Dear Friends,

The first three words of Saint Paul’s letter to Timothy – “grace, mercy, peace” – might best capture what our beloved Pope Francis is showing to the world - URBI ET ORBI!

At World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, our Holy Father encouraged the youth “to be witnesses of [God’s] love, courageous witnesses of His Gospel, carrying to this world a ray of His light.”

Pope Francis’ hope for the youth is the same hope we have for our seminarians and lay students - that they will carry the light of Christ into the world through their ministry and service to others.

“Love one another as I have loved you.” These are the instructions Jesus gave to His first disciples that He consecrated for mission; it was a call to love. These are the instructions He gives to these new men preparing for mission today.

A recent interview that Pope Francis gave to Fr. Antonio Spadaro, S.J., as reported in America magazine, entitled “A Big Heart Open to God,” gave a glimpse of the Pope’s vision for true reform and renewal. He said, “The first reform must be the attitude. The ministers of the Gospel must be people who can warm the hearts of the people, who walk through the dark night with them, who know how to dialogue and descend themselves into their people’s night, into the darkness, but without getting lost.”

For these new men this call to love is the work of renewal. Renewal calls them to concentrate on the practice of humility, charity and abandonment to the will of God:

- By **humility** you accept yourself as you are, admitting your faults, and trying to correct them.
- Through **charity** you learn how to live with others in Christ-like patience and unselfishness.
- **Abandonment to God’s will** involves the careful performance of your duties as well as a generous acceptance of whatever God allows to happen to you.

These new men have their instructions - their call is the opportunity for them to do something beautiful for God.

As we close out the Year of Faith, our seminarians have a theme or slogan as they follow the lead of our Shepherd, Pope Francis – “Be calm, be of good cheer, and fan the flame.”

Please pray for these men now so that they might show **grace, mercy and peace** to everyone they encounter in Christ’s name and that they will always and everywhere have “a big heart open to God!”

God bless you,

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan
Rector and Vice President
The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity’s 2013-2014 academic year started on a strong note when faculty, staff, seminarians and lay students gathered on September 4 for Mass and dinner. Translated from Latin as “let us rejoice,” Gaudeamus is an annual celebration when everyone comes together to begin the work of intellectual, pastoral, spiritual and human formation of both seminary and lay students.

Archbishop John Nienstedt celebrated the Mass during which he received from each faculty member an Oath of Fidelity. Faculty members make a profession of faith and present the archbishop with a signed oath promising their commitment to be faithful to the Church’s teaching.

“Especially within the context of the seminary, teaching is much more than a career; it is a vocation,” Assistant Professor of Church History Dr. Kenneth Snyder explained. “Our ongoing response to this call draws us deeper into a relationship with God and the Church. The Oath of Fidelity provides an opportunity for faculty to give public witness of their commitment to those relationships and for the archbishop to affirm our role in the life of the Church.”

University of St. Thomas President Dr. Julie Sullivan also attended Mass and dinner with faculty, staff and seminarians. The new president was warmly welcomed by the archbishop, Msgr. Callaghan and the entire community as she begins her tenure following Fr. Dennis Dease’s retirement in June.

“I look forward to working with Dr. Julie Sullivan, our new president at the University of St. Thomas,” said Msgr. Callaghan, “especially in our efforts to strengthen the Catholic identity of our university so that we make ours truly a ‘culture of encounter’ – an encounter with the Living Word – Jesus Himself.”
Several improvements in and around the seminary greeted returning seminarians, lay students and guests. Flying high and proud atop two newly installed flagpoles are the American and Vatican flags. These can be seen on each side of the Metropolitan Cross near the seminary entrance.

On August 8, demolition of the courtyard outside the main entrance began. In less than three weeks, the old concrete slabs were removed and new walkways were laid with decorative paving stones. The new layout increased the green space, giving the courtyard a park-like look and feel. New lighting was added as a final touch in this phase, with plans for additional plantings and benches next summer. This improvement was made possible by a generous designated gift from a donor’s estate.

