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Father John Horn, S.J. A New Mission in St. Louis

The announcement by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis came on February 9th: Father John Horn, S.J., had been appointed as Rector-President of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, the seminary of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. From that time until the present, Father Horn has been moving into his new role. Though his appointment formally begins on July 1st, he has been living in St. Louis since April 1st so as to facilitate the transition.

Serving a seminary community has some familiar elements—Father Horn has been working extensively with diocesan seminarians for all the years of IPF's existence. Yet, the role of Rector, with its many administrative demands, presents many new challenges.

Nonetheless, the vision for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, as outlined by Archbishop Carlson, has a familiar ring to it. In his remarks made at the time of Father Horn's appointment, Archbishop Carlson indicated that his vision for the Seminary is clearly focused on the Church's desire for seminaries: "I have had

"... a man of deep faith who loves the Church and her priests..."

the privilege of working closely with Father Horn in his leadership of the Institute for Priestly Formation and in his work as a spiritual director for diocesan priests. I know him to be a man of deep faith who loves the Church and her priests, and I am confident that he will provide outstanding leadership as rector and president of our seminary, carrying out the vision of the Program of Priestly Formation #115 which sees spiritual formation as 'the heart of seminary life and . . . the center around which all other aspects are integrated.'"

Such a vision lies at the heart of IPF's mission as indicated by our Mission Statement: "The Institute for Priestly Formation was founded to assist bishops in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests in the Roman Catholic Church. The Institute responds to the need to foster spiritual formation as the integrating and governing principle of all aspects of priestly formation."

Because of IPF's close association with Archbishop Carlson, the already-close relationship of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to



the Institute was destined to grow even deeper. Now with Father Horn at the helm, IPF will be able to serve the Seminary's needs in an even more focused way.

Father Horn remains an associate member of IPF as well as a member of its Mission Advisory Council. A search is underway for his replacement on the Omaha staff.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing on Father Horn and the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary community.



From Our Executive Director...

Dear Friends,

With the announcement of Father John Horn, S.J.'s appointment to the post of rector-president of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, the Institute has embarked on a new phase of its mission. Although we will miss Father Horn's presence with our Omaha staff, we know that God will be doing good things through his mission in St. Louis. We look forward to seeing all that the Holy Spirit will bring about through this new initiative as IPF continues to be at the service of bishops in the spiritual formation of seminarians and priests.



We recently welcomed 175 seminarians from across the country and beyond for our ten-week program of spiritual formation. They will be joined by others who will participate in these additional summer programs: Seminar for Seminary Spiritual Directors, The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola (30 day retreat) and the Retreat for Seminary Theologians.

God's graces have been abundantly poured out on the Institute in recent months. We celebrate another successful symposium on the spirituality and identity of the diocesan priest, this most recent one held in collaboration with St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia. The publication of "WRAP Yourself in Scripture," a helpful guide to lectio divina prayer, authored by Karen and Larry Dwyer, marks another milestone in the ongoing work of IPF Publications.

Most importantly, the pages of this newsletter contain the names of the many individuals whose faithful sacrifices are helping to sustain and grow the mission of IPF. We are deeply grateful to all our friends who have chosen to join with us in this important task of helping in the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests. We are especially grateful to those who have responded to our "\$20 a Month Club" and our "Sponsor a Seminarian" initiatives. To all of you we express our heartfelt thanks!

Together let us give praise and thanks to God for the many blessings which have been poured out on the Institute. Let us pray for God's continued blessing and protection of our mission.



Gratefully in the Lord,

Richard J. Gabuzda

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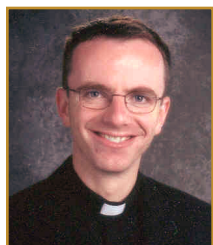


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Healing, Freedom Found in Training Program in Spiritual Direction

By Fr. Peter Williams, priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul - Minneapolis



Fr. Peter Williams

I received a letter from my Archbishop in the spring of 2007 inviting me to participate in the Training Program in Spiritual Direction of the Institute for Priestly Formation. As I had been ordained only four years at the time and had no direct experience with IPF, I approached my first week with only vague expectations of what to expect, all the while very much at peace in my Archbishop's decision.

