITUTION, TRANSFORMING LIVES
A SECOND SPRING

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” Charles Dickens’ memorable line comes readily to mind as we consider the time period of our I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. In that time world news gave a dark report almost daily of wars, natural disasters, violence, crime, hatred and much sin the world over.

But hope kept its vigil, as the Good News of our faith assures us dawn does conquer the darkness. The memorial acclamation at Mass says it all: “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!”

And come again He does indeed. God’s promise fulfilled, “I will give you shepherds after my own heart.”

It is a new springtime for the Church. God’s promise is true, it is real, and we are the beneficiaries of its great gift of love, the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Through the gift of the priesthood, Christ continues to call good men to be good priests, and their mission is ever the same. The great St. Teresa of Avila describes it so beautifully: “Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion is to look out to the world; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless men now.”

My friends, we are witnessing a “second spring” in the Church, and you have played an essential part in making it happen.

The Lord wants us for His mission – to bring all together as one in love. You are a part of the Lord’s mission. You worked and prayed. You gave your time. You gave your resources, and you gave your love, all the while pleading with the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers for the harvest. And your prayers are being answered, thanks be to God!

In this special edition of the Oracle you will well see the dream of a shepherd, Archbishop Harry Flynn, unfold, and you will rejoice at the vision of our shepherd, Archbishop John Nienstedt, as he leads young men and women forward in ecclesial service as priests and as lay leaders for the new millennium; forward in faith, forward with Christ, forward in love.

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever!

ON THE COVER

Theology IV seminarians stood before Pope Benedict XVI as they prepared to distribute communion at the papal Mass on Jan. 1, 2011 on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

God bless you,

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan
Rector and Vice President
Cardinal Foley visits seminary

Cardinal John Patrick Foley spent the morning of Jan. 6 with the seminary community and Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre. The cardinal was in the Twin Cities to deliver a keynote address at the 100th anniversary celebration of The Catholic Spirit, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Cardinal Foley served as Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre until his resignation due to ill health on Feb. 24. From 1984 to 2007 he lived in Rome where he served as president for the Pontifical Council on Social Communications. During that time, both Archbishop John Nienstedt and Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan worked in Rome and lived with Cardinal Foley.

During Mass, Msgr. Callaghan shared the following as he presented Cardinal Foley with a statue of Our Lady of Confidence:

Your Eminence, both of us from our early seminary days learned to bring our prayers and needs to our Blessed Mother with that beautiful title “My Mother, My Confidence.” Know of our prayers for you as you continue to communicate the real joy of being a priest.

Msgr. Callaghan presented Cardinal Foley a statue of Our Lady of Confidence.

During breakfast, Cardinal Foley received a variety of gifts from Msgr. Callaghan.

Cardinal Foley was the main presider at Mass in St. Mary’s Chapel; concelebrants included Archbishop John Nienstedt, Bishop Lee Piché and Bishop John LeVoir.
There are moments when the men at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity can feel themselves being formed for priesthood, instances where the impact of all their prayer and preparation flashes into focus.

The other week, for instance, Fr. Thomas Margevičius challenged Deacon Kristopher Cowles to think about what it’s like to receive the anointing of the sick. Is the priest’s care evident? How does the sign of the cross made on their hands feel? Is the cross made from left to right from the recipient’s perspective or from the priest’s? It was an ah-ha moment for Deacon Cowles, Theology IV.

Evan Koop, Theology III, was amazed to reap the fruits of a 30-day silent retreat he made at Creighton University’s Institute for Priestly Formation a full year later. He was serving at the veterans hospital in Minneapolis and, day after day, he found the right words for struggling patients in the very messages God had communicated during his silent retreat, like puzzle pieces falling into place.

Evan Koop served as lector at midday seminary community Mass.
And for James Peterson, Theology II, there was the experience of seeing homebound Catholics tear up when he brought them communion. “It was just so humbling and awe inspiring to see their faith and to realize, in my own way, I can be an instrument, a bridge for the people of God,” he said.

These are the moments when it is unmistakable: The formation program at The Saint Paul Seminary is working wonders. And the *I Will Give You Shepherds* endowment campaign deserves much of the credit, enhancing every dimension of the formation program and funding it, so the men can experience four remarkable years and graduate with no debt, ready for priesthood in every way.

**FORMATION DEEPENS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER**

The seminarians say they are sustained by daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration and Liturgy of the Hours and buoyed up by Reconciliation and spiritual direction.

