In his recent tour of Latin America, Pope Francis spoke powerfully of a Church engaged in “permanent mission.” He called it his dream for the Church, to evangelize with “the joy of the Gospel which fills the lives and hearts of all who encounter Jesus.” The Holy Father went on to say: “Intimacy with God, in itself incomprehensible, is revealed by images which speak to us of communion, communication, self-giving, and love.”

In his first encyclical, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis spoke of the true missionary as a disciple who knows that Jesus walks with him, speaks to him, breathes with him, works with him – he senses Jesus alive with him. This dream for the Church must be ours as we take up the call to evangelize.

At the beginning of each year, we choose a theme that will be the focus of our seminary formation program. For the 2015-2016 academic year we have chosen: “Called to Serve: Hands for His Work, Hearts for His Love.” These words shall guide us as we begin again in earnest to follow our Holy Father’s lead to live the dream.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta knew she had a mission to evangelize. The spirit of her society is one of loving trust, total surrender, and cheerfulness as lived by Jesus and Mary in the Gospel.

Mother once told a group of priests that for her to evangelize means simply “taking the Jesus who is in my heart and placing Him in your heart.” How simple, yet how profound!

These sentiments are echoed in Pope Francis’ words in Ecuador: “How beautiful it would be if we could admire how much we care for one another, how we encourage and help each other. Giving of myself means letting all the power of that love which is God’s Holy Spirit take root in our lives, opening our hearts to His creative power…When we give of ourselves, we discover our true identity…we discover that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus to whom we bear witness.” This is what it means to evangelize!

As servants of the Word and stewards of God’s mysteries, we are to be present to our neighbor with our whole heart. As a priest, I keep my heart open for a love that is as rich and all-embracing as possible. As a priest, I follow Christ in His freedom. Essential here is an undivided attention for the things of the Lord, attachment to His kingdom, total dedication to His people. We are called to be ambassadors of peace and guardians of all creation, as Pope Francis proclaims to the world in Laudato Si’ (Praise Be to You).

Our Lord gave us priests a beautiful way to give ourselves – our affections, our passions, our love to Him and the whole world. It is an undivided heart! Let us live the dream.

God bless you,

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan
Rector and Vice President

ON THE COVER (left to right): Newly ordained Fathers James Stiles and Peter Hughes celebrate their ordination at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Photo credit: Dave Hrbacek
Faculty, staff, seminarians, members of the Rector’s Council, and special guests gathered on April 30 for the official dedication and blessing of the Father Charles Froehle Administration Building. Froehle, who served 25 years on the faculty of The Saint Paul Seminary, passed away in January. Under his leadership, Froehle established the affiliation agreement between the seminary and the then College of St. Thomas, oversaw the design and construction on new administration and residence buildings, and conducted the renovation of St. Mary’s Chapel.

Following the blessing, guests proceeded to the annual Rector’s Council Dinner. Fr. Paul Feela, pastor of Lumen Christi in St. Paul, echoed the words so often used when describing Fr. Froehle, his former Rector and longtime friend: quiet, humble, and patient. “He was a thoughtful teacher and builder,” Feela noted, “Yet Fr. Froehle is remembered tonight for more than a building; he was, first and foremost, a builder of relationships.”

Msgr. Callaghan then recognized Sr. Maureen Fay, O.P., Ph.D., and Dr. Elizabeth Schiltz, J.D., at the end of their distinguished terms on the Board of Trustees. Sr. Maureen Fay, who was unable to attend, served as a representative of the University of St. Thomas since 2006. Her expertise in higher education and administration were of great benefit to both institutions. “But it is her strong Catholic faith and her desire to educate and form candidates for priestly service of the highest quality that sets her apart and made her an invaluable asset to our team,” Callaghan added.

Schiltz, who is on the faculty of the University of St. Thomas School of Law, was a valued member of the Formation and Program Development Committee, the Executive Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and on the Accreditation Review Subcommittee on Degree Program Standards. Callaghan warmly thanked Schiltz for her “vision and leadership for advancing the mission of priestly formation and for her wise counsel that the bishops of the United States expect from seminary boards.”

