

SEMINARIAN RULE OF LIFE

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GUIDELINES FOR SEMINARY LIVING

Commitment

“The time has come to speak courageously about priestly life as a priceless gift and a splendid and privileged form of Christian living...Priests should not be afraid to set forth explicitly and forcefully the priestly vocation as a real possibility for those young people who demonstrate the necessary gifts and talents.” (Pastores Dabo Vobis, #39)

In coming to Cardinal Glennon College Seminary, a man makes a commitment to discern, with all honesty and integrity, a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Having been accepted into the seminary, each man must give evidence of an overall personal balance, moral character, and proper motivation, along with the human, moral, spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological qualities necessary for priestly ministry.

“The call—Paul VI once said—“is as extensive as the response. There cannot be vocations unless they be free; that is, unless they be spontaneous offerings of oneself, conscious, generous, total...It is the humble and penetrating voice of Christ who says, today as yesterday, and even more than yesterday: Come. Freedom reaches its supreme foundation: precisely that of oblation, of generosity, of sacrifice.” (PDV, #36)

The discipline and sacrifice that are required of each seminarian is a freely chosen response, not a burden imposed upon him. The guidelines and expectations of the seminary help to define personal responsibilities; they do not destroy freedom.

Cardinal Glennon College Seminary encourages each man to be fully engaged in formation through his openness and sincerity to the program in all its aspects. Without this commitment, the seminarian may be nourishing false hopes and illusions with resultant damage to himself, to his fellow seminarians, or to the Church. Failure to meet the standards established by Cardinal Glennon College Seminary program of formation may result in disciplinary sanctions, probation, or dismissal.

Community

Priestly formation occurs in the context of a community. It is “a continuation in the Church of the apostolic community gathered around Jesus” in which men called to share in a unique way in the priesthood of Christ relive today the formation offered to the Twelve by the Lord.” (PDV, #60-61).

“The seminary is a school of human virtue, of growth in honesty, integrity, intellectual rigor, hard work, and tolerance, where the common good is built with solidarity and discipline—all leavened by humor and healthy enjoyment.” (Program of Priestly Formation, # 260).

The presence of each man at the seminary is a value in itself. While seminarians may be involved in activities which do not conflict with seminary exercises, (including activities available at St. Louis University, home parishes and dioceses) these should be limited to safeguard the commitment needed to generate development and growth in the seminary community. *“The give-and-take between those who share the priesthood as a common vocation sets the right context for formation. Such interaction provides mutual support, promotes tolerance and fraternal correction, and gives an opportunity for the development of leadership and talent among seminarians. It can also motivate seminarians to develop a sense of self-sacrifice and a spirit of collaboration”* (Program of Priestly Formation, #262).

The communal life promoted at Cardinal Glennon College helps the seminarian to develop the relationship and dialogue skills necessary for healthy interpersonal relationships as priests. It also realizes that the individual seminarian must strive to interiorize the values of spiritual life and integrate the lessons of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. The interplay between individual and community lies at the heart of formation (PPF, #261).

In his preparation for a life of service to the parish and community as a priest, the seminarian needs to develop a willingness to serve others generously. Seminarians are often asked to assist and are encouraged to be generous with their time and talents outside the seminary. However, seminarians can also work to develop these skills of service by engaging in various works on behalf of others seminarians or the seminary community as a whole. Volunteer service is often requested at the seminary for specific tasks or positions of leadership. Seminarians are expected to be generous with their time and talents in building up the seminary community with their volunteer service, especially when it is not obligatory.

Attendance

Because a rhythm of public and private prayer is the single most important element in establishing a college seminary program as a formative environment, each seminarian should be conscientious about his attendance at scheduled communal prayer. At the heart of the spiritual life is the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass. Daily participation and attendance are expected of each seminarian.