“There’s a great emphasis on the spiritual life,” Koop said, “so it’s kind of like in the Gospel of Mark,” when Jesus summons 12 apostles to be with Him and to be sent out to preach. “Being with Christ is really foundational, so that when we go out and preach, He may increase and we may decrease.”

The spiritual formation is transformative, Deacon Cowles remarked. “Once you begin the seminary and enter into deep prayer life, you begin to know Christ on a whole different level, as he is – both human and divine – and you begin to figure out who He is so you can represent him to others,” he said.

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Deacon Kristopher Cowles preached during Mass in the Clementine Chapel while in Rome with his seminarian class in January.

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“*It is very important that future priests have the opportunity to study in Rome as part of their formation.*”

John and Sue Morrison on their gift to endow the Rome Studies Program, ensuring Theology IV seminarians spend one month in Rome prior to their ordination to the priesthood.
The friendships forged among seminarians are also formative, said Fr. Robert Pish, vice rector for student affairs. “One of the things I try to impress upon the men is that we form the presbyterate, the group of priests gathered around a bishop serving a particular diocese, starting now. One of my scriptural reflections for this year is from the Gospel of John: they will know you are my disciples by your love for one another.”

That love is manifest in countless ways, from sharing prayer intentions to helping repair each other’s old cars.

EXPERIENCES FAR AND NEAR CULTIVATE DEEP LOVE OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

*I Will Give You Shepherds* has powerfully enriched the seminarians’ understanding of Christ and His Church by supporting study programs in Rome and the Holy Land, ensuring that future generations of priests experience the same life-changing trips.

Deacon Cowles, a native of Yankton, S.D., said his time in Rome showed him the beauty of Catholicism, that “the Church is much bigger than South Dakota or the Midwest. It has this great universal appeal to all people, drawing them in.”

Meanwhile, Theology III seminarians who walk through the Holy Land say it illuminates every Gospel reading on which they will one day preach. Koop and some of his brother seminarians were able to stay overnight in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. “Here you are in the center of human history and to be able to stay and meditate on that and have the tomb more to yourself was really amazing,” he said.

Fr. Christopher Beaudet, vice rector for administration, recently completed two year-end evaluations with men who are poised for ordination to the diaconate. “Both named the Holy Land experience as a pivotal, formative experience they know will forever affect their read of Sacred Scripture and their ability to preach.”

The evaluations affirmed Fr. Beaudet. “To see how the formation program has molded their hearts after the heart of Christ is really beautiful,” he said. “I can see how the various assets of the program have come to a composite and a natural wholeness in each of these men.”
Koop said he’s grateful to have experienced that first hand. “When I think about all the experiences I’ve been able to have and everything the seminary has provided me in my formation, it’s really incredible how comprehensive it is. And it seems like every year there’s some new, impressive program drawing the attention of other bishops.”

One of those lauded programs, the Teaching Parish Program, has been endowed by *I Will Give You Shepherds*, which means practical training for priesthood will continue. The program allows seminarians to spend every Wednesday and one Sunday a month at a teaching parish for four years, a residency of rare duration and depth.

“I like the fact that they get to see their home before they live in it.”

Richard Schulze, chairman of Best Buy Co., remarking about his family foundation’s challenge grant in support of the Teaching Parish Program.

Albert Wugaa, Theology III, has spent his time at Nativity of Our Lord in St. Paul, peppering the pastor with questions on the ins and outs of parish ministry. What’s it like to lead parishioners in prayer? How does he stay spiritually fulfilled amid the busy schedule? And how do you oversee fiscal operations of an entire parish? “That was something I did not know much about,” Wugaa said.

The bond the Ghana native has formed with Nativity parishioners fortifies him – which is helpful given his rigorous schedule, rising at 5 a.m. for a 6 a.m. holy hour and studying from 5-11 p.m. “These people are very, very holy men and women and they need God and they need the priest. The way they relate to me is just so kind. That gives me energy to be able to stay here. Whenever I get tired, I think of Nativity and say, ‘Wake up! The people need me!’”

Wugaa is keenly aware that his first-class formation at The Saint Paul Seminary is possible because of many generous donors. Accepting their gifts is a formative spiritual experience in itself. “The Saint Paul Seminary has no equal,” he said. “Every day I think of all the people who are supporting the seminary and sometimes I shed tears of joy.”
James Peterson wasn’t much for taking pictures, which is why his family teases him about the hundreds of photographs he snapped last January while in England with his brother Theology II seminarians. Those images are now rotating on Peterson’s computer screensaver, each one reflecting a thousand words and graces.