Finally, a statue of Blessed John XXIII was installed in St. Mary’s Chapel the weekend before classes began. Commissioned and crafted by artist Mussner G. Vincenzo of Sacred Art Studio in Ortisei, Italy, this statue resides in the alcove to the left of the altar. Archbishop Nienstedt blessed the new statue and noted the timely arrival as Pope Francis has announced he will canonize John XXIII on April 27, 2014.

**ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment numbers for seminarians and lay students remain high. Continuing a steady trend in growth, 106 seminarians are studying at The Saint Paul Seminary, representing 18 dioceses and two institutes of religious life.

“The Lord continues to call and men continue to respond wholeheartedly. Blessed be God!” exclaimed Msgr. Callaghan. “We must pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers.”
Admission to Candidacy

In the first of four distinct rites leading up to and culminating in ordination, 21 Theology I seminarians were admitted to candidacy to the priesthood by Bishop David Kagan, Diocese of Bismarck, on September 26.

Also known as the Installation of Lectors, the seminarians receive the Book of Epistles to proclaim the Word of God and to instruct the faithful during this rite.

“Candidacy is the first, formal recognition by the Church of a man’s desire to commit himself to priestly formation and to Christ and His Church by the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders,” Bishop Kagan said. “This is an important, public act for the Church and for the candidate. The Church commits itself to pray for and form the man; the man commits himself in humble obedience to this essential formation in configuration to Christ Jesus.”

Seventy-four graduate lay students are currently enrolled in three different degree programs in the School of Divinity, which include:

- **Master of Arts in Theology (MAT)** – 34
- **Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM)** – 17
- **Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE)** – 10

Additionally, there are thirteen non-degree seeking students.

“The students this year are especially impressive,” said Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson. “Not only are they bright, but they are also passionate about sharing their talents with the Church and the world.”

There are approximately 360 lay students enrolled in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute for 2013-2014. This brings the total number of students enrolled in The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity to more than 500.

Dr. Thompson also noted, “I think we are entering a new phase where our Catholic witness demands something of each of us. Our students, both seminary and lay, are preparing to meet that demand.”

*Gaudeamus…let us rejoice at the beginning of a new year!*
Pope Francis’ call for wide-reaching evangelization was clearly reflected in The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity’s summer programs, which brought the seminarians to hospitals, neighborhoods and foreign countries.

“We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel,” the Holy Father told a group of bishops gathered in Rio de Janeiro before World Youth Day. He later told the young people that Christian evangelization should have “no borders, no limits,” saying, “Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent.”

One of the most powerful summer experiences came through the eight-week Spiritual Pastoral Ministry (SPM) program conceived by Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan and directed by Fr. Allen Kuss and Dr. Charlotte Berres, CSJ. Designed for seminarians who have just completed Theology I, the SPM program examines Church teaching on healing, anointing, death and dying and includes daily visits to local hospitals.

This summer, for the first time, the morning classes included talks from various Catholic chaplains, each one held at their respective assignments – Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Woodwinds Health Campus, Cerenity Senior Care, St. Joseph’s Hospital, St. John’s Hospital, Minneapolis VA Health Center System – which provided a range of perspectives and a practical education in the logistics of visiting a hospital. “I was really impressed with the chaplain presentations,” Dr. Berres said, “from family dynamics to dealing with the mentally ill to accommodating a variety of illnesses.”
For Charlie Friebohle, a 24-year-old Brainerd native, spending time at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System made him feel much more prepared for priesthood. “Nearing death was often a time to revisit faith,” Friebohle said. “Most found comfort in that. There were some who had questions about whether God was punishing them. They were scared of what’s to come.”

Learning to more adeptly read unspoken cues – when to stay in a hospital room and when to leave a patient alone with family, when to speak and when to be silent – proved to be a gradual and valuable education for Steven Wirth, 24, a farmer’s son from Munich, North Dakota. “It got better throughout the summer,” he said. “A lot of it is going in with confidence that God is with you and God wishes to work through you. Being perfect is not the goal. Bringing Christ is the goal.”

