Getting Fit for Ministry
A few years ago, our seminary community chose a theme and focus for the year: “Loving the Church.” Subsequently, over the past three years, we have followed up on that theme with: “Fraternity, Community, and the Joy of Diocesan Priesthood;” “Be Calm, Be of Good Cheer, and Fan the Flame;” and currently, “We are Church, We are Family: Open Minds, Open Hearts!”

These themes have set us in the right direction to fine tune our program of priestly formation.

Reflecting on this, I went back in my mind’s eye almost a half a century to recall the approach to formation right after the Second Vatican Council, and I remembered – direct, concrete and compact – simple words that capture the view of seminary formation at that time. And I mused, “What is past is prologue.” We should learn from the past and build for the future. We must creatively craft a new shoot on the old stock.

Those haunting words of yester year – direct, concrete and compact – bring back simple maxims:

1. *Age quod agis* – do what you are doing
2. *Nequid nimis* – nothing too much
3. You keep the rule and the rule keeps you!

Combine this with *mens sana in corpore sano* – a healthy mind in a healthy body – and you have a very simple recipe for success.

To this end, throughout the academic year, our men have enthusiastically embraced a new program launched in conjunction with the University of St. Thomas called “Fit for Ministry.”

Our goal is to prepare seminarians to be real men: gentlemen, holy men, men of the Eucharist, devoted to God’s mother, bridge builders, and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. And it all must start with human formation! Good men, to be good priests, must be fit for ministry. It takes a holistic approach.

I invite you to read in this current edition of the *Oracle* our pioneering efforts to strengthen our goals.

God bless you,

Monsignor Aloysius R. Callaghan
Rector and Vice President
Fr. Charles Froehle, former rector and vice president of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, with family by his side.


Ordained in 1963, Froehle was an associate pastor at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for two years before going to Rome to earn a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Angelicum. He began teaching sacramental theology at the seminary in 1968. He served as Dean of Studies from 1974-1980 and Vice Rector from 1977-1980. He was appointed Rector in 1980.

Among his many accomplishments as Rector were the affiliation agreement between the seminary and the University of St. Thomas in 1987, the design and construction of new administration and residence buildings, as well as the renovation of St. Mary’s Chapel. With the affiliation in 1987, he served as Vice President of the University for the newly established School of Divinity.

Froehle retired as Rector/Vice President of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in 1993. Upon his retirement, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of St. Thomas. A citation that accompanied the degree described Froehle’s “remarkable expertise, sensitivity and patience in dialogue with all those who had stake in this new School of Divinity.” It was also noted that, “Hundreds of priests and lay ministers who today proclaim the Good News are indebted to you as their role model and guide. … You also have engendered a sense of trust in faculty, staff and students.” As one graduate said, “We were always impressed with his grace and dignity, the respect he earned from the students, his insights when preaching, and his gentleness and pastoral skills.”

Froehle continued to serve the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis until his retirement in 2012. As a fitting tribute to his commitment to the seminary, his Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Mary’s Chapel on January 13. Froehle was remembered fondly by his former colleagues and friends, including former Academic Dean Victor Klimoski: “He modeled for me what a priest is. His pastoral zeal and sensitivities guided him in the decisions he made and the leadership he provided us as a faculty. His care for the seminarians and lay students was genuine and marked deeply by his desire that they each be equipped to grow into their vocations.”
In the 1850s, Irish immigrants William and Elizabeth Finn farmed the property which is now the University of St. Thomas. More than 150 years later, this very site played host to a unique conference that discussed the most pressing challenges facing the agriculture industry today. Undoubtedly, the Finns would have been intrigued by the formidable gathering of farmers, theologians, politicians, business leaders and clergy on their property.

The November 5-7 symposium, “Faith, Food & the Environment: The Vocation of the Agricultural Leader,” considered how agriculture is interconnected to critical concepts such as environmental stewardship, ethical practices and policies, and the integrity of human culture. While participants and sponsors represented a variety of professions and faith traditions, the entire event was underscored by the conviction that faith is related to all aspects of life.