Bishop John LeVoir, Diocese of New Ulm, presents Dr. Elizabeth Schiltz with a framed print of St. Paul’s conversion at the end of her term on the Board of Trustees.
The bells and trumpets pealed from the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Saturday, May 30, 2015, as eight men were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood. It was a day of celebration inside this historic and holy building in which hundreds of men have been anointed by the Holy Spirit and configured to Christ the Priest.

Seven men were ordained for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and one man was ordained for Pro Ecclesia Sancta. More than 2,500 were present to witness the continuation of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Father Jake Anderson
Age: 29
Hometown: Baldwin, Wisconsin
Home Parish: Cathedral of Saint Paul
Teaching Parish: Maternity of Mary, St. Paul
First Assignment: Church of St. Michael, Stillwater

Advice for someone considering the priesthood: “Immerse yourself in the Word of God; seek the Lord with your whole heart and allow Him to pervade every aspect of your life; and have a good sense of humor!”
Father Byron Hagan
Age: 45
Hometown: Penn Yan, New York, and St. Paul
Home Parish: Church of St. Agnes, St. Paul
Teaching Parish: Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park
First Assignment: Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Advice for someone considering the priesthood: “Christ is the one who can truly tell us who we are. By seeking yourself in Christ, you are already fulfilling your vocation as a Christian. When you are doing this, the desires of your heart will become clearer and you can then follow them in complete peace. Perhaps this will mean the priesthood, perhaps not. The heart open to Christ is the heart open to its calling in life—it’s that simple.”

Father Peter Hughes
Age: 27
Hometown: East Bethel
Home Parish: Church of St. Paul, Ham Lake
Teaching Parish: St. Nicholas Catholic Church, New Market
First Assignment: Saints Joachim and Anne, Shakopee

When did you first consider the priesthood? “For a 9th grade civics project, I had to research two different job opportunities. I chose genetic engineering in botany and the priesthood. I had to conduct interviews, shadow someone on the job, and consider what it would take to do that job. This was when I first realized that I could be up to the task of the priesthood.”

Father Thomas “T.J.” McKenzie
Age: 28
Hometown: Maple Grove
Home Parish: Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park
Teaching Parish: St. Bridget of Sweden, Lindstrom
First Assignment: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hastings

Advice for someone considering the priesthood: “Stay close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and stay close to Mary through the rosary.”

Father Bruno Nwachukwu
Age: 35
Hometown: Imo, Nigeria
Home Parish: Church of St. Mark, St. Paul
Teaching Parish: Church of St. Joseph, West St. Paul
First Assignment: St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhassen

Who was instrumental in identifying and developing your vocation? “My parents. They made me who I am today and they taught me how to pray.”
Father John Powers
Age: 27
Hometown: Minneapolis
Home Parish: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Minneapolis
Teaching Parish: St. Hubert Catholic Community, Chanhasen
First Assignment: Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul

Advice for someone considering the priesthood: “Take time to pray. It’s really easy to be busy, but take time to be quiet and think about what you think God is calling you to do.”

Father James Stiles
Age: 27
Hometown: Owatonna
Home Parish: Church of St. Mark, St. Paul
Teaching Parish: St. Charles Borromeo, Minneapolis
First Assignment: St. Odelia Church, Shoreview

What do you look forward to the most as a priest? “I look forward to celebrating the Mass and hearing confession. I hope to be an instrument of God’s mercy and be a presence in people’s lives.”

Father Alvaro Daniel Perez Silva
Age: 32
Home Parish: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lima, Peru
Teaching Parish: Church of Saint Mark, St. Paul
First Assignment: Church of Saint Mark, St. Paul

Fr. Silva was ordained for Pro Ecclesia Sancta (PES), a spiritual movement for lay and ordained that was founded in Peru in 1992. PES directs parishes, school and university chaplaincies, and missions in Peru and the United States, including the Church of Saint Mark in St. Paul. Fr. Silva joins Fr. Humberto Palomino and other PES members who serve this 125-year-old parish and school in the heart of St. Paul.