Wirth described his time at the VA as a case where “theology meets the pastoral reality” and found himself pondering a big question: “What can the Catholic priest bring to those who are grieving and those who are facing their own mortality?” At the same time, he observed how the medical staff made rounds and picked up some of their lingo.

The SPM program is perhaps the only one of its kind, and it boosts the seminary’s national reputation. Director of Pastoral Formation Fr. Allen Kuss has fielded a number of inquiries about SPM; this summer it even drew a seminarian from the Diocese of Venice, Florida.

“I think it’s wonderful,” said Fr. Damien Schill, Chief of Chaplain Service at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. “The seminary is doing a really excellent job in their formation. There’s not one student that’s come here who I wouldn’t recommend for the next step [of seminary formation].”

Fr. Kuss shares that enthusiasm. “I am very excited about the program,” he said. “It’s not proselytizing. It’s about meeting people in their healing, their recovery and their dying, when they are most vulnerable.”

**DOOR-TO-DOOR MINISTRY**

The summer of 2013 brought the second round of the seminary’s unique Evangelization in Action (EIA) program. Seminarians who will be entering Theology I in the fall served at four parishes throughout the metro area: St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights, St. Joseph’s in West St. Paul, and St. Michael’s and St. Matthew’s parishes in St. Paul. They spent time with parishioners, engaged in parish life and canvassed each parish neighborhood, going door to door to engage in spiritual discussions and share their vocation stories.
“It was really intimidating,” said Neil Bakker, 34, an Austin, Minnesota, native preparing to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis. “We started out using a kind of script, but as time went on, I realized I had to abandon the script and take a more personal approach. The most important thing I learned is you have to bring your whole self. You just have to be with that person and have no real expectations.”

The seminarians encountered a number of former Catholics in their encounters this summer. One woman, for instance, told Bakker about a priest who had offended her decades ago. “She said, ‘I left church and no one ever called. I just disappeared and they didn’t care.’ I was just listening for a long time and she was expressing her frustrations, and I found the best thing I could do was apologize and say, ‘I’m sorry that the priest said what he said.’ I’ll learn his lesson for him.”

Another woman had left the Catholic Church to worship at a Methodist church, the faith Bakker grew up in. The two discussed the Catholic sacraments, and he sensed a yearning in her, a wistfulness. “We want you to be confident that God loves you, that he’s always inviting you back into His Church,” Bakker told her. “We make it very personal, where you’re looking them in the eyes and showing that you really do care.”

A number of priests told Bakker they would have benefitted from a similar experience as seminarians. The program challenges priests to heed Pope Francis’ call, said Fr. John Mitchell, pastor of Immaculate Conception, who accompanied the seminarians on some door-to-door visits. “As a pastor, you feel like you’ve got enough to do just staying at your church. This program showed me, ‘How can I go out into the unfriendly waters?’ It encourages you to push out of your comfort zone. It taught me to rethink what I can do to reach out.” His parishioners got “a faith lift” from spending time with the seminarians, Fr. Mitchell added.

Stella Lundquist, a member of St. Matthew’s and a grandmother of 22, affirmed that observation. “They were awesome,” she said of the five seminarians stationed at her parish. “They crack jokes like crazy, but they have a solemn, prayerful side too. It made me think, ‘Ah, donating to the seminary has been worth it!’”
One of her summer highlights was the Eucharistic adoration the seminarians organized. The holy hour, which included songs and silent periods, was attended by 70 people. “It filled me up spiritually more than I had been for years,” Lundquist said. Members of St. Matthew’s and St. Michael’s are striving to continue the seminarians’ work so parishioners can enjoy regular adoration.

**LATIN AMERICAN INSIGHTS**

For the Theology III men, summer brought new passports stamps and a chance to immerse in the study of Spanish in Guadalajara, Mexico. For nearly two months, they devoted six hours each day to their studies, focusing on grammar and vocabulary in the morning and conversational skills in the afternoon. James Stiles, a 26-year-old from Owatonna, said the immersion improved his Spanish skills far above the level where he started.

Seeing how the Lord provided for him during his longest time out of the country was heartening, Stiles said. “That was a recurring experience: growth and trust in God and seeing how He was guiding the whole process and taking care of us.”