“The conference was the first of its kind to bring together agricultural leaders and theologians to discuss the importance of agriculture in contemporary life,” says Dr. Christopher Thompson, Academic Dean for The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and Director of the Center for Theological Formation. “If we hope to develop an authentic ‘human ecology’ together,” he said, referring to a term used by Popes Francis, Benedict XVI and John Paul II, “it will be necessary to respect the order of creation and respect the creatures whom God has placed under our care.”

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity co-sponsored the symposium with Catholic Rural Life, Farmers Union Enterprises, the University of St. Thomas, the Center for Catholic Studies, Minnesota Catholic Conference, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and the International Catholic Rural Association. More than 400 participants attended the events which included keynote speakers, a public lecture and small group discussions. Conference participants hailed from 14 states and five countries, including Uganda, the Philippines, France, Italy and the United States.

The conference opened with a Mass celebrated in St. Mary’s Chapel. Warmly welcomed to the seminary and the conference was Fr. Michael Czerny, SJ, Chief of Staff to the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, who attended as the official representative of Cardinal Peter Turkson. Just days before his anticipated arrival, the Ghanaian cardinal was called upon by Pope Francis to strengthen the Vatican’s response to the growing needs of the local church in his native West Africa in the face of the escalating Ebola crisis. Fr. Czerny delivered the cardinal’s remarks, “Faith and the Call for a Human Ecology,” at a public lecture on November 5.
Cardinal Turkson’s goal of the conference, together with Executive Director of Catholic Rural Life James Ennis and Dr. Thompson, was to craft a document for agricultural leaders similar to a document prepared for business professionals in 2012 entitled *Vocation of the Business Leader*. As this document informs the business leader when making decisions, the *Vocation of the Agricultural Leader* will inform those who work in the broad range of professions that comprise the food and farming industries.

The content discussed at the November conference will be further refined at an international gathering of Catholic agricultural leaders in Milan in 2015. The work of both symposiums will then be synthesized into a draft and presented to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

Ennis, along with the Catholic Rural Life board, is looking to the Milan symposium and beyond, saying, “Our partnership with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace will position us well as we seek to implement ‘Faith, Food and the Environment’ workshops around the country in the coming years, along with a series of resources targeted to young men and women interested in the agricultural and food sectors.”

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTERS AND FACILITATORS INCLUDED:**

- U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Senate Agriculture Committee
- James Ennis, Executive Director, Catholic Rural Life
- Doug Peterson, President, Minnesota Farmers Union and Farmers Union Enterprises
- Roger Johnson, President, National Farmers Union
- Dr. Christopher Thompson, Academic Dean, The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity
- Dr. Michael Naughton, Director, Center for Catholic Studies
- Dr. Calvin DeWitt, Professor, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
- Dr. Clifford Canku, Professor of Dakota Studies, North Dakota State University
- Dr. Frederick L. Kirschenmann, Distinguished Fellow, Leopold Center, Iowa State University
- Dr. Craig A. Hassel, Professor and Nutritionist, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Mark Neuzil, Director of the Office for Mission, University of St. Thomas
- Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Bishop of Cheyenne and President, Catholic Rural Life
- Jerry Hagstrom, Columnist, *National Journal*
- Darin Von Ruden, President, Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Mark Watne, President, North Dakota Farmers Union
- Alan Merrill, President, Montana Farmers Union

*Bishop Paul Etienne, Diocese of Cheyenne, enjoys lively conversation with guests at the public lecture.*
Since 1775, the Army Chaplain Corps has provided religious support to the United States Army under its three-fold mission: nurture the living, care for the wounded, and honor the fallen. More than 25,000 chaplains have served in the U.S. Army as religious leaders for soldiers and their families. From military installations to deployed combat units, chaplains perform their ministries in the most religiously diverse organization in the world.