The PES mission is “to promote the vocation to holiness and perfection, in order to contribute to the renewal, strengthening, and expansion of the Catholic Church so that Christ may reign, so that His heart may reign ad Maximam Trinitatis Gloriam – for the greatest glory of the Trinity.”
Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

Nineteen men from The Saint Paul Seminary were ordained for eight dioceses and one institute of religious life in 2015, including Fr. Gabriel Walz who is shown conferring a blessing on Kim and Dean Walz following his ordination for the Diocese of St. Cloud on June 20.

According to the Georgetown University-based Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the total number of ordinands in 2015 is 595, up from 477 in 2014 and 497 in 2013.

Other interesting facts from the CARA report include:
- The average age for the class of 2015 is thirty-four.
- The men surveyed indicated they were approximately 17 when they first considered the priesthood.
- Members of this ordination class reported they were encouraged to consider a vocation by an average of four people.
- Seven in 10 members say they were encouraged by a parish priest, as well as friends, parishioners and mothers.
- About seven in 10 report regularly praying the rosary and participating in eucharistic adoration before entering the seminary.

CARA's full report can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website: www.usccb.org
May 2 marked the beginning of ordination “season” when 10 men were ordained to the transitional diaconate at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis.

Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis
Neil Bakker        Matthew Northenscold
Michael Daly       Mark Pavlak
Kyle Kowalczyk    Joseph Zabinski
J. Michael McClellan

Kabale, Uganda
Charles Mugabi

Pro Ecclesia Sancta
Adam Tokashiki

The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter
Vaughn Andrew Treco

Seven of their classmates were ordained to the transitional diaconate in their home dioceses:

Diocese of Des Moines
Daniel Gehler

Diocese of Duluth
Charles Friebohle
Paul Strommer

Diocese of Fargo
Steven Wirth

Diocese of Rockford
Charles Fitzpatrick

Diocese of St. Cloud
Doug Liebsch

Diocese of Sioux Falls
Barry Reuwsaat
The Sacred Order of the Diaconate dates back to the early Church. The threefold task of diaconal service includes:

- *The Ministry of the Word:* The deacon instructs and exhorts believers and nonbelievers alike in holy doctrine.

- *The Ministry to the Altar:* The deacon presides at public prayer, administers baptism, assists at and blesses sacramental marriages, brings Viaticum to the dying, and conducts funeral rites.

- *The Ministry of Charity:* The deacon cares for the poor, the sick, the stranger, and the marginalized with apostolic zeal.

Deacon Matthew Northenscold recalled the moment he and his brother seminarians lay prostrate before the altar: “To symbolize that we were laying down our whole lives for Christ, we physically laid down, in the ancient prayer posture of prostration. Fully aware that we are unable to live up to these promises on our own strength, we prayed the litany of the saints, asking them to pray for us. It was a powerful moment.”

As transitional deacons, these men will assist in parishes throughout the summer before beginning their final year of formation at the seminary. Please pray for them as they journey toward ordination to the priesthood in 2016.

*Brother seminarians traveled to Fargo this spring for Steven Wirth’s ordination to the transitional diaconate. Front row (left to right): Deacons Matthew Northenscold, Steven Wirth and Joseph Zabinski. Back row: Jayson Miller and Deacons Mark Pavlak and Michael McClellan.*
On May 12, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute alumni list grew by 190 as the Class of St. Francis received their certificates of completion at the end of the two-year course.

The Class of St. Gianna will begin the third of four course modules at The Saint Paul Seminary in the fall, and The Class of St. Theresa of Avila will begin the first course module at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids.