Permission to be absent from any scheduled communal exercise should never be presumed. If a seminarian desires to be excused from an event for a valid reason, he may seek permission in advance from a member of the Formation Staff. To request an absence for an extended period of time, the seminarian must see the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College for permission.

In the event that a seminarian is absent from any communal or spiritual exercise without permission (for example, the seminarian oversleeps in the morning), he is required, before the end of the day, to inform the Rector about the reason for his absence. This expectation assists the seminarian to accept responsibility for his actions, to understand the importance of accountability to others, and to express basic human manners through an apology.

Sunday through Thursday evenings are understood as “study nights.” Seminarians are expected to make every effort to be present on campus after dinner for study and prayer. Because of the time commitment Cardinal Glennon College asks of its members, no seminarian is allowed to hold outside employment during the school year. Seminarians who request work study or other limited opportunities for income throughout the year should consult the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College.

Formation in Celibacy

The formation of one who is called to the priesthood requires that the seminarian knows, appreciates, loves and lives celibacy according to its true nature and purpose. *To be lived fruitfully, the value of celibacy must be interiorized.* Each seminarian at Cardinal Glennon College makes a commitment, in his discernment of the priesthood, to live a life which is devoid of exclusive relationships. Because of this, the seminary rule forbids dating or any similar relationship. Formation in celibacy requires the candidate for the priesthood to have the ability to set appropriate boundaries by choosing not to act on romantic feelings and by developing self-discipline in the face of temptation.

Healthy relationships with both women and men are important, and the seminarian should be able to relate to others without fear or embarrassment. However, a lifestyle appropriate for the priesthood cannot be developed if the seminarian engages in exclusive relationships or in social activities which do not witness to celibate chastity. Celibate chastity demands that a seminarian not become physically or emotionally involved with another person, for to do otherwise is to live a lie.

With the assistance of his spiritual director and those charged with his formation, each seminarian must judge if he has the gift of celibacy and before ordination give assurance to the Church that he can live the permanent commitment to celibacy with authenticity and integrity. “A candidate must be prepared to accept wholeheartedly the Church’s teaching on sexuality in its entirety, be determined to master all sexual temptations, be prepared to meet the challenge of living chastely in all friendships, and, finally, be resolved to fashion his sexual desires and passions in such a way that he is able to live a healthy, celibate lifestyle that expresses self-gift in faithful and life-giving love: being attentive to others, helping them reach their potential, not giving up, and investing all one’s energies in the service of the Kingdom of God” (*Program of Priestly Formation, #94*).

Formation conferences and honest self-disclosure in spiritual direction will assist the seminarian to know the kinds of behaviors which are acceptable and praiseworthy and the kinds that are not. Through the desire to participate in the priesthood, each seminarian accepts the expectation of the Church that he will conduct himself with due prudence at all times. The choice of reading materials, Internet sites, extracurricular amusements, conversations, and acquaintances are to be carefully considered to avoid scandal to the faithful and danger to the observance of celibate chastity in the life of the seminarian.

Chaste celibacy is only “for those to whom it is given.” (Mt. 19:11) The celibate’s personal relationship with Christ through prayer and the sacraments will provide the strength to meet the challenges of celibate living. If, after prayerful consideration and thorough discussion with one’s spiritual director, a man sincerely believes that he is not called or is not willing to live the life of celibacy, he should withdraw from the seminary with honesty and integrity.

Silence and Rest

The seminarian needs to appreciate the value of silence and recollection appropriate from prayer, study, and thoughtful personal growth. In silence, both external and internal, the seminarian can hear God’s call and respond fully and completely in all areas of formation. An atmosphere of quiet should be present at all times outside the chapel, in the library, and in the residential areas of the seminary, especially after Night Prayer. Living in community, each seminarian should recognize the need for quiet, even if not personally desired, out of respect and consideration of others. This includes the time designated in the daily schedule in the evening for serious, quiet study which is to be respected by all.