The Theology III seminarians ended their summer travels with a trip to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis’ mission parish in San Felix, Venezuela, Jesucristo Resucitado.

“The people stole my heart,” Stiles said. “Fr. [Greg] Schaffer, [the pastor there] was a good example of how to minister to people in such difficult situations, maintaining a spirit of hope, trusting in God and doing what we can to help people.”

The glimpse into Fr. Schaffer’s life increased his desire to be a priest, Stiles added. “You begin to look back and see how the Lord has worked and is working to break through certain comforts and barriers in our lives.”

*Theology III seminarians visit an orphanage, comfort the sick, and find a little time for sightseeing in Venezuela.*
GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE SUMMER

While the seminarians settle in to their summer parish assignments, travels or classes, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity adjusts the academic schedule to accommodate a variety of summer students who are progressing toward their graduate degrees in theology, pastoral ministry, or religious education. Since the summer of 2010, members of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan, take a break from their teaching assignments to further their graduate degrees in the Master of Arts in Theology program.

As Dominicans, their primary apostolate is the education and formation of young people. From their mother house in Ann Arbor or from teaching missions across the United States, the sisters come to the seminary for three, two-week intensive summer sessions.

Sister Mary Judith was one of three Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist to advance her graduate work at the seminary this summer. The following are her reflections on her experience in the classroom:

“As a religious Sister used to a rigorous schedule, summer studies at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity are a gift of spiritual nourishment. A relatively quiet campus in the summer is the perfect atmosphere to study. I enjoy the intense immersion in one class for a two-week period. This allows me to be wholly given to one subject.”

“Summer classes are like a trip to Rome in the sense that you are receiving more than you can take. You are unpacking the ideas all through the year. It is a gift to study the science of God in a prayerful atmosphere. I would call it a Dominican Heaven. There is truth everywhere!”

“The professors are outstanding and create a sense of being colleagues on a journey to wisdom. The class work is rigorous and rewarding.”

“As a school teacher, I see my studies as ongoing formation. In day-to-day work it is easy to lose sight of the big picture. Studying theology puts the right things in focus and becomes sort of an intellectual examination of conscience. It is easy to allow the attitudes of current thought to seep in; my theological studies are a way of reflecting on them and exposing them.”

“The best part of the graduate program is the way the truth I encounter challenges me and calls for conversion. It calls me to become what I should be. As a Dominican it allows me to live my vocation of contemplating and giving to others the fruits of my contemplation.”
IDENTITY CRISIS?
NOT HERE!

Imagine identifying yourself with a particular saint for the rest of your life. That is what the students in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute do. Every class at the institute is named after a saint, a practice that holds a dual purpose: it offers the class a model and an intercessor.

To date, the classes of St. Paul, St. John Vianney, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Blessed John Paul II have completed their two-year course, totaling more than 500 alumni. This fall 160 students in the class of St. Kateri Tekakwitha returned to The Saint Paul Seminary for their final year of the institute, while 210 students in the newly formed Class of St. Francis began their journey at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids. Both classes joined Bishop Lee Piché in St. Mary’s Chapel on Sept. 16 for the Catechetical Institute’s opening Mass and celebration.

Being named after a saint has given the graduates and students more than a model and an intercessor; it has given them an identity. And while the class saint unites them, it is just part of what keeps the students connected to the Catechetical Institute. The courses are dynamic, the teachers are inspiring, and the camaraderie that develops in the two-year experience is exhilarating.

“Each saint has distinctive charisms that the students in that class strive to emulate,” explained Jeff Cavins, Director of the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute. “Rallying around the charisms of their class saint builds a bond and a holy pride that sets the class apart.”

Knowing that it is difficult to leave this strong connection behind after graduation, the Catechetical Institute developed the Life Skills Course, a new offering for graduates and their spouses that will teach them how to live what was learned during their courses. Institute Director Jeff Cavins will teach the first four-week course this fall, entitled “Jesus the Rabbi: Following Him Day by Day.” This course focuses on the dynamic relationship between a rabbi and his disciple in the first century, while elaborating on the daily disciplines and activities of the modern disciple.