For more information about the institute, visit: www.CIstudent.com

Above: Mass is celebrated and certificates are received at the culmination of the Catechetical Institute. Right: Thomas and Meghan Hodgdon share the profound impact the institute has had on their marriage during the closing Mass on May 12.
COMMENCEMENT 2015

Rector Monsignor Callaghan and Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Thompson, along with the priests, faculty and staff of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, congratulate the following students who were awarded Master of Arts degrees at Commencement on Saturday, May 23, 2015.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL MINISTRY
James Rice
Jeremiah Saladin

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Carla LaBore

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY
Sr. Thomas Aquinas Betlewski
Gina Bugliosi
Jeff Duresky
Neil Curtis LeMay
Brantly Millegan
Brandon Wanless
Touchard Goula Tgnoua - December 2014
Matthew Kuettel - August 2014

DUAL DEGREE
Byron Hagan, MAT and Master of Divinity
Gabriel Walz, MAT and Master of Divinity

Prior to graduation, a group of Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education graduate students presented their final integrative projects to Dr. Thompson, faculty and members of the School of Divinity community.

The Integrative Internship Project is the capstone of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and Religious Education degree programs. After identifying a particular ministerial need in a parish, hospital, or other ministry setting, students worked with an on-site mentor and spent six to nine months doing field work.

Throughout the project, students incorporated classroom formation into their ministry. Students then wrote a report and presented their projects to the program director, the formation faculty, and the on-site mentor.

This is the first year the School of Divinity hosted the Integrative Internship Projects Showcase. Dr. Thompson remarked, “I was especially edified and delighted to have the opportunity to participate in these presentations. Each of the students are outstanding witnesses to the kind of program excellence we are working hard to achieve.”
THE PERMANENT DEACON:
STEWARD OF THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS

NADD CONFERENCE
The National Association of Diaconate Directors (NADD) gathered in Minneapolis, April 22-24, for its annual conference, this year entitled “Deacon: Steward of Christ’s Mercy.” Over 250 directors of diaconate formation programs, deacons, wives, priests, and deacon candidates attended.

Conference speakers included Mr. George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.; Reverend Shawn McKnight, Executive Director of the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; and Dr. Michael Naughton, newly appointed Director the Catholic Studies Program at the University of St. Thomas. Several Saint Paul Seminary faculty members also presented workshops.

Deacon Joseph Michalak, conference chair, speaker, and director of the archdiocese's Institute for Diaconate Formation, commented: “In the conference, we tried to probe the understanding of the deacon as more than ‘Father’s Helper,’ ” he said. “The deacon, rather, in the words of the Church Fathers, is a ‘steward of the Mysteries of Jesus.’ ”

INSTITUTE FOR DIACONATE FORMATION
For the past 15 years, Deacon Michalak has served as the director of the archdiocese’s Institute for Diaconate Formation (IDF). Because diaconate formation so closely parallels priestly formation, the IDF has gradually and naturally integrated with The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, sharing facilities, faculty and courses.

After careful consideration, and with the blessings of the archdiocese and Msgr. Callaghan, the IDF officially became an institute of the seminary on July 1, 2015. The IDF is responsible for the selection, admission, and formation of deacon candidates, as well as continuing education for ordained deacons.

The IDF is already bearing fruit. Seven men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on December 5, 2015. Ten additional men are in formation, and a third class of 15 candidates begins the five-year formation process in September.

“We are most grateful to Msgr. Callaghan and the seminary community for welcoming the IDF,” Michalak said. “The fraternal ministry of priests and deacons can only be strengthened by this move.”

For more about the vocation, discernment, and formation process of the deacon, contact Shellee Leif: (651) 962-6891

Director of the IDF Deacon Joseph Michalak welcomes guests to the NADD Conference in April.
COMICAL MURDER MYSTERY
A SUCCESS ON STAGE

The title of the 2015 Saint Paul Seminary Theatre production gets your attention. “Death of a Liturgist” is an original play based on Lorraine V. Murray’s murder mystery by the same name and adapted for the stage by director and Sioux Falls seminarian Andy Thuringer. Showing the depth of their talent, a group of seminarians and lay students performed to standing-room only audiences April 24-26.