The highest rank in the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps is Chief of Chaplains. Of the 23 Chief of Chaplains who have served throughout the Corps’ history, four are alumni of The Saint Paul Seminary. Each of these men earned the rank of Major General:

**Chaplain (Major General)**  
**Patrick J. Ryan**  
The Saint Paul Seminary  
Class of 1927  
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain  
May 1, 1954 – October 30, 1958

**Chaplain (Major General)**  
**Francis L. Sampson**  
The Saint Paul Seminary  
Class of 1941  
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain  
August 1, 1967 – July 31, 1971

**Chaplain (Major General)**  
**Patrick J. Hessian**  
The Saint Paul Seminary  
Class of 1953  
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain  
July 1, 1982 – June 30, 1986

**Chaplain (Major General)**  
**Donald W. Shea**  
The Saint Paul Seminary  
Class of 1962  
U.S. Army Chief of Chaplain  
August 7, 1994 – May 31, 1999

Priest chaplains are present with soldiers in war and peace, serving in every military engagement from the Revolutionary War to present day. Msgr. Callaghan, who served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) from 1995-2005, says, “Our dedicated priest chaplains serving the men and women in the AMS are truly guardians of life and ambassadors of peace around the world.”

The Saint Paul Seminary is grateful for our alumni who have served God and country in the United States military.  
*Pro Deo et Patria!*
LIVING THE MISSION

A small group of lay students and faculty from The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity (SPSSOD) traveled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, for a week in January to participate in a “Medical Brigade” at the Holy Family Surgery Center (HFSC).

Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) students Annie Kopacek and Cheryl Reinking, and Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) student Carla LaBore joined Dr. Deborah Savage, MAPM Program Director, Dr. Kenneth Snyder, Associate Dean, and Dr. Christopher Thompson, Academic Dean, and many other volunteers from throughout the United States to bring much needed medical assistance to the people of central Honduras. They also brought several suitcases filled with baby clothes and toys for some of the nearly 500 children that live at Rancho Santa Fe, a 2,000-acre site 23 miles northeast of the Honduran capital.

Established in 2005 by Dr. and Mrs. Peter Daly of St. Paul, Minn., HFSC is an ambulatory surgical facility on the grounds of the Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos (NPH) home for orphaned and abandoned children.

According to Dr. Snyder, “It is an inspiring example of faith in action and a beautiful illustration of how we can respond to the Church’s preferential option for the poor. We were all truly blessed by the experience; and we hope that this will be the first of many opportunities for students from the SPSSOD to participate in the life and service of the surgery center and the orphanage, as we endeavor to serve the people of God around the world.”

In addition to providing support services to the surgery center’s medical volunteers, SPSSOD students and faculty spent time with the children of the orphanage, including those with special needs, and engaged regularly in the prayer and spiritual life of the community. Students also had the opportunity to complete directed studies to apply toward their SPSSOD degree programs as part of the experience.

“It has been a priority of mine since arriving as the Academic Dean to not only provide a solid theological formation, but the opportunity to experience the Church’s teachings in action,” said Dr. Thompson. “I am very proud and grateful for the resources SPSSOD has made available to accomplish this aim.”
Common sightings of seminarians on campus include praying in the chapel, attending class, studying at the library, or sharing a meal with classmates. Now add to that list: running, biking or lifting weights. That is because a large group of seminarians have added regular exercise to their daily and weekly routines, thanks to the new Fit for Ministry program.

Fit for Ministry (FFM) was born because Fr. Allen Kuss, Director of Pastoral Formation, knows that an essential component for a priest is a balanced, healthy lifestyle. He also knows that each man approaches an active lifestyle differently: “Some of our men come to it naturally, while others need to be encouraged.”

Kuss took his idea to Dr. Bridget Duoos, Chair of the Health & Human Performance Department (HHP) at the University of St. Thomas. “I want to change the culture of health and wellness in the seminary,” he told her.

Duoos, Assistant Professor Dr. Lesley Scibora and Adjunct Professor Angela Effertz were very excited about developing a program exclusively for seminarians. They predicted 10-15 seminarians would participate and designed the program accordingly.

When Kuss pitched FFM to the seminarians in September, more than 50 signed up. Effertz and her students redesigned the program to accommodate the enthusiastic response.