The trip was Peterson’s first time abroad and The Saint Paul Seminary’s first time sending the Theology II class abroad – and what better place and time than to walk in Blessed John Henry Newman’s footsteps a few months after Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed his beatification? The seminarians gained great insights on Blessed Newman, and at the trip’s end, they resolved to make him the patron of their class.

The life-changing trip was made possible by the Archbishop Harry Flynn Institute in Homiletics, which has been endowed by I Will Give You Shepherds. The institute was created to provide permanent support for teaching homiletics at The Saint Paul Seminary – and fittingly, Peterson pointed out, Blessed John Newman was lauded for his preaching.

Now, thanks to the endowment campaign, every Theology II class will have the opportunity to study and be inspired by our Church’s most heralded teachers and preachers, like Blessed Newman.

“Our entire family understands the need for having priests who are gifted speakers to deliver the message of Christ to the entire Church population.”

Karen Rauenhorst on the Rauenhorst Family’s gift to create and endow the Archbishop Harry Flynn Institute in Homiletics.

As the impact of I Will Give You Shepherds begins to take root, Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson is counting its blessings. “It’s a glorious time at the seminary,” he said.

Thompson is excited about every campaign benefit, from the seminary’s climbing enrollment to its healthy finances. But when pressed, he cannot deny a favorite: “For me, it would have to be the endowed institutes – especially the Visiting Scholar Program.”

Endowing the seminary’s institutes – the Monsignor Jerome Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies, the Archbishop Harry Flynn Institute in Homiletics and the Visiting Scholars Program – has secured the seminary’s foothold as a premiere
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theological institution. It’s enabled the seminary to attract the brightest Catholic scholars on all the leading issues of the day, enlivening the seminarians and lay students, enriching the archdiocese and then sharing that scholarship through published works and on the web.

One conference leads to another and a new network opens up with each visiting scholar. Take the October 2009 conference on the environment and St. Thomas Aquinas spearheaded by Thompson in collaboration with the National Catholic Rural Life Office. It attracted respected scholars across the country and from Europe, eliciting coverage by the Rome-based news agency Zenit and winning The Saint Paul Seminary exposure among Vatican circles.

“In academia, that’s the way we build,” Thompson said. “We don’t have lots of bricks and mortar. We do have books.”

And more books each month, thanks to the endowment campaign, which lifted the already outstanding Ireland Library to a higher standard. The campaign supports faculty research and travel, making it all the more attractive to first-rate academics.

It’s working, reports Deacon Kristopher Cowles, Theology IV. “We’ve gotten a lot of phenomenal new professors over the last couple of years. The Saint Paul Seminary has become a great seminary, and, in talking to men from other seminaries, they’re coming to realize it too.”

Thanks to the generosity of campaign benefactors, a professor now could host a conference on a subject near and dear to him or her and the seminary could “pull it off,” Thompson said. “For those who are thinking about work in higher ed, that’s quite a blessing.”

Another blessing, he’s quick to add, is the fact that distinguished theological scholars now visit regularly, staying at the seminary for a year, semester or a brief lectureship. The scholars participate fully, teaching classes, leading round-table discussion, lecturing and participating in conferences. It is a “win-win,” Thompson said, attracting great minds and publicity to the seminary while allowing a busy scholar to immerse in one preferred field of research, free of distraction.

Msgr. John Radano, the seminary’s second scholar-in-residence, expressed deep gratitude for that opportunity, having served in Vatican City for 24 years, where the expert on ecumenism was asked to participate in a host of projects and committees. “This was a seasoned senior scholar, and he knew this was a real opportunity, so I was very pleased to be a catalyst for that,” Thompson said.

Dr. Christopher Thompson, left, enjoyed conversation with participants during the 2009 conference on the environment.
Students and seminarians are still raving about the seminary’s first scholar-in-residence, renowned ethicist Dr. Janet E. Smith. Her class on Pope John Paul II and *Humane Vitae* was “exceptional,” said Evan Koop, Theology III, empowering him to share the late pontiff’s message on love and sexuality with all the lay people he will one day serve.

Alexandra Theis, a second-year graduate student, found a role model in Dr. Smith. “You can tell what she’s doing is really grounded in her love of the Lord and her relationship with the Lord and the Church,” she said.