“Death of a Liturgist” is about change in a parish setting which features a new pastor, an associate, a parish secretary and her boyfriend, a nun, a bishop, a cook, and a newly hired liturgist. Thus, the trouble begins.

In his director’s notes, Thuringer sets up the audience: “Something as simple as changing the flowers in the sanctuary can become a full-blown investigation, and accusations fly like an Agatha Christie novel.”

Thuringer, who studied acting in college before entering seminary, adapted this story for the stage last summer. “I knew I had a creative group to work with, but their performances went above and beyond what I expected,” he said. “This play was accessible to everyone.”

Not all who joined the cast and crew were theatre veterans; in fact, it was the first stage experience for many. But when the house lights went down and the stage lights went up, this group was well-rehearsed and ready to entertain.

“This was a wonderful production,” said Msgr. Callaghan. “I believe it was a great experience for many people to see our seminarians in a different role. They did us proud!”

If you missed the 2015 production, join us next spring for “Moonshine Abbey,” a musical featuring a group of liquor-making monks during prohibition.
A SPRING THANKSGIVING

At The Saint Paul Seminary, we are very lucky to say “thank you” in person to those who support the work of formation of our future leaders in the Church and world.

On April 12 and 26, more than 700 guests gathered for the Friends Mass and Breakfast during which Msgr. Callaghan, priest faculty and seminarians thank our benefactors for their generosity of time, talent and treasure. These annual events are a special time to celebrate all that is good about the work of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and those who make it possible.

SPRING IRELAND LECTURE FEATURES LAW SCHOOL DEAN

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity welcomed Mr. Robert Vischer, Dean and Mengler Chair in Law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, as the spring Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library Lecture guest speaker. On April 20, seminarians, graduate students and the public attended Vischer’s presentation entitled “Conscience and the Common Good.”

The Ireland Library lecture series highlights our faculty and invited guests in the presentation of academic work and focused areas of study to the seminary and broader UST community.

Mark your calendar for the fall Ireland Library Lecture on Monday, October 19, in the Owens Science Hall at the University of St. Thomas.
SHARING THE CUP TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS

This spring, the chalice that was elevated during the consecration was not the cup typically used for Mass in St. Mary’s Chapel. Thanks to a first-of-its-kind “chalice sharing program,” the priests were elevating a chalice on loan from a local parish in order to encourage and pray for vocations at that parish.

Last winter, Msgr. Callaghan wanted to find a tangible way for the sacrifice of the Mass offered at the seminary to reach surrounding parishes, with an increase in vocations in mind.

Fr. John Meyer, pastor of the Church of St. Timothy in Maple Lake, stepped in and generously loaned the first chalice for the program. Since early April, when the chalice was elevated, the priests surrounding the altar offered their prayers for the people of St. Timothy’s.

“It has been a blessing for us to participate in the program and to know that the seminarians and priests are praying for vocations at St. Timothy’s,” said Meyer. “We have also kept the seminary in our prayers in a special way during this time. It’s great to have a concrete expression of our unity in prayer for this intention.”

When the seminarians, graduate students, faculty and staff return for fall classes, a chalice from a different parish will be elevated following the ancient words, “This is my blood which will be given up for you.”

Please join The Saint Paul Seminary in praying for vocations in each of our parishes.
On the day of his ordination, a seminarian is transformed. He becomes “a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.” His ministry will be a legacy of faith, carrying the light of Christ to the world. Those who support the seminary are real participants in his ministry.

Over one hundred years ago, the seminary received a historic gift from James and Mary Hill making the seminary a reality. When the seminary established its legacy society, it was natural to name it the James J. and Mary Mehegan Hill Society. The society is comprised of 350 benefactors who have included the seminary in their estate plans or have made a gift of $5,000 or greater to the seminary endowment. Hill Society members play an essential role in advancing the mission of the seminary. In the past decade, one fourth of all funding received and pledged has come through estate gifts.

It is not just the seminary that benefits from planned gifts. As the statistics indicate on the following page, significant wealth will transfer from one generation to the next in the next 15 years. The potential to transform and do good is immense.