Another way of keeping the alumni connected is the Learn & Live Series. This is an opportunity for the students and graduates to share their experience by inviting friends and family to join the Catechetical Institute for a one-night lecture.

With new offerings for alumni and an incoming class that will take on an identity modeled after St. Francis, this will be an exciting year for everyone involved in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute.
On August 15, 2013, Catholics took advantage of having more than one reason to celebrate. This year’s Feast of the Assumption also marked the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II’s encyclical *Mulieris Dignitatem* (“On the Dignity and Vocation of Women”). In honor of both of these historical feats, the Siena Symposium for Women, Family and Culture gathered at The Saint Paul Seminary to pray together and discuss the unique role of women in the Church and society.

The evening began with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Lee Piché, in St. Mary’s Chapel. Afterward, a panel of presenters, including Dr. Mary Lemmons, Mrs. Gina Bauer and Dr. Deborah Savage, met at the University of St. Thomas to reflect on the encyclical’s relevance to women today.

The discussion was well attended and intriguing. Dr. Deborah Savage, Professor of Philosophy and Pastoral Ministry and co-founder of the Siena Symposium, stated the importance of women’s academic events and formation: “Faithful Catholic Women have been silent too long. With the need for a cultural renewal, the intellectual life of women is taking on new importance.”

The panel also focused on John Paul II’s idea of “the feminine genius,” an intrinsic sensitivity to the needs of others. This “genius” is best embodied by Mary, and deeply rooted in Church history and the words of the Second Vatican Council: “When the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling.”

Dr. Deborah Savage (left) and Professor Teresa Collett participate in the 25th Anniversary of *Mulieris Dignitatem*.

Bishop Lee Piché celebrated the seventh annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities on September 8 in St. Mary’s Chapel. During the Mass, 17 young people received the sacrament of confirmation.

Theology IV seminarian Deacon Marcus Milless was blessed to attend the Mass with his brother seminarians. He reflected, “These of our brothers and sisters show us how to carry the cross with grace. They come to the Lord with hands extended in childlike faith and joy, and ultimately teach us the foundational virtue of the priesthood: to love without fear. When we see this, we can’t help but extend our hands to help them in Christ Jesus.”

The event included a pre-Mass sing-a-long and a reception following Mass.

Families gather for a joy-filled Mass at the seminary with Bishop Piché.
WE’RE FANS OF FRANCIS!

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity didn't just go to the Minnesota State Fair; the seminary was the talk of the fair!

On Sunday, August 25, seminary faculty and staff took shifts at the University of St. Thomas booth in the education building. As temperatures soared into the 90s, hot fairgoers were handed an 8”x8” fan with a picture of Pope Francis smiling and waving on one side and the words “We’re fans of Francis!” on the other. Logos and website addresses for The Saint Paul Seminary, The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute, and Saint John Vianney College Seminary were also displayed on the back.

“It was a great way to reach out to people,” said Amy Burback, Admissions Recruiter for the lay graduate programs. “They loved the fans and learned a little more about us too.”

Director of Pastoral Formation Fr. Allen Kuss agreed. “Our new Holy Father is a great example of bringing Jesus to the people,” he said. “This was a fun way to bring him to the people and put a great face on our institutions at the same time.”

Once the fans were spotted on the fairgrounds, the word was out and people returned to the booth to pick one up to stay cool and spread the message. The Francis Fans also received several mentions on mainstream and social media throughout the fair.

Without a doubt, the coolest item at the “great Minnesota get together” was a small fan with a smiling pope.

FIRST VOCATIONS DAY HELD AT THE SEMINARY

When Director of Vocations Fr. Troy Przybilla was asked to create a vocations day for young men in the archdiocese, he turned to current seminarians for their ideas on how to showcase seminary life. The wheels started turning and out came a long list of ideas. Fr. Przybilla and the seminarians put these ideas into action and came up with a plan to host the first Vocations Day at the seminary.