Smith, meanwhile, raves about her time at The Saint Paul Seminary. “I found the faculty and administration tremendously hospitable and the students terrifically responsive,” she said. “I also got some important writing and research done in a most congenial environment.”

With so much progress underway, it’s no wonder the caliber of men enrolling in the seminary keeps rising, Thompson said. “The Saint Paul Seminary has really been transformed in terms of our capacity to have a presence here.”

Fr. Robert Pish, vice rector for student affairs and a 2005 graduate of The Saint Paul Seminary, uses the same word to describe what friends of the seminary have made possible. “The transformation has been comprehensive and evidence of the grace of God at work. It has grown and developed in ways that I only dreamed of when I was in seminary.”

“We are so happy to be part of the good things happening at the seminary and particularly honored to be part of the beginning of the Visiting Scholars Program.”

David and Barbara Koch on their inaugural gift to establish the Visiting Scholars Program.

Bishops are taking note. Fr. Christopher Beaudet, vice rector for administration, said he routinely hears from bishops who have heard about good happenings at The Saint Paul Seminary – both the innovative programs and the generous scholarships. “We are attracting many more bishops who are looking at our seminary as a viable option for training their future priests – dioceses that hadn’t been represented for awhile and also new dioceses.”

Knowing the seminary’s fiscal future is secure brings great comfort to Fr. Beaudet. “You don’t want to have your programs, your faculty, or your institution suddenly in jeopardy because ecclesial or cultural trends have shifted,” he said.

James Peterson, Theology II, enjoys reflecting on the seminary’s legacy. “It fills me with a great sense of joy and hope for the future of my brothers going through formation, and as I continue along, to realize that these programs that have been so meaningful will continue. Joy, hope, gratitude.”
Doors keep opening for Alexandra Theis, a 23-year-old with curly red hair and an insatiable interest in the Catholic Church.

Theis was able to begin the master’s theology program at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity two years ago, thanks to a major scholarship from the endowment campaign. It covers 80 percent of her tuition, a much-needed financial break given the hefty loan she’s paying down from her undergraduate degree. “I’m very grateful to have it and really humbled to have been offered such a great gift, which has enabled me to pursue these studies,” she said.

Enrollment in the lay master’s programs has climbed since I Will Give You Shepherds endowed a permanent scholarship fund, reports Fr. Christopher Beaudet, vice rector for administration. “Our lay student enrollment has dramatically increased,” he said, “and indicators seem to point to ongoing momentum.”

The school is beginning to attract strong applicants from across the country, not just the region, noted Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson.

Currently the program has 64 students. Twenty-four graduated last year.

Meanwhile, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute is growing, offering lay Catholics another seminary-led opportunity to deepen their spiritual and intellectual formation through dynamic Monday evening lectures. The institute has attracted a diverse group of students from 72 parishes, elevating its current enrollment...
to 236. The institute graduated its inaugural class last May: 126 proud. Through these students, Director Jeff Cavins said, “we will see the world change.”

The boom of these lay programs means a lot to Fr. Beaudet. “I have a special pride in our lay students because I’m inspired by their sincere love for the Church and their very deep love for the priesthood,” he said. “The collaborative nature of their formation alongside the seminary curriculum and environment is in itself instructive and will be fundamental to their use of their master’s degrees in the future.”

Such collaboration has been rare in Catholic higher education, he added. “For too long it’s been a dichotomous relationship between the lay and the ordained. But now, I think we’re striking just the right balance.”

Theis appreciates that balance. “You know you’re in the heart of the local Church here,” she said. “It’s where not only our lay people are being formed but also our future priests, and as a theologian or pastoral minister, I’m going to need to be working in collaboration with them.”

Fr. Robert Pish, vice rector for student affairs, believes it is crucial to form lay students and seminarians in the same environment. “We have an excellent faculty that we want to be able to share with the Church as widely as possible,” he said. “Having the same formation, the same transmission of knowledge, really prepares the hearts and minds of both seminarians and lay leaders to work in harmony, to serve one Church together through their complementary roles.”

Lay students are earning master’s degrees in three fields: theology, pastoral ministry and religious education. Theis is currently taking Fr. Peter Laird’s course on biomedical ethics, applying a Catholic framework to cutting-edge, high-stakes medical procedures. “Many of the issues are so new there hasn’t even been a Church pronouncement on them,” she said. That reality helps Theis see the importance of her study, which she plans to pursue far beyond this class.