Because the daily schedule is a full and demanding one, it is necessary that each seminarian receives sufficient rest in order to function properly. Seminarians are asked to maintain silence in the residential areas after Night Prayer (Sundays through Thursdays) and to retire no later than 11:00 p.m. On Fridays, Saturdays, and days before a holiday, seminarians should be respectful of others by maintaining quiet in the residential areas after 10:00 p.m. and to retire no later than 12:00 midnight. Exceptions to the curfew are allowed only with the explicit permission of a member of the Seminary Formation Staff.

Seminarian Rooms

The second floor of the west wing of the seminary, including the rooms which were renovated in the former west dormitory, is reserved for college seminarians. Each room is furnished with a bed, a desk, a chair, a bookshelf and mini-blinds. Because storage space is limited, seminarians may not remove any of the items from their room without permission. Seminarians may arrange and decorate their rooms as they wish as long as no damage is done to seminary property and items are appropriate for a seminarian. No nails are allowed in the walls because of damage to plaster. Any wall hangings, pictures, or religious items can be hung by using adhesives which will not leave permanent markings on the wall or by using fish line or wire which is attached to the wooden rail near the ceiling. Seminarians may not paint their rooms without permission. Any rugs or carpet may not be fastened to the floor. There should not be any adhesive coverings put on the windows or transom of the room doors.

The residential hallways on which the seminarians live are areas which deserve special consideration. A seminarian’s room is one of the few areas where privacy and a home environment can be maintained. A seminarian’s room is not public domain and his privacy is to be respected. Many activities occur in one’s room which require quiet, prayer, serious thought, study and sleep. Therefore, a real concern for developing an atmosphere of quiet should become an important consideration.

Prudence must be exercised when having visitors in one's personal living quarters. Because the seminarian's room is also his bedroom, no minor or female guest is allowed in private rooms without direct permission of the Rector. Seminarians may not visit or be in another seminarian's room after 9:30 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays or after 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Individual televisions are not allowed in seminarian rooms. The College Lounge holds a large screen television for seminarians' use. Gathering together in the lounge to watch television helps to foster community, becomes a lesson in sharing, and speaks of the simplicity of lifestyle to which a priest is called to witness.

Seminarians are expected to maintain a clean and orderly room. The Formation staff will periodically check rooms to be assured that the seminarian is respectful of seminary property and has a proper sense of order in his life. Seminarians will be charged for any damage done to the room or its furnishings due to abuse or neglect. For health and sanitary reasons, no animals or pets (including fish) are to be brought or kept in a seminarian's room at any time. Seminarians may keep their belongings in their rooms throughout the summer. However, this is a privilege to be earned. Any seminarian who is unable to maintain his room throughout the year will be asked to move his belongings during the summer months.

Common and Restricted Areas

Kenrick School of Theology and Cardinal Glennon College Seminary use areas of the building common to both programs. These include St. Joseph Chapel, the dining room, the library, athletic facilities, recreation areas and the auditorium. Other areas of the building (Kenrick offices, Kenrick lounge, and 2nd and 3rd East rooms) are for Theology students only, just as other areas of the building (Glennon lounge and 2nd West rooms) are for college seminarians only. Kenrick and Glennon seminarians should not use or visit these restricted areas without specific permission or invitation.

The middle corridors of the second and third floor between the east and west wings of the building are priest resident rooms, seminary guest rooms, faculty offices and the Mary, Mother of the Word Chapel. Unless there is a specific purpose to visit one of these areas, it is preferred that seminarians not use these corridors to travel from one side of the building to the other. Instead, seminarians are asked to use the connecting corridors on the main floor.

Guests

It is important that the entire Kenrick-Glennon community develop a sense of hospitality in welcoming guests. However, visitors should not intrude upon the privacy of seminarians. All guests must be met and escorted throughout the building by the seminarian who has invited them. Guests may remain in the building no later than 10:00 p.m. Women guests are NOT allowed in the residence halls except with specific permission of the Rector.