Sponsored by the Vocations Office, more than 80 young men, ranging in age from 12-17, came to The Saint Paul Seminary on August 17 for a day of prayer and fun. The day included Mass, ice breakers, testimonies, pizza, seminary and campus tours, adoration, small group discussions and games. Woven throughout these activities was a theme of discerning God’s will for each of them, including the possibility of priesthood.

“One of our goals was to help these young men focus on ‘the call’ in a comfortable setting” said Fr. Przybilla. “Boys like to play, in addition to pray, so we knew that making it fun would be an important element to their experience.”

There was no shortage of fun as teen boys from all over the archdiocese watched the seminarians perform skits and formed teams to compete in football and ultimate Frisbee games on the University of St. Thomas football field. Before the day was over, Deacon Mark Paveglio led the young men in adoration in St. Mary’s Chapel and Lectio Divina, a prayerful, meditative reading of scripture. The guests, seminarians and Vocations Office staff considered the day a big success and are putting new ideas into action for the second annual Vocations Day.
SERRANS AND SEMINARIANS GATHER FOR ANNUAL STEAK FRY

Serrans from the District 7 Serra Clubs gathered at the seminary on September 23 to host the annual Serran Steak Fry. Beginning with evening prayer in St. Mary’s Chapel and ending with dinner at the Binz Refectory, the simple format lends itself to a relaxed, social evening for all.

“The best part of this event is getting to know the seminarians we pray for and learn more about their individual journeys,” said Arlene Leyden, a member of the Serra Club of St. Paul.

“The support of Serrans has been vitally important to my vocational call,” said Theology IV Deacon Sam Wagner from the Diocese of New Ulm. “God has used the faith and work of members of Serra in calling me to the priesthood. I am very grateful for their prayers and support.”

Named after Blessed Junipero Serra, Serra International is a global organization of lay Catholics whose mission is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church.

Serrans in attendance represented the Airport, St. Paul, St. Cloud, St. Croix Valley and North Minneapolis Serra Clubs.

RECTORS’ BOWL XIV

Friends, family and faithful fans of the seminaries came out for the annual Rectors’ Bowl on September 28. Msgr. Callaghan’s Sons of Thunder faced Fr. Michael Becker’s JAXX for the 14th time on the University of St. Thomas football field. Under the Saturday night lights, the game was one for the history books.

Going into the fourth quarter, it looked like the Sons of Thunder were ready to tie the game; however, the JAXX had the momentum and won 19-12.

What started as a way for the major and minor seminaries to get together and share in some back-to-school camaraderie, the Rectors’ Bowl has evolved into a game of strategy and true grit. There is even a coveted traveling Rector’s Trophy that goes to the winning seminary.

Seminarian Deacon Marcus Milless took a moment to draw an analogy between the game and life in the seminary: “During the game, we give it our all, not only for the glory of winning, but for the glory of God. This is exactly what St. Paul urges the community to do at Corinth: ‘Run so as to win!’ (1 Corinthians 9:24) The philosophy on the field plays out in the classroom, the chapel and when we proclaim the name of Christ Jesus on campus.”
After a seven-year collaboration with Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, an internationally recognized publisher of theological work, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity has entered into an agreement to begin a series on Catholic Theological Formation. Under the sponsorship of The Saint Paul Seminary, this series will feature the work of our endowed institutes, including the Msgr. Jerome D. Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Institute in Homiletics, and the Visiting Scholars Endowment Fund, as well as other faculty initiatives.

Academic Dean and series editor Dr. Christopher Thompson believes this is a significant opportunity for the faculty and visiting scholars of the seminary and its graduate programs. “The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity now has a platform that highlights its scholarship and shapes the conversation in seminarian theological formation in ways not previously imagined,” he said. “Without a doubt, this is a vehicle to continue to attract outstanding scholars from around the world.”

Located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company was established in 1910, printing “ten cent specials” for Dutch farmers. Many of Eerdmans’ earliest books were classic theological works by European scholars. With more than 1,000 titles currently in print, Eerdmans’ philosophy includes a commitment “to the life of the religious academy, to the church, and the role of religion in culture.”