Then again, Theis can’t name a class that hasn’t ignited her interest, even the ones, like Old Testament, that didn’t initially excite her. “It’s opened my eyes to the richness of the whole tradition. I’m beginning to think more seriously about doctoral work, which I hadn’t before.”

That progression is endemic of her master’s experience: a hundred little discoveries opening up to her every day, light-bulb moments where the synapse between head and heart burns brightly. Theis doesn’t take any of them for granted, thanks to her scholarship.

“They’re giving me such a great gift that I have to, I want to give back by really giving this my all,” she said. Indeed, she has. The full-time graduate student is a fixture on campus. She meets with professors outside of class, Students in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute enjoyed the lecture during one of their Monday evening classes at the seminary.
worships with the seminary community, works at the reception desk and serves as Thompson’s graduate assistant, a role that has enabled her to help plan high-profile lectures and communicate with formidable scholars.

Theis often joins the seminarians at Friday adoration. She also likes to lose herself in the Ireland Library. “They have a great collection of periodicals,” she raved.

Her favorite?

The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly, a publication Theis had never heard of before beginning the master’s program. The library’s leather chairs make for good reading, she said – though sometimes she’ll perch at a table to spread out all her materials and use her Toshiba laptop.

The seminary’s environment is one-of-a-kind, Theis said. “Right away, upon starting, I felt very much at home and at peace here. You know Christ is the center of everything that’s happening.”

The bonds among seminarians and lay students is a beautiful thing, Fr. Pish said. “We promote our community life in many ways – in prayer, in our intellectual pursuits, socially – just real people sharing the joys and sorrows of everyday life.”

Visitors pick up on that immediately, he added. “They all report incredibly positive experiences. That speaks to me about the quality of the community we’ve developed here.”

For her part, Theis says she’s grateful for the seminarians’ influence. “Seeing that willingness to commit their lives in such a radical way to living and spreading the Gospel, it is very, very inspiring. It makes those of us who see that think, ‘How am I being called to give myself to the Church?’”

God hasn’t revealed the answer to that question just yet, but Theis’ time in graduate studies has set her on the path to realize it. “It’s an adventure that I’m eager to keep pursuing,” she said.

Theis lives a mile from the seminary and she often walks to class, taking a route that carries her along the river. Then she can breathe it all in: provident God, grateful student.
Bill Reiling has no tolerance for mushy-gushy talk, no interest in accolades. The chairman of Sunrise Community Banks still sees himself as a poor farm kid, a carpenter’s son who was once a “nail hammerer” himself and has always loved to build.

At The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, there was much to build, so the dedicated board member grabbed a hammer, rolled up his sleeves and started swinging.

“That fact is we need priests and we weren’t getting them,” Bill said. “The goal was taking the seminary from good to great. And the mission was more good priests. It’s that simple. I don’t think we should try to complicate it.”

When you press Bill to reflect on the staggering success of the endowment campaign, it’s clear he has no appetite for self-congratulatory fanfare, that he’d rather discuss future efforts. He wants to keep plowing ahead, but he’ll allow others a little revelry. “It’s good to raise your glasses and make a toast and clap your hands,” he said. “But this is ongoing.”

Soon he’s listing areas that need improvement. As Bill sees it, there’s just as much burden to reinforce today as there was to build before. “Now that we’re here, it’s going to take continuous work. Once you’re No. 1, you have to work to stay No. 1.”

That’s his admission of success, the status Bill has been aiming for since the board recognized the need for an endowment campaign following on the heels of a successful building campaign led by Fr. Charles Froehle during his time as rector.

Leading from that point to the present, there were countless meetings, prayers and negotiations, but Bill summarizes the progress with characteristic understatement: “Two or three good things have happened.”

He credits a series of dedicated rectors and the twinning of Monsignor Callaghan and top-notch staff.

As for their role as campaign co-chairs, Bill and his wife, Joanne, felt compelled to accept the invitation. “We couldn’t say no,” he said.

It was a prudent selection, tapping into Bill’s widespread reputation as a “goodwill ambassador,” as the president of a local bank put it. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan lauds Bill’s commitment to the seminary and the archdiocese at large.
“In all he does – banking, community development, nonprofit and philanthropic ventures – Bill has a passionate commitment to developing leaders of integrity,” he said. But Bill downplays his involvement in the historic campaign. “I just get up every day and go,” he said.