The seminary can provide overnight accommodations for guests, but on a very limited basis. Permission and arrangements need to be made with the Rector in advance for overnight guests. Generally, the only individuals allowed overnight are immediate family members, visiting priests, or prospective seminarians.

Telephones and Computers

All rooms are equipped with an internet and telephone line which features voicemail (no answering machine is needed). Each seminarian is asked to have a telephone in his room for in-house communication. Seminarians are responsible for the cost of all long-distance telephone calls; local telephone calls are free of charge.

Although computers are allowed in seminarians' rooms, this permission is given primarily for academic and enrichment purposes. Caution must be given so that the computer does not become an addictive distraction. For the same reasons that a television is not allowed in a seminarian's room, the extensive use of one's computer for games, movies, chat rooms or other sources of entertainment is prohibited. Seminarians who are unable to abide by these expectations will lose computer privileges.

The use of computers and the Internet must give faithful witness to Christian practices and be consistent with the mission and values of Jesus Christ and His Church. The seminarian needs to be aware that he is vulnerable to use the Internet in ways which contradict the Christian life especially with images of pornography and the objectification of the human person. It is important that a seminarian who may struggle with these temptations be honest and forthright in discussion with his spiritual director and confessor in the internal forum and, when necessary, in the external forum as well. In his book *Priests of the Third Millennium*, Archbishop Dolan makes a number of blunt statements, including "If you are purchasing pornography, pornographic films, or using pornography on the Internet" or "if you have an uncontrollable habit of frequent masturbation . . . you need to see yourself clearly as not discerning any call of the Lord" (pages 311-312).

Computer Usage Policy

The computer usage policy of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary states that computers and technological resources may not be used for illegal or unethical purposes. This applies to all computers and computer equipment, including those which are used on Seminary property but not owned by the Seminary. All computers accessing the Internet through the Seminary's network are monitored. Examples of unacceptable or illegal or unethical purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Viewing, collecting or distributing inappropriate material, including pornography, anti-religious, racist or other hate sites
- Harassment of other users
- Libeling or slandering other users
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications
- Unlicensed copying of copyright-protected material
- Reading or attempting to read another person's electronic mail or protected files
- Stealing or attempting to steal another person's computer passwords
- Hacking computers or tampering with others' software
- Conducting business or commercial enterprises using the educational status of the Seminary

No person under 18 years of age may use a computer on the Seminary grounds unless that person has permission from the appropriate administrative authority and has appropriate supervision. Violations of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary computer usage policy may result in disciplinary or legal action.

Security

For reasons of safety and the well-being of persons and property, seminarians should be aware of keeping the building secure. The combinations for the front and side doors should not be given to others. Seminarians should lock their own rooms when they are not at home. Should any unknown person be seen wandering through the building, one should politely ask whom they wish to see and accompany them to their destination.

Cardinal Glennon College Seminary is not responsible for any personal injuries or for any damage or loss to the student's automobile or property. Seminarians should have their own insurance coverage for health, automobile and other property.

Dining Room and Meals

Proper etiquette and manners are expected in the dining room at all times, including appropriate attire and promptness. Courtesy is shown to the kitchen staff and to others by clearing the dishes after meals and by not taking food, dinnerware and utensils outside of the dining area. Certain areas of the kitchen are off limits to seminarians. Seminarians are not allowed to take food from the seminary walk-in refrigerators, freezers or storage areas without specific permission from the Kitchen staff or a Seminary administrator.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the seminary dining room from Monday through Saturday. Brunch and dinner are served on Sundays. The evening meal is a significant time in the seminary schedule. The conversation and interaction which occurs at table encourages community building among the seminarians. For this reason presence at the evening meal is highly emphasized.

Grooming and Attire

The priest is a leader in the Church and local community. As a leader, he should be professional and appropriate in his appearance and lifestyle, adhering to social customs, manners and standards of etiquette. Personal appearance should be a concern to the seminarian in the way in which he presents himself to others. While an overemphasis upon appearance is undesirable, a seminarian should consider it an important aspect of human formation to be clean and neat at all times.