Above: Student instructor Sophie Gattsman works with Theology III seminarian Paul Strommer (Duluth) during a Fit for Ministry workout.
**Program Elements**

Before the program started, a thorough fitness assessment was conducted for each seminarian, evaluating his aerobic capacity, muscular endurance, flexibility, and body composition. The seminarians also had their blood lipid and glucose profiles recorded, in addition to blood pressure and body mass index.

Next, several seminarians agreed to step into the “Bod Pod,” a futuristic capsule in the physiology lab that accurately measures a person’s body fat to lean body tissue ratio. More than half of the participants voluntarily participated in a diet analysis as well.

All FFM participants were invited to have a gait analysis in HHP’s biomechanics lab. A printout of their gait came with footwear suggestions, and a local shoe store offered the seminarians a 30 percent discount.

Finally, each seminarian received a Garmin VivoFit, a physical activity band that looks like a thin black watch. Participants agreed to share their daily activity records electronically to provide additional data points for the students who monitored the program.

**Getting Started**

With the technical analysis behind them, the seminarians were ready to get to work. The trainers, exercise science majors in the HHP Department, offered multiple weekly workouts to accommodate the seminarians’ busy schedules. Seminarians were required to participate in a one-hour session with a trainer each week, in addition to a minimum of three hours of physical activity on their own.

The training sessions varied in order to introduce the men to a range of workouts, including resistance, interval, cardiovascular, flexibility, and core strength training, as well as yoga, studio cycling, and Zumba.

The students who assisted with the program were not sure what to expect when working with a group of seminarians. “We thought this might be intimidating for them and for
us,” said Sophie Gottsman, an exercise science major from Wyoming, Minnesota. “The interaction with the seminarians was so positive. They came to learn, which made our job easier.”

Gottsman’s classmate Elaine Warner agreed. A senior on the UST women’s basketball team, Warner was impressed by the enthusiasm of the seminarians, saying, “Some came to the program with a lot of experience, while others needed some guidance. Both groups responded very well to the variety we offered them.”

Theology III seminarian Paul Strommer, Diocese of Duluth, appreciated the program’s structure that helped him to get motivated. “There were days when I wasn’t interested in doing a workout,” he said, “but I knew a student had invested his or her time in me. I needed to show up.” He also added that it never felt like work: “It was fun to set goals and to compete with yourself and others.”

Steve Nolan, a Theology I seminarian from Madison, was grateful for the program’s flexibility. “I had a full class schedule,” he said, “but I could always find time to make it to a workout session.”

**Measurable Results**
The results were impressive. After only one semester of increased activity, the seminarians experienced a lowering of body fat percentage, a decrease in blood pressure, an increase in the number of steps taken during the day, and increased lower extremity and lower back flexibility. Strommer and other FFM participants also noticed a change in their eating and sleeping habits early in the program. With increased activity came better quality eating and sleeping, which led to increased mental alertness in prayer and study.

After working for an international bank for 10 years prior to entering the seminary, Theology II seminarian Tim Smith, Diocese of Sioux Falls, knows well that a healthy employee is a productive employee. “The same goes for priests,” he said. “A healthy priest is a holy priest.”
Smith is encouraged by the seminary’s emphasis on a healthy body, mind and spirit. “Like the Apostle Paul, we can use our natural virtues to unite ourselves with Christ,” he said. “I tried to consecrate my exercise time to be with the Lord.”

Kuss was very pleased with the result of the Fit for Ministry program: “I hope they will continue a healthy lifestyle as seminarians and priests,” he said. “I am very proud of them.”

Both the HHP faculty and the seminary would like to offer the Fit for Ministry program to our seminarians every year.
Growing up in a busy family, Deacon Peter Hughes’ mother came up with a genius idea to have each of her six children make a meal for the family once or twice a week. While he did not think it was such a great idea at the time, Hughes learned to cook and now considers it a passion.

Most recently, Deacon Hughes was one of eight cooks who entered a spaghetti sauce competition for Our Lady of the Lake School’s fall fundraiser. Some were chefs with formal training; others were self-taught.