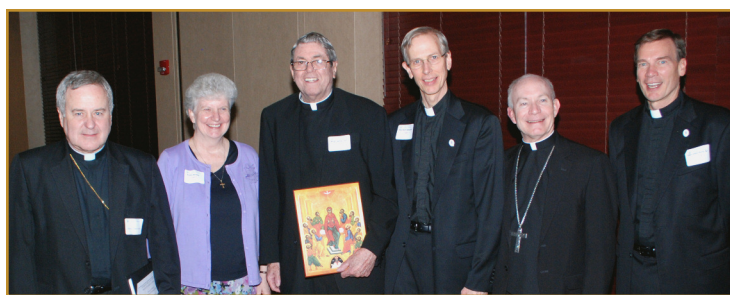
What I received during the course of that week, and the eight weeks that followed, alongside priests from throughout the country, is difficult to fully express. The entire experience was a tremendous gift! I was renewed in my identity as a beloved son and as a diocesan priest in ways I did not know that I needed or could even expect from the Lord. In learning a new manner of actually being with Jesus in a meaningful way amidst all of life's unexpected moments in priestly life and ministry, a new ground for hope opened up before me. There was definitely much healing and newfound freedom I received from the self-reliant mode that I could so easily find myself slipping into as I responded to the many and diverse needs and responsibilities that fell to me as a parish priest. Growing as a competent guide for others in the spiritual life – learning the art of spiritual direction – grew almost imperceptibly and in proportion to my being more firmly grounded in my identity as a Beloved Son, Chaste Spouse, Spiritual Father, Spiritual Physician, and Good Shepherd.

This past May and going forward I have been given the great privilege of serving as a staff member of IPF for the incoming priests of the Training Program in Spiritual Direction. It was a humbling honor to witness anew the great hunger that priests have to live from the deep place of encounter and relationship with the Father in their service to the Church. To accompany brothers on the path to healing, wholeness, and renewal is a great joy. The Holy Spirit is very powerfully at work in the beautiful and timely labor that is the Institute for Priestly Formation. I am grateful to have received a share in the grace and to have been entrusted with a share in the responsibility. I am and will be a better priest for it.



Participants in the latest Training Program in Spiritual Direction, which began in May, gathered for a group photo. Seventy-six seminary faculty members and priests are enrolled in the three year program which takes place at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago.

Archbishop Carlson Serves as Celebration Speaker



The 340 attendees at IPF's Celebration of Priesthood banquet were privileged to hear an address by the Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis.

Archbishop Carlson expressed his desire that Father John Horn, S. J., in his role as Rector of Kenrick Glennon, integrate in the Seminary over the next few years, an IPF "model" of spiritual formation. He spoke of this as an "expansion" of the IPF mission and invited those in attendance to pray for the success of this "new experience."

Archbishop Carlson, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, commented further on this model: "In many ways there's a need to develop today a new, long-term model for seminary formation that allows the seminarian to become a man of communion . . . who has the capacity to foster and engage in pastoral leadership with Jesus as the model and shepherd." He added, "It will be a great blessing for the Church of the United States and some day, perhaps, beyond."

At the banquet, the Institute presented its Pope John Paul II Award for Priestly Service to Msgr. James R. Cain, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha. In accepting the award, Msgr. Cain said, "I'm most grateful for this honor this evening, in honor of service not only for myself, of course, but for all of the priests who are with us this evening. The Priesthood is a precious gift, and we carry it in earthen vessels. Our relationship with the Lord is the only way to serve."



Updated Webpage:

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“My main interest in supporting the Institute is the call I feel to serve priests, particularly and primarily, through prayer. In the case of The Institute for Priestly Formation, I like the way seminarians of different backgrounds can get together for the summer program, as I believe that meeting people of different nationalities is a life-rewarding experience.”

- Mrs. Joanna Farrugia, Malta



Joanna Farrugia

Individuals like Joanna, with a sincere love for the diocesan priesthood who feel called by the Lord to enter into a closer relationship with the Institute’s mission, now have an opportunity to become members of IPF either at the Friend or the Associate level. Members are called to support, nurture and promote the charisma of IPF, offering a concrete expression of availability and co-responsibility for its mission.

All members are to embody and cultivate receptivity to the Living Word of God, joyful, humble and obedient acceptance of the Church’s Magisterium, transforming devotion to Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist, frequent celebration of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Penance and sincere love for the diocesan priesthood.

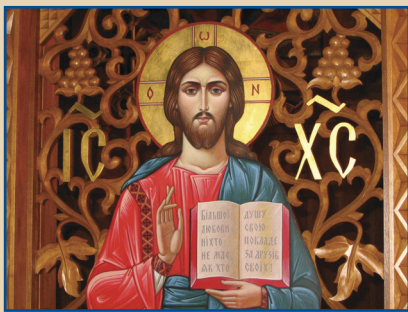
If you occasionally offer intercessory prayer, attend sponsored events, provide financial support, or volunteer time or talents to promote IPF’s mission, you are already a Friend of IPF. By filling out an application (available on-line), you merely formalize the relationship you already have with the Institute.