Seminarians are expected to maintain daily hygienic practices. This includes a daily shower, shaving, washing and combing hair, brushing teeth, and the use of deodorant. The Seminary Formation Staff, at its discretion, may direct an individual to improve his appearance to meet professional standards by requesting a change in the length or style of hair, (for example, no dyed or highlighted hair,) the removal of body piercing jewelry or inappropriate clothing, etc.

The College Seminary Dress Code encourages each seminarian to witness the virtue of simplicity in his life and to show respect for himself and others in his attire. Clothes should be neat and clean, shirts should be tucked into pants, and shoes polished or wiped. As a sign of respect given to our Lord's Presence, long pants should always be worn in the chapel.

Dress Code

Liturgical Attire

For daily Holy Mass, for the Liturgy of the Hours on Sundays, Solemnities, and Feasts, and when serving in liturgical roles, seminarians wear:

- Roman cassock and collar with square neck surplice
- Black dress slacks, black dress shoes and black socks
- Long sleeve white shirt (preferred on Sundays and Solemnities)

(When serving at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, a surplice is provided)

Formal Attire

For formal events and special occasions, seminarians wear:

- Dress shirt (long sleeve preferred) with a traditional-style necktie
- Suit coat and trousers or sport jacket and dress slacks (preferably dark color)
- Dress shoes and dark socks which cover the ankle

Daily Attire

For all Academic classes, Communal Prayer (except Night Prayer), Formation sessions, and Apostolic Service, seminarians wear:

- Seminary shirt (if an undershirt is worn, white only)
- Slacks or dress pants (black, blue or khaki slacks preferred; four pockets maximum; no denim)
- Solid black or solid brown shoes and socks which cover the ankle
- Sweater may be worn over seminary shirt or Seminary sweater over a solid collared shirt

For Days of Recollection, Retreat, and at weekday meals in the dining room, seminarians wear:

- Seminary shirt (preferred) or collared shirt with slacks (no denim) and solid black or solid brown shoes and socks which cover the ankle

Casual Attire

Jeans, shorts, sweatshirts, T-shirts, athletic wear, shirts with messages or advertisements, athletic shoes, and other casual clothes may be worn:

- During exercise, recreation, study or free time
- Friday after lunch, and on Saturdays and Sundays after Holy Mass
- Caps or hats should not be worn indoors

Tobacco

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a smoke-free building. The use of tobacco by a college seminarian at any time is prohibited.

Alcohol

No alcoholic beverages may be kept or consumed in seminarian rooms or common areas. (This also applies to those students who are 21 years of age or older.) Minors may not consume alcohol on or off the seminary grounds. Because a significant number of college seminarians are not of the legal age to consume alcohol, it is the policy of Cardinal Glennon College that no alcohol will be served or consumed at college events. A seminarian has a duty to witness moderation to a world that suffers greatly because of the tragic results of the misuse of alcohol. On those special occasions when the Kenrick-Glennon community serves wine at mealtime, those seminarians who are 21 years of age or older may partake of wine; however, temperance and self-control are virtues to be modeled for the entire seminary community. Failure to obey these regulations could result in possible expulsion.

Off campus, those seminarians who are 21 years of age or older have a social and civic duty to abide by the Laws of the State Missouri with regard to alcoholic beverages, particularly those concerning legal age, supplying alcohol to minors, overindulgence, and the sanctions attached. A seminarian should always be mindful of the illicitness and danger of driving while intoxicated.

Substance Abuse

The introduction, possession, or use of any illicit drugs or the abuse of any prescription medication on or off campus is forbidden. Any failure in this area will be considered a serious offense and could result in possible expulsion from the program. Rehabilitation and treatment programs will be recommended to address specific problems in this area.