Hughes was assigned to Our Lady of the Lake in Mound (OLL) for the summer. Although he had returned to the seminary for fall semester, the rumor was out about his cooking skills, and he was asked to enter a sauce to be judged in the contest.

The weekend before the October 30 event, Hughes packed up his pots, pans, knives and spices that he keeps at the seminary and took over his sister’s kitchen for a day - testing, tweaking and sampling. While the recipe remains a secret, Hughes mentioned that his delicious and unusual sauce includes “a little chili powder, yellow mustard and Worcestershire sauce.”

Although Hughes was not able to attend the night of judging, he received a text from Pastor Tony O’Neill, saying: “You won!” The winning sauce will be available for purchase at Joey Nova’s Restaurant in Excelsior for a limited time, with proceeds going to OLL School.

After his May ordination, Hughes plans to bring his cooking equipment and skills with him to his first parish assignment.

A happy parish that will be.

“**I consider cooking to be an act of love.**”

Marcella Hazan, chef and cookbook author
DR. FISCH DELIVERS FALL IRELAND LECTURE

Dr. Thomas Fisch, Associate Professor of Sacramental Theology and Liturgy, presented the Archbishop Ireland Memorial Library Lecture Series on October 20, 2014. Seminarians, graduate students, faculty and members of the public attended the lecture entitled “William Busch and the Pre-Conciliar Liturgical Movement.”

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Dean and Professor of Law Robert Vischer, University of St. Thomas School of Law, will present the spring Ireland Library lecture. This event is free and open to the public. Please see the events listing on our website for additional information: www.saintpaulseminary.org

THIRTY MEN INSTALLED AS ACOLYTES

On October 21, friends and family of Theology II seminarians filled St. Mary’s Chapel to witness the Installation of Acolytes. Bishop Andrew Cozzens celebrated the Mass, during which he installed 23 seminarians as acolytes.

This rite is a formal step in a seminarian’s path to priesthood. As acolytes, these men will assume additional responsibilities, such as caring for the Blessed Sacrament and assisting the priest or deacon at the altar.

In addition to the Theology II seminarians, seven men from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis were installed as acolytes in preparation for their ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.
ANNUAL RECTOR’S DINNER – A FALL FAVORITE

The Rector’s Dinner is always a special occasion for the seminary community in the fall. The ninth annual was no exception.

Msgr. Callaghan welcomed approximately 250 priests, seminarians, clergy and friends in attendance. Special guests of honor included Archbishop John Nienstedt; Auxiliary Bishops Lee Piché and Andrew Cozzens; Bishop John Le Voir, Diocese of New Ulm; Fr. Michael Becker, Rector of Saint John Vianney College Seminary; and Chorbishop Sharbel-Ghattas Maroun of the Maronite Rite Church.

Theology II seminarian Bobby Gonella, Diocese of Rockford, shared his inspirational testimony, followed by Deacon James Stiles. Stiles, who will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in May, shared the depth of his formation through the seminary’s unique study abroad opportunities in England, Jerusalem, Mexico, Venezuela and Rome.

Msgr. Callaghan and a talented group of seminarians treated guests to an Irish ballad as a tribute to those who come to our country in search of freedom and opportunity. Our very own “Irish Tenors” – Joseph Zabinski and Kyle Kowalczyk (both Theology III) and Joseph Gifford (Pre-Theology I) – served as soloists in a moving rendition of “Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears.” You can see a video of their song by clicking on the YouTube icon on our website: www.saintpaulseminary.org

10TH ANNUAL BORROMEO WEEKEND

The Saint Paul Seminary and Saint John Vianney College Seminary communities gathered October 31–November 2 to celebrate St. Charles Borromeo, patron saint of seminarians.

The annual Borromeo Weekend began with Mass in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, with University of St. Thomas students, members of the community and seminarians in attendance. In his homily, Msgr. Callaghan noted an important purpose of the weekend: “We must do all we can to make the most Holy Eucharist the heart of our community.”