While I am not an estate planner, I have learned there are principles that are helpful for both the benefactor and the institution in the area of estate planning:

1. **Make a plan.** Even if the estate isn’t large, it is essential to have a will in place. Not doing so can mean the estate will wind up in probate resulting in less transferring to beneficiaries.

2. **Talk to a trusted advisor.** The vast majority of estate gifts (80 percent) are fairly straightforward bequests where the benefactor names a charity as a beneficiary of the estate either by a percentage or a specific dollar amount. For some, especially with highly appreciated assets such as real estate or retirement plans, there can be significant advantages to transferring the assets in a particular way. In these cases, it is helpful to talk to a trusted friend, financial planner or estate lawyer.

3. **Discern and pray.** For many, making a gift through one’s estate will be the largest single gift they make. As a steward of the gift it is important to consider the impact one wants to make.

4. **Inform charitable beneficiaries of your gift.** Informing the institution of a bequest is helpful. It helps match institutional needs and donor intent, ensures proper designation when the gift is realized, and aids the institution in its financial planning.

Recently, the seminary received notification of a substantial estate gift. I was humbled and deeply edified by the motivation that prompted such an act of generosity. It was a timely reminder that ultimately all good things come from above and that the Lord provides for His work. That is why we give thanks and pray for those who support the work of the seminary with their time, prayers and financial resources.

Thomas R. Ryan  
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

If you have included The Saint Paul Seminary in your estate plans, please let us know. If you would like to learn more about how to include the seminary in your estate plans, please contact Tom Ryan: (651) 962-5056 or tryan@stthomas.edu
Approximately 55% of American adults do not have a will or other estate plan in place. (LexisNexis)

Almost everyone has the ability to make a planned gift. Planned giving is not just for the wealthy. (Michael J. Rosen, CFRE)

Donors usually give to things or causes that are important to them, not for the benefits. (Michael J. Rosen, CFRE)

31% of charitable giving in the U.S. goes to faith-based organizations. (Giving USA)

If only 20% of Americans left a charitable bequest, the current number of charitable bequests could more than double. (Leave a Legacy MN)

$4.7 billion will transfer from one generation to the next by 2030. (Minnesota Planned Giving Council)

350 - Members in the James J. and Mary Mehegan Hill Society, which includes those who have given legacy gifts that sustain and advance the seminary’s mission.

Nearly $10 million – amount pledged through people’s estates to the seminary during the past decade.

More than $4.2 million – amount received through people’s estates during the past decade.
Rev. Dr. Tom Margevičius, Instructor in Liturgy, Sacraments and Homiletics at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, successfully defended the oral presentation of his Doctor of Ministry Treatise at The Catholic University of America on Tuesday, April 28. His thesis is entitled “A Model for Integrating Rubrical Gestures While Praying the Eucharistic Prayer in Sign Language.” This is a fitting topic as Margevičius is also Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Northeast Minneapolis, home to the archdiocese’s Deaf Ministry. He presides and preaches all the liturgies simultaneously in English and American Sign Language.

Tom Ryan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, represented The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity at the first Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers Peer Group which focused on the unique challenges facing Roman Catholic theological schools. The February conference, held in Indianapolis, was sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Other schools of theology represented at the conference included: Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL), Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary (Emmitsburg, MD), Oblate School of Theology (San Antonio, TX), and St. John’s University School of Theology-Seminary (Collegeville, MN).

Mason Mitchell joined the staff of the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library in June as the library’s new Supervisor of Circulation, Reserves and Interlibrary Loan. For the past five years, Mason has worked as an advanced Lead Student Worker in Ireland Library’s Circulation Department and as a Graduate Reference Assistant on evenings and weekends. As a graduate student in the Master of Arts in Theology program, Mason is familiar with faculty, seminarians and graduate students, as well as with The Minnesota Theological Library Association (MTLA), which is made up of the five seminary libraries located in the Twin Cities.