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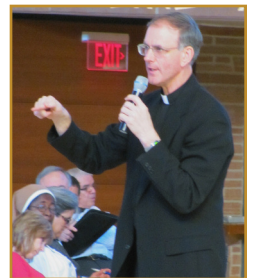
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A Day With Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV

IPF, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Omaha Family Life Office and KVSS Catholic Radio, presented “A Day with Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV” in April. Fr. Gallagher presented his teachings on *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living* to 300 participants from the Omaha area.



The Good Shepherd: Living Christ's Own Pastoral Authority



The Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila addresses symposium attendees.

In March we saw the annual IPF Symposium successfully hosted by St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. This year's theme was *The Good Shepherd: Living Christ's own Pastoral Authority*. The Symposium attracted priests and laity from around the Philadelphia region as well as all the seminarians from St. Charles. Cardinal Rigali visited the Symposium to preside at evening prayer.

The keynote speaker this year was Bishop Samuel Aquila of the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota. Bishop Aquila gave a dynamic and prophetic speech challenging the seminarians and priests present to ask this question, "Do I desire to be possessed by the authority of Christ or do my ears itch for teachers suited to my liking, moving away from the truth, and entering into the myths of the present age?" (2 Timothy 4: 3-4). The Bishop further exhorted

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the audience with these words, "Our world today is in urgent need of Jesus Christ, and while the world sees Jesus as 'out of season', we as the servants of Christ and the Church must teach boldly and without hesitancy. The 'new evangelization' means following the example of Jesus as observed in the Gospels. With personal conviction we need to rediscover the vigor and boldness of the teaching authority of Christ exhibited by St. Paul, the Fathers of the Church, and the saints and martyrs who have gone before us."

Other speakers were Sr. Gill Goulding, Fr. Scott Traynor, Fr. James Rafferty, Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg, Fr. Albert Esposito, and Msgr. Gregory Schlesselman. IPF is grateful to Fr. Shaun Mahoney and the Staff of St. Charles for all they did to welcome this symposium into their seminary. Further thanks to the Esseff Foundation for their financial assistance.



St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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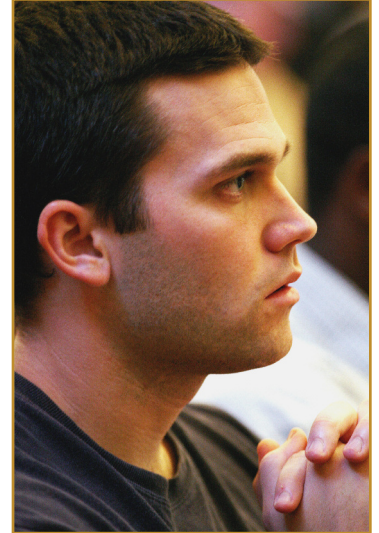
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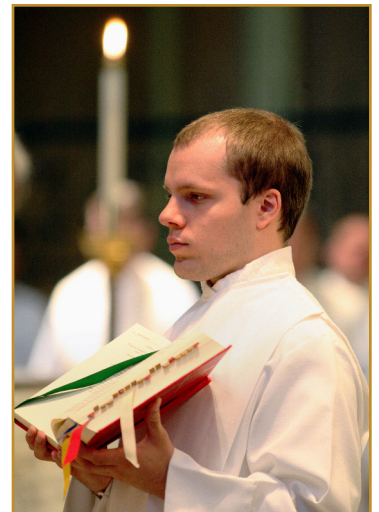
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A beautiful Russian processional, passion crucifix, pictured here, was recently presented to IPF as a gift from Jon and Martha Crane. Jon served IPF as the chairman of the Celebration of Priesthood Underwriting Committee in 2009 and Martha has prayed for the seminarians as a Spiritual Mom. The circa 1875 cross, intricately painted on both sides in the miniature technique depicting the life and passion of Christ, was most likely created in or near the village of Palekh or by a Palekh artist working in Moscow. The lower margin of the cross is inscribed with the matins exapostilarion which translated reads: *The Cross is the guardian of the whole earth; the Cross is the beauty of the Church; the Cross is the strength of kings; the Cross is the support of the faithful; the Cross is the glory of angels; the Cross is the plague of demons.* IPF wishes to thank the Cranes for their generosity and kindness towards the institute.



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Congress has extended for 2011 the opportunity to make distributions from IRAs to charities without triggering any tax consequences.

Here is a quick overview:

- Donors must be age 70 ½ or over.
- Gifts to charity can be made in any amount up to \$100,000.
- Gifts must be made directly to the charity from your IRA.
- Gifts from a 401(k) are not eligible but it may be possible to roll funds from a 401(k) to an IRA and then to the charity.
- Gifts are tax free to the donor.