This prayerful seminary tradition features a solemn, candlelit Eucharistic procession from the UST chapel across campus to St. Mary’s Chapel, where Eucharistic adoration is held for 40 hours.
Each November, The Saint Paul Seminary pauses to honor the past and celebrate the future with those who sustain and advance the mission of forming and educating holy priests and faithful laity.

Members of the James J. and Mary Mehegan Hill Society gathered for Mass and lunch on November 7, 2014. The Hill Society recognizes donors who have given legacy gifts of $5,000 or more. On this same day, Msgr. Callaghan presented Distinguished Alumni awards to three individuals, lay and ordained, who live their vocations in extraordinary ways.

The first recipients were Donald and Dolores Traxler. Otherwise known as “Don and Dee,” the Traxlers have lived a life of servant leadership in their home, parish and the broader Catholic community to build up the family and the Church. They have generously engaged in the liturgical and social life of the seminary, as well as organizations and events throughout the archdiocese that build up the life of the local church. Wherever they go, they bring the love of Christ to those they meet.

“The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity considers the Traxlers exceptional friends,” Msgr. Callaghan remarked, “We are proud to recognize their desire to form our future priests.”

The other 2014 Distinguished Alumni award recipient was Fr. George Welzbacher. Since his ordination in 1951, Fr. Welzbacher has served as a faithful priest and teacher to Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Msgr. Callaghan complimented Fr. Welzbacher, saying, “Being a priest has never been a job; being a priest is his life.”

In addition to serving several parishes over the past 63 years, Fr. Welzbacher was a beloved professor of history at the University of St. Thomas from 1966-1995. Parishioners and students alike admire his balance as a scholar and student; a mentor and friend; someone who is both formal and comfortable with himself and others.

Upon accepting his award, Fr. Welzbacher shared his hope in our seminarians and reminded them as future priests to “show extraordinary kindness to all, to treat every person as you would want to treat Christ.”

Msgr. Callaghan presented the Traxlers and Fr. Welzbacher with a framed print of Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta.
In the world of fundraising, the term “measurable impact” is very important, and with good reason. Grant makers and benefactors want to be good stewards of their resources and want to make their contributions count. Institutions have a desire and responsibility to “measure” what they are doing to demonstrate the good being accomplished. By demonstrating that good is being done, the broader community is inspired and challenged to also do good.

We need to be careful, however, in our measuring that we do not limit the impact to what can be seen in the here and now. After all, bigger is not always better, and the cheapest way of running a program is not always the best. For example, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, during her early years in India, was at the death bed of a man who had three young daughters. As their mother had already died, the man asked Mother Teresa to be their mother when he died and to care for them and protect them. She promised to do so and took them into the orphanage. In a story like this, how does one measure the joy and peace experienced by a dying man as he came to the realization his soon-to-be orphaned daughters would be cared for by a truly extraordinary woman of God?

This is especially true for the work of the seminary. How does one measure a non-believer coming alive in Christ? How do you measure the impact of the last sacrament being administered at the time of a person’s passing from this life to the next? And how does one quantify the gift of receiving our Lord in the Holy Eucharist? Even if it were possible to tally the number of lives changed by the ministry of a single priest, we would still be missing the full impact. Much of the impact — perhaps the most important — simply cannot be seen by the human eye.

It is fitting that we track the measurable impact taking place at the seminary — the number of seminarians in formation, the number of degrees being conferred, the various fruits of the programs being offered. This accounting makes us better stewards of the gifts God has given us. At the same time, we need to be careful not to limit the measures of that impact to that which can be calculated in space and time. The greatest impact simply cannot be measured.
ANNUAL PHONE-A-THON: A SUCCESS

Every November, our seminarians call on donors to thank them for their past donations and ask for their continued support. Taking turns at the phones for three nights, they raised a grand total of more than $42,000 to support their formation at The Saint Paul Seminary. Thank you to our donors who answered the calls!

