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Admissions Procedures

Cardinal Glennon College admits young men who are desirous to discern a call to the Priesthood and who are sponsored by their local Ordinary (Bishop or Provincial Superior.) Applicants should not apply directly for the College for admittance, but should first contact the proper representative of the Bishop or Provincial Superior, usually the Director of Vocations.

A man begins the application process for admission to Cardinal Glennon College with the Director of Vocations. Often this meeting is not the first contact between the Vocation Director and the aspirant, as the slow cultivation of a relationship which creates a certain level of trust is usually necessary for a young man to open up enough to approach the Vocation Director about an interior desire to consider the Priesthood more formally. But through the first contact conversation or series of conversations, the Vocation Director obtains basic information to determine suitability of the aspirant for seminary formation. Information includes residence, family, home parish, educational background, academic performance, marital or vowed religious status, and personal history.

For men aspiring to the diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the application for acceptance as a seminarian for the Archdiocese and the application for admissions to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary are united in one comprehensive application package. Specific application components include:

- A. The Director of Vocations will interview each applicant, inform him of the process of application, and gather the following documentation:
 1. Completed application to Cardinal Glennon College (includes in-depth record of personal, family, educational, employment, ecclesiastical/canonical, legal and financial history)
 2. Official Academic Transcripts to Cardinal Glennon College and to the Office of Admissions of Saint Louis University (if applicable) and Financial Aid Forms
 3. Report of Health Examinations and Immunization Records, including HIV test results, eye and dental examinations
 4. Behavior and Psychological Assessments
 5. Sacramental Records (Baptismal and Confirmation Certificates)
 6. Autobiographical Essay which communicates the desire for the priesthood and a personal autobiographical interpretation of how God has worked through significant others and events in the applicant's life; the essay also requires an applicant to reflect on the gifts he believes have been given to him by God and how they might be employed in the priesthood
 7. Insurance Information (Health and automobile)
 8. Criminal Records and Identification Information
 9. Letters of Recommendation, one of which must be from the applicant's Pastor
 10. Evaluation Summary Requests from the Rectors of any past seminaries attended

- B. Once the application package is complete, the Vocation Director makes a final review of the application and decides upon the suitability of the applicant for admission as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. If the applicant is deemed suitable, the application is forwarded to the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College. (Note: For those men applying to enter first or second year college, admission is dependent upon an applicant's admission to Saint Louis University).
- C. An interview with the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and the Academic Office of the College is scheduled for the applicant. Upon positive recommendations from this Admissions Committee, the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College communicates his decision for admission to the Vocation Director who, in turn, sends a letter to the Archbishop asking him to sponsor the applicant.
- D. The Archbishop of St. Louis sends a letter of sponsorship to the applicant, formally completing the application process. A copy of this letter is sent to the Vocation Director and the Director of Cardinal Glennon College.

Application Deadline

All applications for undergraduate admission to Cardinal Glennon College and, if needed, to Saint Louis University, must be completed and received by the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College (and the Office of Undergraduate Admission at Saint Louis University) no later than August 1 for the fall semester. In order to be considered for admission, all applicants must be graduates of accredited secondary schools or must have successfully completed and passed the General Educational Diploma (GED) examination.

Academic Requirements for Admission

Freshmen applicants for admission must present a transcript of courses from an accredited secondary school. A recommendation from the principal or guidance counselor is optional. The applicant's record must show courses and grades indicating intellectual ability and progress. The pattern of courses should show purpose and continuity and furnish a background for the freshman curriculum offered by Saint Louis University. It is strongly recommended that the applicant present five academic courses each semester for all four years of high school. These academic courses should include the following: four year of English and three years each of mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, foreign language and academic electives.

Home Schooled Applicants. Cardinal Glennon College and Saint Louis University welcome applications from home schooled students for the freshman class. Home schooled students must submit all secondary-level transcripts and acceptable scores from the General Education Degree (GED). Each Freshman applicant is strongly recommended to present five academic courses each semester for all four years of secondary-level home schooling.