Faculty members consider this the final component of the multi-stage process that began when the institutes were established in conjunction with the I Will Give You Shepherds Campaign. Director of Institutional Advancement Tom Ryan agrees. “This is a significant partnership that enhances the broader academic rigor of our institution, attracts notable scholars, and makes a contribution to our academic and theological communities,” he said. “It’s a win-win situation.”

The first volume of work that Eerdmans will publish includes the work of the Msgr. Jerome D. Quinn Biblical Institute. The Quinn Institute was established through an endowed fund in 2009, bringing renowned scholars to the seminary to teach, mentor faculty and produce scholarly work. The third Quinn conference was held at The Saint Paul Seminary in June. The work from all three conferences will be included in the publication.

The second volume will include work from the “Nature as Norm” conference that was held at the seminary in 2010. This volume will include the work of Dr. Steven Long of Ave Maria University in Florida and Charles Morerod, O.P., Bishop of the Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg, with an expected publication date of 2014.
The Value in Leaving a Legacy

Legacy is something that is handed down from a previous generation. All of us have received something from a previous generation, and all of us will pass on something to the next. The questions are, “What will we give?” and “To whom shall we give it?”

Much has been written and said about the unprecedented wealth transfer that is taking place in our world today. Some estimate up to $34 trillion will be passed on to the next generation in the next 10 to 20 years. Certainly one thing we are passing to the next generation is material wealth. But legacy is much more than money. It is values. And values are much harder to impart than material goods. An asset can be transferred with the stroke of a pen. Values take a lifetime to instill.

This, I believe, is one of the greatest challenges of our day. Yesterday’s generation was formed by the values of faith, hard work and generosity - “You give back more than you take.” The values that dominate the culture today are often contrary to this philosophy.

In addition to our children, institutions will also benefit from the upcoming transfer of wealth. Bob and Marion Abbot (see page 17) chose to direct some of their legacy to The Saint Paul Seminary. Why? Because they felt the seminary was in keeping with the values they want passed on, and they have confidence that the funds they bequeath will be used in the manner they have designated.

The Abbots are great examples of how to leave a legacy. They prudently looked at what they could do and made a plan. Their plan entailed not simply material assets, but also a designation that would benefit the next generation of Catholics. In this way, their legacy was not just a plan; it was an act of faith.

Intentional or not, all of us will leave a legacy of values or material goods. Ultimately our legacy should be an act of faith that can be left after careful thought and prayer.

Thomas R. Ryan
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
MAKING AN ACT OF FAITH

When Marion and Bob Abbott met with their financial planner upon retirement, they made it very clear they wanted to find a way to make a donation that would make a significant impact. They wanted to make an act of faith.

They have always cherished their Catholic faith and, as a result, have prayerfully and financially supported priests and religious throughout their lives. But this was a time to do something more. At the end of Marion’s career with the City of Minneapolis and Bob’s career with IBM, they turned to The Saint Paul Seminary.

After careful consideration, in 2007 the Abbott’s made The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity the owner and beneficiary of their life insurance policy. This scenario provides several benefits for both the individual and the seminary. Because the policy is owned by the seminary, the Abbott’s qualify for an immediate tax deductible contribution for the premiums they pay. And when the policy comes into effect, the seminary will receive a substantially larger gift enabling the Abbott’s to make a significant contribution to the work of priestly formation.

As longtime friends of the seminary and members of the Hill Society, making this act of faith was a rewarding step for both Marion and Bob. Early on Marion’s love for seminarians was enhanced by her own brother’s call to the priesthood, so assisting with the formation of future priests was a natural fit. From a practical perspective, this was an easy financial choice for Bob, knowing that this was where the fruits of their gift would be multiplied.

When Msgr. Callaghan asked the Abbotts, “Why did you choose The Saint Paul Seminary?” Bob gave him a simple answer, with a hearty laugh, “Where else can you better spend your money?” Ultimately, the Abbotts chose the seminary because they believe that assisting in the formation of good and holy priests would make the biggest impact.

The Abbotts made a special designation in their gift to support and educate the seminarians. When our ordained priests are serving in our parishes and schools, when they are administering the sacraments to the young and old, they know that they were supported by generous benefactors who made an act of faith to ensure their solid, faithful formation.