Seminarians Charles Friebohle (Theology III, Diocese of Duluth) and Adam Laski (Theology IV, Diocese of Superior) participated in the annual Phone-a-Thon to raise essential funds for the seminary.

GENEROUS DONORS GIVE TO THE MAX

For the second year in a row, The Saint Paul Seminary participated in Give to the Max Day on November 13, and our donors responded with generosity. The number of donors who gave online through GiveMN nearly doubled from last year, helping us to raise more than $28,000. This total, which reflects a 28 percent increase from 2013, includes a $5,000 matching grant from an anonymous donor and a $1,000 prize grant from GiveMN for being in the “top five” of colleges and universities.

Tom Ryan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, and Robert Strachota, Board of Trustees Chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee, are pictured with GiveMN staff members who presented the prize grant money at an annual breakfast celebration.
Dr. David Jenkins, Music Director of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, presented a solo recital on October 19, 2014, in St. Mary’s Chapel. The program featured selections by Tunder, Walcha, Bach, La Cour and Tournemire. Jenkins has served as liturgical music director at the seminary since 1991. He also teaches organ and harpsichord for the University of St. Thomas Music Department, works with undergraduate liturgical music students, and manages the university’s Organ Artist Concert Series in the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Rev. Paul LaFontaine, who recently retired as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis, is now assisting with spiritual direction at The Saint Paul Seminary.

Mr. Paul Ruff joined the staff of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity in November as Assistant Director of Human Formation and as counsel to the Rector and Vice-Rector in providing support throughout the process of admissions, human formation, and evaluation of seminarians. Ruff received his Masters in Counseling Psychology from the University of St. Thomas in 1987. He was licensed as a Psych Associate in Alaska in 1989 and then as a Licensed Psychologist in Minnesota in 1993. He has practiced in the field of psychology for more than 30 years.

Sr. Katarina Schuth, OSF, PhD, Endowed Chair for the Social Scientific Study of Religion, received the 2014 Archbishop Cousins Vocations Award from Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. The annual award is presented to an organization or individual who has demonstrated distinguished effort, involvement and promotion of vocations among men over 30 to the Roman Catholic priesthood. The award commemorates Milwaukee Archbishop Cousins’ 60th anniversary of priesthood and recognizes his leadership role in promoting vocations. “Sr. Katarina has been a valuable supporter of Sacred Heart through the years,” remarked Msgr. Ross Shecterle, President-Rector of Sacred Heart, “and in 2010 conducted a survey of our alumni exhibiting the achievements of the seminary through its outstanding graduates.” Sr. Katarina is an internationally recognized researcher on seminary education and priestly ministry. She has worked with the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, and has served as a faculty member at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity since 1991.

ADVENT AT THE SEMINARY

Two special events brought the peace and beauty of Advent to The Saint Paul Seminary in December.

The 9th Annual Women’s Advent Morning of Recollection on December 6 was a source of spiritual preparation for more than 100 women. Vice Rector Fr. Peter Williams led the prayerful morning which included Mass, confession and hospitality. The theme of the retreat, held in St. Mary’s Chapel, was “Beloved Daughter.”

On December 7, the annual Lessons and Carols marked the end of the joyful Advent weekend. The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity Chorale, directed by Dr. David Jenkins, and The Saint Paul Seminary Schola, directed by Theology III seminarian Kyle Kowalczyk, presented the festive concert, featuring music from Bach, Palestrina, Rameau, Vogt and Willcocks.

IN MEMORIAM
Rev. Charles L. Froehle, 1963
Msgr. Francis J. Garvey, 1959
Rev. Leonard J. Jenniges, 1948
Rev. Frank D. Melchior, 1959
Rev. Ralph C. Merkatoris, 1958
Mr. Michael Nolan, 1960
Msgr. Robert R. Vogl, 1947
Rev. Robert J. Wyffels, 1960

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<td>7:30 P.M.</td>
<td>Mr. Robert Vischer, School of Law Dean, University of St. Thomas</td>
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<td>“DEATH OF A LITURGIST” (A SAINT PAUL SEMINARY PRODUCTION)</td>
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