Transfer candidates for admission must have attempted 12 or more semester hours, or 15 or more quarter hours of full-time course work at another accredited college or university, excluding developmental or remedial courses, are classified as transfer applicants. This policy does not include any advanced college credit earned in high school. If deemed necessary for admission consideration, a request will be made for any or all of the following: high school academic transcript, college admission test scores, personal statement, personal interview and letters of recommendation. In general, transfer applicants must present at least a "C" grade average for both overall college-level course work and in course work taken immediately preceding enrollment at Saint Louis University or Cardinal Glennon College for admission consideration.

Letters of recommendation and other supporting materials are optional. However, if the Formation Staff should decide these are necessary in considering the student, a request will be made for a letter of recommendation, high school record, test scores or other generally accepted measures of academic promise and ability.

Transfer credits, in terms of semester hours, are recognized and incorporated into the permanent record. They are applied where suitable in fulfillment of program and degree requirements of the appropriate college or school, provided that:

- a) admissions requirements are met
- b) courses presented are of college or university level
- c) they are of "C" grade or above
- d) they are recognized by the appropriate college or school of the university

Quality grade points are not transferred from other institutions, and no more than 64 semester hours earned at the community college level can be applied toward the bachelor degree.

Probationary admission is sometimes awarded to students unable to meet the basic academic criteria necessary for admission to the University. Very strong extenuating circumstances must be presented for consideration in these cases. All students judged not eligible for admission to Saint Louis University are automatically considered for probationary admission. Anyone entering as a probationary student is subject to an evaluation after the first semester's work to determine the student's eligibility to continue a course of studies.

Admission's Classifications

The undergraduate program of Cardinal Glennon College is a collaborative-model formation program operated in cooperation with Saint Louis University. Under ordinary circumstances (for those men entering as first-year college seminarians), the initial two years (first four semesters) of intellectual formation are completed on the campus of Saint Louis University. These two years focus upon the general classes of a liberal arts education as outlined in the Program for Priestly Formation. The final two years (last four semesters) of intellectual formation focus upon the study of philosophy and are completed on the campus of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. During all eight semesters of the program, seminarians have access to the Pius XII Library at Saint Louis University.

The required major for all Cardinal Glennon College seminarians is Philosophy. Three options are given to seminarians for their secondary emphasis (minor). Each seminarian must complete the requirements in one of three options. More detailed information of academic requirements is given in the Academic Section.

Financial Information

Seminarians attending Cardinal Glennon College undertake their studies in a generous and faithful response to a perceived call to the priesthood and with a desire to eventually minister in the Catholic Church. The people and the sponsoring diocese or religious order in turn affirm and support each seminarian in his discernment and formation to that priestly call by providing substantial financial aid to assist in reasonable meeting his educational, formation and living expenses.

Education and formation at Catholic seminaries is a costly venture. Because of the demands of the program, the seminarian is limited in his ability to generate income to lower one's debt. To insure that no one should be deterred from pursuing a vocation to the priesthood for lack of financial resources, each sponsoring vocation office offers a variety of financial scholarships to assist their seminarians.

2008-2009 CHARGES

Tuition..... \$22,748 per year
[St. Louis seminarians receive a *full tuition scholarship grant* from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Seminarians from other dioceses receive a tuition scholarship grant of \$10,000 from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.]

Room, Board, and Formation Fees..... \$11,600 per year

1. **All** seminarians are expected to seek financial assistance in the form of **grants and scholarships**. The grant/scholarships assist in lowering the cost of tuition, before the sponsor assists the seminarian in the payment of his tuition balance.
2. Any **LOAN** obtained through the Financial Aid Office of Saint Louis University is the responsibility of the seminarian.
3. Seminarians may pay their tuition, room and board balance in semester payments. It is expected that the balance be paid in full at the end of each semester. A seminarian should speak to the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College if other financial arrangements are necessary.
4. Seminarians should consult with their **Vocation Office** concerning financial responsibilities and other sources of financial assistance which are available, such as the **Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights of America, and Serra Fund**.

All charges are subject to change. Checks should be made out to **KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY**. Please contact the Business Office of the seminary for further information.