Withdrawing from the Seminary

A student who withdraws from Cardinal Glennon College program should personally meet with the Rector to discuss his decision and to review the steps necessary for his transition from the Seminary. Under normal circumstances, the student will be allowed to remain to complete the semester courses in which he is officially registered.

Seminarian Council

The purpose of the Seminarian Council at Cardinal Glennon College is to provide leadership and service whereby the seminarians assist one another in their growth as individuals and as a community. All seminarians are members of the council which seeks to encourage unity and responsibility.

The Seminarian Council consists of the Officers of the Executive Council who are elected for a one-year term, the Commissioners who are appointed for a one-year term, and all other members of the Cardinal Glennon College community.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council consists of three elected positions: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, and SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Executive Council:

- coordinates and supervises the student activities of the Cardinal Glennon community
- oversees the budgeting process, the allocation of funds, and the proper use of those funds
- coordinates the nomination process for all Commissioners, and, with the approval of the College Rector, appoints these positions.
- assists the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and the College Formation Staff in various aspects of seminary life
- serves in office for one year, beginning with the day of their election in the spring semester

The duties and responsibilities of each office of the Executive Council follow:

The PRESIDENT:

- presides at Seminarian Council meetings and facilitates discussion during those forums
- represents the entire student body for official business with the community at-large
- serves as a liaison between the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and the seminary community to ensure effective communication
- coordinates meetings with the other members of the Executive Council to plan agenda items for each Seminarian Council meeting
- serves as (or, with the approval of the Rector, appoints an assistant who serves as) Infirmarian to assist in caring for the sick and to serve as a liaison with the Seminary Nurse

The VICE-PRESIDENT:

- assists the President in fulfilling his duties
- participates in Seminarian Council meetings, and, in the absence of the President, serves as President
- is responsible for keeping the rules of order at Seminarian Council meetings
- is responsible for all elections
- is responsible, in the event of any tie votes during meetings or in elections, to cast the tie-breaking vote
- assumes the duties of President when, for whatever reason, the President is unable to continue in office
- supervises the weekly Work Order program to ensure that each seminarian is performing his assigned tasks sufficiently
- is responsible for noting any damage or maintenance issues of the seminary and ensures that those issues are addressed
- serves as (or, with the approval of the Rector, appoints an assistant who serves as) Kitchen Coordinator to assist special events in the dining room, including the assignment of waiters and dishwashers

The SECRETARY-TREASURER:

- assists the President and Vice-President in fulfilling their duties
- coordinates all financial matters and keeps accurate financial records of all expenditures
- serves as Secretary at all Seminarian Council meetings by keeping detailed and accurate minutes which are published in a timely manner after each meeting
- is responsible for all correspondence, including notes of appreciation sent to visiting priests who offer Holy Mass and give Days of Recollection and Retreats
- serves as (or, with the approval of the Rector, appoints an assistant who serves as) Communications Coordinator to provide photographs, video and updated texts for the Cardinal Glennon College website and other promotional materials

COMMISSIONERS

The nomination process for Commissioners is coordinated by the Executive Council after spring elections. With the final approval of the Rector, all Commissioners are appointed by the Executive Council to serve for one year. Commissioners desiring funds for the year are asked to submit a budget to the Executive Council for approval. The duties and responsibilities of each Commissioner follow:

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

- is responsible for the training and supervising of all ministers of Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Benediction, and other common liturgical prayer
- in collaboration with the Director of Worship, schedules and publishes a calendar of daily liturgical assignments, including Days of Recollection and Retreat

- in collaboration with the Commissioner of Liturgical Music, oversees Liturgical planning and assists seminarians to assure that daily planning sheets are completed in a timely manner
- serves as Master of Ceremonies in liturgical ceremonies when needed