This provision is obviously limited to a specific group but it can be advantageous to an individual if there are funds in a retirement account that will not be needed for retirement. Generally, at age 70 ½ one is obligated to start taking the required minimum distributions from an IRA or 401(k), even if the money is not needed. Making a donation to a qualified charity will satisfy the required minimum distribution (up to the maximum limit of \$100,000) and avoid adding such distribution to taxable income.

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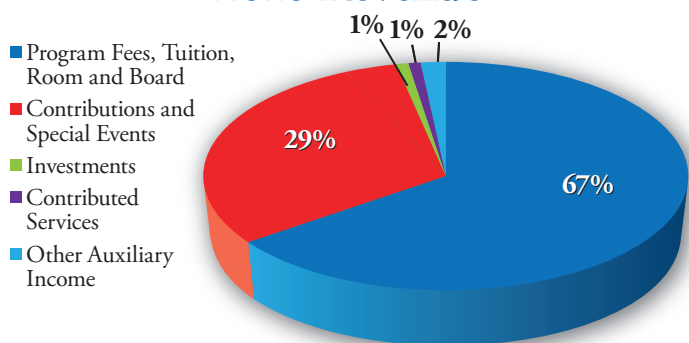
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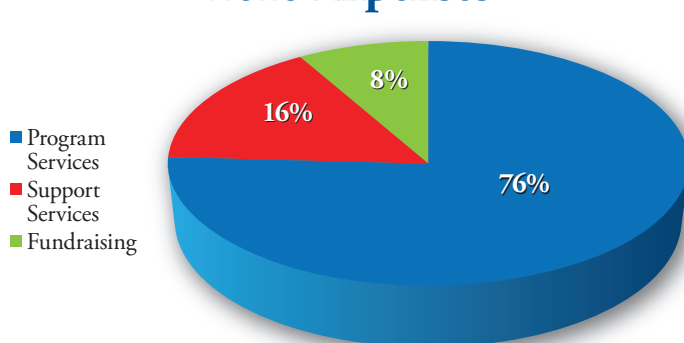
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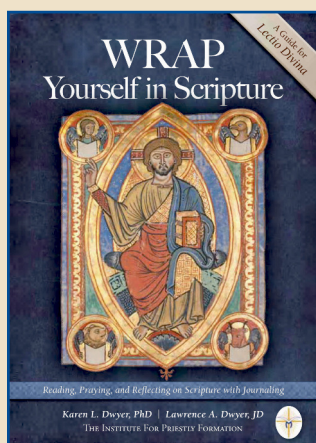


Program Fees, Tuition, Room, Board	\$1,563,400
Contributions and Special Events	\$ 674,348
Investments	\$ 22,183
Contributed Services	\$ 20,869
Other Auxiliary Income	\$ 41,922
TOTAL	\$2,322,722

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Support Services	\$ 377,740
Fundraising	\$ 186,605
TOTAL	\$2,399,595

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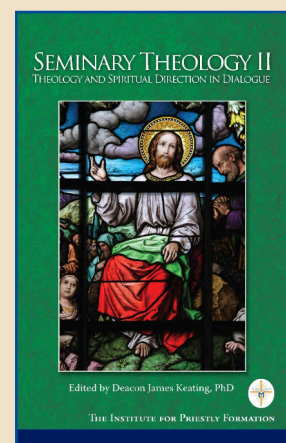
IPF Publications continues to produce resources for both the seminary world and the spiritual lives of the laity. Our newest publications cover both of these constituents.



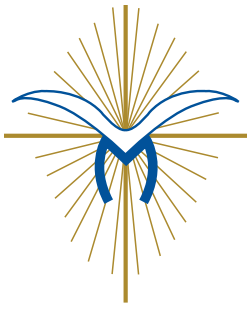
For the laity, we have a beautifully designed book, **WRAP Yourself in Scripture**, leading its readers into the fruitful practice of *lectio divina*. *Lectio divina* is a way of reading Scripture as prayer. Recently, Pope Benedict XVI called for more leaders in the Church to instruct others about this ancient practice of prayerful intimacy with Christ. “The documents produced before and during the Synod [on the Word of God] mentioned a number of

methods for a faith-filled and fruitful approach to sacred Scripture. Yet the greatest attention was paid to *lectio divina*, which is truly ‘capable of opening up to the faithful the treasures of God’s word, but also of bringing about an encounter with Christ, the living word of God’” (*Verbum Domini*, 2010).

For seminary theologians, we will release **Seminary Theology II: Theology and Spiritual Direction in Dialogue**. This volume is the fruit of IPF’s Annual Seminar for Seminary Theologians held each fall on the campus of Creighton University in Omaha. In this collection of essays, the authors provide a way to integrate the mission of spiritual direction with the goals of authentic Catholic theology as taught in the seminary. As one reviewer of the book noted, “Seminary formation has taken an important step forward with the publication of this book.”



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