In a rare philosophical moment, Bill chooses decidedly unglamorous words. “I do think we get assignments from God,” he said. “I call them assignments. We all get assignments to do things for the Church and for other people. We just try to do what we try to do. And frankly, it’s not very pretty, but sometimes we get it done.”

When talking about the campaign, Bill and Joanne are quick to offer a highlight, an example that hints at their abiding faith and their love of neighbor: the chance to give Our Lady of Confidence statues to special benefactors. The statue of the Madonna and child is a copy of an image of Our Lady of Confidence in the main chapel of the Holy Father’s seminary in the Diocese of Rome.

Joanne recalls the gift ceremony fondly. “People were so impressed and taken aback,” she said. “It was so beautiful. It just captured the feelings of love of Mary and her baby Jesus. It brought tears to everybody’s eyes.”

That includes non-Catholics who embraced the image, just as they have embraced the campaign.

Joanne has seen the statue prominently displayed in homes – in and outside Minnesota. “To have this Madonna was a special kind of security,” she said. One benefactor brought the statue to his ailing wife, who was nearing death. “She just smiled and would rub it all the time,” Joanne said.

It’s a fitting image for the Reilings, who credit the love of their mothers for their active support of the Catholic Church. “The mothers are the great influence,” Joanne said, “getting up for church on time, going to church on holy days, going to confession.”

Watching donations pour in over the last five years filled the Reilings with awe and appreciation. People of all means dug deep and gave generously, exceeding the campaign goal by $5 million. “It was heartwarming,” Joanne said. “We were surprised – sometimes shocked – and very grateful.”

Bill is matter-of-fact in articulating the campaign’s profound impact – among them, he says, endowed study abroad opportunities for the seminarians and visiting scholars. “They are important aspects to the transformation from good to great seminary, having the resources to do that.” Add a first-rate staff and Bill knows the result: “Our image now is a national one.”

Which means there’s no time to rest on laurels. “In the future I think you’re going to see a number of changes and improvements,” Bill said. “We’ve installed a foundation on which that can be built. We still have a lot of work to do.”
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**ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE**

**CAMPAIGN GIVING**

**GOAL:** $23,000,000  
**TOTAL GIFTS:** $28,110,712

![Pie Chart](chart1.png)

Notes:
- Campaign total includes $10,247,789 in deferred and other estate gifts.
- The cost to raise a dollar for the *I Will Give You Shepherds* campaign was $0.03.
- The cost to raise a dollar for the campaign period was $0.08.

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Bishop LeVoir Institutes Lectors

On Feb. 11, Bishop John LeVoir of the Diocese of New Ulm presided over the institution of 13 seminarians as lectors. This is the first of four important steps toward ordination. As lectors, these seminarians will have the opportunity to explore deeply the priestly role of minister of the Word.

Seminarians gathered with Bishop LeVoir and Msgr. Callaghan following the lector installation.

Teaching Parish Committees Honored

Close to 300 people from 54 parishes gathered on Mar. 13 to celebrate the seminary’s Teaching Parish Program. Following Mass in St. Mary’s Chapel with seminarians and faculty of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, the group enjoyed brunch at the Binz.

The Teaching Parish Program offers seminarians the opportunity to develop pastoral and administrative skills alongside a pastor and immersed in the life of a parish. Sixty parishes host seminarians; each parish forms a teaching parish committee that works with the seminarian through his four years of seminary study.

Robert Abotzabire, Theology III, enjoyed breakfast with Mark and Karleen Smith and their children. The Smiths are members of Abotzabire’s teaching parish committee at Holy Spirit Church in St. Paul.
PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS ENSURE CAMPAIGN’S SUCCESS

Forming more good priests. Making a good seminary into a great one. Many factors contribute to such a transformation: capable and visionary leadership, outstanding faculty, dedicated staff. An essential element that rarely gets the accolades it deserves is the role of volunteers in making fundraising campaigns successful.

The I Will Give You Shepherds campaign owes a large part of its success to the men and women who allowed the spark of the vision of a healthy and vibrant seminary to become a fire within them, spurring them not just to personal generosity, but to inspire others; they urged many to join the cause of making the dream of having more good and holy priests for the future of the Church a reality, not just for today but for generations to come.

Three of our volunteers deserve special recognition for the tremendous contribution they have made. All three were part of the effort from beginning to end and made particular contributions to the campaign’s success.