LITURGICAL MUSIC

- schedules seminarians as Cantors and Musicians for daily liturgical celebrations
- encourages those with musical talent and knowledge to volunteer their time in music and song to enhance the seminary's liturgies
- suggests music selections for weekly Liturgical Music practice
- solicits volunteers for the Seminary Schola
- in collaboration with the Master of Ceremonies, assists seminarians to assure that daily liturgies are planned in a timely manner

HEAD SACRISTAN

- oversees the maintenance of St. Charles Chapel and the sacristy
- recruits and trains seminarians to assist as sacristans
- supervises and assists the crew members assigned to the Chapel and Sacristy as a Work Order
- provides for the liturgical needs of the community outside of the seminary (for example, the Annual Retreat)
- assists, when needed, the Head Sacristan of St. Joseph Chapel
- coordinates with the Director of Worship to assure sufficient supplies (altar bread, wine, candles, etc.)
- is responsible for the laundering of all altar linens
- coordinates with the Director of Worship in decorating the Chapel

TRANSPORTATION

- schedules transportation to and from classes
- recruits and trains seminarians to drive the vans
- supervises and assists the crew members assigned to the vehicles as a Work Order
- is responsible for fueling the vehicles
- is responsible for noting any damage or maintenance issues for the vehicles and ensures that those issues are addressed
- supervises the policies regarding personal use of seminary vehicles

GAUD MASTER

- fosters social activities to foster community life
- serves as (or, with the approval of the Rector, appoints an assistant who serves as) coordinator for athletic activities, including Intramurals
- coordinates the preparation and cleanup after all Gaud activities
- prepares a calendar of scheduled Gaud activities
- solicits ideas for unscheduled Gauds throughout the year

APOSTOLIC LIFE

- coordinates the College Seminary's involvement in pro-life activities, for example, the Annual Respect Life Convention and March for Life to Washington, D.C.
- promotes activities in which seminarians may witness to the cause of life
- promote and coordinates activities in which seminarians are asked to give volunteer service (outside of required Apostolic Service)
- serves as the contact person with the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate

VOCATIONS

- in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations, coordinates activities which foster priestly vocations, including the Come and See Weekends and the monthly St. John Gabriel meetings
- solicits volunteers and schedules seminarians to assist at events which foster priestly vocations, including the Come and See Weekends and the monthly St. John Gabriel meetings
- in collaboration with the Director of Vocations and the College Rector, coordinates the schedule for seminarians' participation in the spring Vocation Days and the summer Kenrick-Glennon Days Vocation camp
- serves as Guest Master to coordinate the needs of those who visit the seminary

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The members of the Executive Council are elected in the spring semester (preferably April), no sooner than six weeks and no later than two weeks before the end of the academic year. All Juniors and Seniors are eligible for nomination (by self or by another) for the office of President and Vice-President. All Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible for nomination (by self or by another) for the Office of Secretary-Treasurer. Prior to the election, all nominations must be confirmed by the candidate and are subject to approval by the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College. (Seminarians who are on academic or disciplinary probation are ineligible.) A seminarian may accept nomination for only one office.

After the nomination process is concluded and if more than two individuals are nominated for an office, a PRIMARY ELECTION will be held at least one day prior to the official election. A special meeting of the community is called and, by secret ballot, each member of the seminary community in attendance (except members of the Senior class and any man who is withdrawing from the College at the end of the semester) votes for one nominee whom he finds the most qualified to fulfill the duties of the Office. The two nominees with the most votes are declared the candidates.

On the designated election day, a ballot is prepared with the names of the candidates who were nominated for the Offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. By secret ballot, each member of the seminary community in attendance (except members of the Senior class and any man who is withdrawing from the College at the end of the semester) votes for one nominee whom he finds the most qualified to fulfill each Office.

After the voting is completed and tabulated, the candidates with the most votes are declared the winners. In the event of a tie vote, the current Vice-President will confer with the Rector and, after his approval, will select the winner.