Dr. Christian D. Washburn, Associate Professor of Dogmatic Theology, attended the 6th meeting of the 12th round of the U.S. Lutheran–Roman Catholic Dialogue in Washington, D.C., May 27-31, 2015.

Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture, attended the Society of Biblical Literature conference at Luther Seminary, April 17-18. He also led the Pentateuch breakout session at the Monsignor Jerome D. Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies conference at The Saint Paul Seminary, June 10-12. Betancourt presented “How to Read and Interpret the Bible” at the Theology on Tap series at St. Francis Xavier Church in Buffalo, Minn., in June. This spring he began serving on the seminary’s Faculty Affairs Committee.

Dr. John Froula, Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology, published an article in the most recent issue of The Thomist entitled “Esse secundarium: An Analogical Term Meaning that by which Christ is Human” (Oct. 2014). Froula also delivered the following papers: “The Extent of Joy’s Promise: Can We Argue that Heaven Exists from Desire?” at the Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization at Benedictine University, March 2015; and “Subsistence in the Christology of Thomas Aquinas and Hugh of St. Victor” at the Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University, May 2015.

Dr. William B. Stevenson, Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology, recently published an article entitled “Suffering and Spiritedness: The Doctrine of Comfort and the Drama of Thumos in More’s Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation” in Moreana (June 2015).
ECOLOGY CONFERENCE PROVIDES CONTEXT FOR ENCYClical

The Center for Theological Formation kicked off the summer at the seminary with the Human and Natural Ecology Conference June 3-5. In addition to topics of creation and climate change, theologians and scholars from all over the world gathered to discuss the implications of Pope Francis’ highly anticipated encyclical on ecology and climate change, *Laudato Si’* (Praised Be to You), released to the public on June 18.

John Allen, Jr., who covers the Vatican as an associate editor at the Boston Globe, presented “On Human and Natural Ecology: Anticipating Pope Francis’ New Encyclical on the Environment” at a public lecture on the opening night of the conference. Both the lecture and conference were co-sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, University of St. Thomas’ Center for Catholic Studies, and the seminary’s Center for Theological Formation.

A keynote presenter at the conference was Dr. Calvin B. DeWitt of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and an expert on environmental and faith-based stewardship. His presentation inspired the group to reflect more deeply on the intersections of faith and ecological concern.

Dr. Christopher Thompson, Academic Dean and Director of the Center for Theological Formation, provided an opening address in which he reminded participants of the Church’s centuries-long defense of the importance of nature and its meaning: “In one sense the Holy Father’s encyclical is an excellent example of doctrinal development, for it only enriches and extends our deepest fidelity to the Creator.”

*Above: John Allen, Jr., delivers the public lecture at the beginning of the June Human and Natural Ecology Conference.*

*Left: Dr. Stephen Colecchi, director of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the USCCB, and Fr. Manuel Dorantes, assistant to the director of the Holy See Press Office, exchange ideas during a break in the three-day conference.*

*Dr. Calvin DeWitt, professor of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, delivers the keynote address during the final day of the conference.*
32nd Annual Golf Tournament a Success

Summer at the seminary officially began on June 8 with the 32nd Annual Golf Tournament. Held at Town & Country Club in St. Paul, 104 golfers spent a beautiful day on the greens raising essential funds for the seminary.

This year’s tournament raised more than $150,000 for the ongoing clergy formation program. Golf Committee Chair Brian Murray shared with the golfers and their dinner guests that The Saint Paul Seminary is in the best position to serve our priests after seminary “so they can thrive in their parishes and as leaders of the Church.”

The 33rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016.

The winning women’s foursome is pictured (left to right): Cathy Pohlad, Michelle Pulles, Sue Schwalbach and Mickey Pajor.

Vice Rector Fr. Peter Williams shows off his St. Anthony “The Wonder-Worker” golf ball, his secret weapon on the course.

Msgr. Callaghan (second from left) is pictured with the winning men’s foursome: Dr. Tom Rath, Dan Moran, Jr., Ray Richelsen and Dave Drew.

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