Among many other roles, Quent Hietpas served as the chief architect of the campaign. It was his vision that inspired the seminary board to step beyond its comfort zone and commit to the effort. It was his expert guidance and mentoring hand at key moments that helped keep us on track. And it was his wisdom and knowledge that helped put the finishing touches to the endeavor.

Mike McGovern served as the chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee during the bulk of the campaign period. During this time, the seminary was working hard to improve internal controls and operations in addition to conducting a major external fundraising effort. In the challenge of balancing the internal and external focus, it was Mike’s experience and steady hand that kept us on course.

We could not have asked for more dedicated leadership than we found in Bill Reiling as campaign chair. Bill’s tireless work, candid counsel, and example set the pace. He and his wife, Joanne, were the face and heart of the campaign, hosting gatherings, meeting with friends to introduce the work of the seminary, and following through with those who contributed to thank them for their commitment.

In recognizing these three volunteer leaders, we also honor, recognize, and give thanks for all who have contributed to the success of the campaign. Truly, the work of priestly formation would not be possible without the generous commitment of time and resources by thousands of people. Because of that support, the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign was a great success, and it is this success which will, in turn, ensure our ability to train more good priests for today and generations to come. We give thanks to God for you, who have sustained us with your prayers, resources, and gifts of time. May God bless you for all you have done.

Volunteers hosted an evening reception to promote the Jerusalem Studies program. Hosts for the evening were Julie (pictured) and Tom Hurley; Mollie and Tom Raih; Ellen and Phil Roeser and Vicki and Russell Sheaffer.
Dr. Deborah Savage gave a talk entitled “Women’s Work” at the Faith and Work Breakfast at St. Olaf Catholic Church on Feb. 17. The talk was an exploration of the effects of women taking a prominent role in the modern workplace on family life, our culture – and women themselves. The well-known breakfast series is now in its second decade and is co-sponsored by St. Olaf and the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought at the University of St. Thomas.

Dr. David Jenkins was one of several performers in a concert of the music of Bach and Reger broadcast live on Minnesota Public Radio on Mar. 19 from St. Mary’s Chapel. Hosted by MPR’s Michael Barone, the show featured solo and ensemble music for organ, harpsichord, piano, and strings, with performers from the University of Minnesota School of Music, the Bach Society of Minnesota, and the Saint Paul Chamber.

Sr. Katarina Schuth, OSF presented four lectures on “Vocations and the Millennial Generation” to the vocation directors of the 18 Trappist monasteries in the U.S. The conference was held at Holy Spirit Monastery in Conyers, GA from Mar. 10-13.

She also gave a presentation for the Boston College Church in the Twenty-First Century Center in Boston, entitled “Preparing to Serve: Seminary 2011” on Mar. 21.

Edited by Dr. Christopher Thompson and Dr. Steven Long of Ave Maria University, Reason and the Rule of Faith: Conversations in the Tradition with John Paul II (University Press of America, 2011) was published in January.
- For more information on any of these events, please call 651-962-5050

**CALENDAR**

**MAY 9**
Distinguished Alumni Award  
*St. Mary's Chapel*

**MAY 15**
Graduation for Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute  
*St. Mary's Chapel*

**JUN. 6**
The Saint Paul Seminary Golf Tournament  
*Town and Country Club*

**JUN. 6-17**
National Association of Church Business Administration Seminars  
*The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity campus*

**JUN. 9-11**
Quinn Institute Biblical Conference  
*The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity campus*

**JUN. 14-16**
Nature as Norm Conference  
*The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity campus*

**PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS 2011**

**ROCKFORD**  
May 21  
10:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter

**ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS**  
May 28  
10:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of the Saint Paul

**ST. CLOUD**  
Jun. 4  
10:30 a.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Mary

**SIOUX FALLS**  
Aug. 4  
11:00 a.m.  
St. Joseph Cathedral

**DIACONAL ORDINATIONS 2011**

**ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS NAVRONGO-BOLGATANGA**  
May 7  
10:00 a.m.  
Basilica of Saint Mary

**ST. CLOUD**  
May 28  
10:30 a.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Mary

**ROCKFORD**  
May 21  
10:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of Saint Peter

**DULUTH**  
Jun. 10  
5:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary

**SIOUX FALLS**  
May 26  
11:00 a.m.  
St. Katharine Drexel Church