With their generous planned gift to The Saint Paul Seminary, Marion and Bob are making an act of faith that their money will live long into the future.
Dr. Deborah Savage, (shown at far left in front row) Professor of Philosophy and Pastoral Ministry, was one of eight speakers at an international conference at the University of Oxford, England, entitled “Journey of Transformation: Perspectives from Bernard Lonergan.” Co-sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University and The Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England, Dr. Savage presented her paper “Woman as Knower.” The conference, which featured a further investigation of Lonergan’s body of work, was attended by philosophers, theologians, bishops, professors and students from all over the world.

Dr. Christian D. Washburn, Associate Professor of Theology, helped to bring to completion the following work: *From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran – Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*. (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2013) Dr. Washburn also recently published an article entitled “St. Robert Bellarmine on the Authoritative Interpretation of Sacred Scripture.” Gregorianum 94, 1 (2013): 55-77. In August, Dr. Washburn attended the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity in Kyoto, Japan. Conducted under the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the conference focused on the topic “Baptism and Growing Communion.”

Deacon Joseph Michalak, Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation, was recently appointed the Director of the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis by Archbishop John C. Nienstedt. Deacon Michalak is recognized nationally on the topic of diaconal formation and has served three terms on the Board of the National Association of Diaconate Directors (NADD). In May, Deacon Michalak served as a member of a USCCB Consultation Team to evaluate and provide recommendations on the admission, formation and evaluation of diaconate candidates in the Archdiocese of Seattle. In June, he gave a workshop on “Teaching Homiletics in Permanent Diaconate Formation Programs” at the “Preaching the Mystery of Faith” conference at the University of Notre Dame. Additionally, he presented “Dying We Live,” at the Third Annual Midwest Regional Day of Reflection for Widows at Our Lady of Grace in Edina, Minnesota. In August, Deacon Michalak preached a retreat for deacons and their wives of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, on the Integration of Marriage and Holy Orders.

Sr. Katarina Schuth, OSF, PhD, Endowed Chair for Social Scientific Study of Religion, celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of St. Francis on Sunday, August 11, at Assisi Heights in Rochester, Minnesota. Surrounded by family and friends, Sr. Katarina and five other Franciscan sisters renewed and repeated their vows as they were pronounced 50 years ago. Sr. Katarina has served as a faculty member at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity since 1991.

Fr. Scott Carl, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture and Director of the Msgr. Jerome D. Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies, recently edited a volume of articles from the first two Quinn Conferences held in 2009 and 2011 at The Saint Paul Seminary. Entitled *Verbum Domini and the Complementarity of Exegesis and Faith*, this collective work will be published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. It will become the first volume in the “Catholic Theological Formation” series of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity (see article on page 15).

Nineteen members of the Class of 1960 gathered at the seminary in July for a three-day reunion. Together they visited the Maya exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota, enjoyed a formal dinner at a local restaurant, and celebrated Mass in St. Mary’s Chapel. Most importantly, they spent valuable time reminiscing and made plans to reunite in 2015 for their 55th anniversary.

Fathers Jim Quill, Bob Rosing, Al Ruschman and Don Helman (Class of 1953) of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, celebrated 60 years of priesthood this summer. They send greetings to their classmates and other friends of seminary days.

The Class of 1961 will be having their reunion at the seminary July 22-25, 2014, and the Class of 1964 is starting to plan for their 50th reunion in the summer of 2014.

The Class of 1967 will be gathering in the Tucson area on December 2, 2013. Plans for a June 2014 reunion in St. Paul are underway.

For more information or to share alumni news, please contact Alumni Coordinator Joe Lichty: (651) 962-5055 or joe.lichty@stthomas.edu
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**IN MEMORIAM**

- Fr. James F. Golden 1948
- Msgr. James R. Cain 1956
- Mr. Paul E. Bussard 1957
- Mr. Gerald J. Burbach 1960
- Mr. Thomas L. Keller 1960
- Mr. Jerome Koenke 1966