Those who are elected serve in office for one year, beginning with the day of their election.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

Soon after their election, the new Executive Council will meet to determine the process of soliciting names of those seminarians who are interested in serving in leadership positions in the various Commissions. Nominations for Commissioners may be by oneself or by another. After the nomination process is completed, the Executive Council will meet with the Rector of Cardinal Glennon College to discuss the appointments. With the final approval of the Rector, Commissioners will be appointed by the Executive Council to serve for one year.

**Cardinal Glennon College Seminary
Seminarian Council
2008-2009**

Executive Council

Charles Samson, *President*
(CGC-IV, St. Louis)

Patrick Fletcher, *Vice-President*
(CGC III, St. Louis)

Anthony Saiki, *Secretary-Treasurer*
(CGC III, Kansas City, KS)

Commissioners

Nicholas Roberts, *Master of Ceremonies*
(CGC-IV, Kansas City-St. Joseph)

Peter Fonseca, *Transportation*
(CGC-II, St. Louis)

Michael Cross, *Liturgical Music*
(CGC-IV, St. Louis)

Andrew Burkemper, *Gaud Master*
(CGC-III, St. Louis)

Christopher Seiler, *Head Sacristan*
(CGC-IV, St. Louis)

Patrick Kelly, *Apostolic Life*
(CGC-IV, Springfield-Cape Girardeau)

Zachary Pavis, *Vocations*
(CGC-II, St. Louis)

Coordinators

To be appointed, ***Infirmarian***

To be appointed, ***Kitchen Coordinator***

Conor Sullivan, *Communications Coordinator*
(CGC-III, St. Louis)

WORK ORDER

The Work Order program has been a distinctive feature of Seminary life at Cardinal Glennon College since the 1970s. Each seminarian is assigned a task that contributes to the maintenance of the seminary facilities and common areas. The program requires approximately 60 minutes of work per week, usually on Saturday mornings. Learning to labor with others in a constructive and unselfish spirit is an opportunity to put fraternal love and concern into practice.

Work Order has a threefold purpose:

- 1) to train seminarians in responsibilities with regard to good order and cleanliness
- 2) to give seminarians the opportunity to work together on a common project
- 3) to offer seminarians an opportunity to make a contribution to the ever-rising cost of education, in view of the financial assistance given to each seminarian by his diocese

During the course of the year special Work Orders are scheduled to meet seasonal needs. When such Work Orders are needed, notice will be given so that all may work together on these special projects.

Specific Work Orders:

CHAPEL and SACRISTY

- Vacuum carpet
- Dust furniture, piano, statues, and windowsills
- Straighten hymnals
- Sweep floor, clean countertop and vessels in vesting sacristy
- Clean and dust areas (including statues) in hallway outside chapel

BATHROOMS and SHOWERS

- Clean bathroom toilets, sinks, mirrors, and windowsills
- Clean shower stalls, walls, counters and mirrors
- Sweep and mop floor
- Replenish supplies (toilet paper and soap)
- Empty trash can

COMMON AREAS

- Vacuum carpets
- Dust and arrange furniture
- Remove trash

GUESTROOMS and MAILROOM

- Assist Guest Master in cleaning guestrooms
- Distribute mail daily
- Sweep/mop floor and remove trash in mailroom
- Clean bathroom, dust furniture and windowsills in nurse's office

VEHICLES

- Clean interior of vehicles and windows
- Wash exterior of vehicles (weather permitting)
- Check fluids and replenish fuel

CONFERENCE ROOM, LOUNGE, and KITCHENETTE

- Clean tables and chairs
- Vacuum carpet and dust windowsills
- Remove trash
- Clean TV area
- Sweep hallway
- Clean sink and counter area in kitchenette

CORRIDORS, STAIRWELLS, and DORMITORY

- Sweep all hallways and stairwells
- Mop outer stairwell to parking lot "B"
- Dust windowsills
- Clean water fountains
- Sweep floor and arrange furniture in dormitory

LOWER LEVEL ROOMS, GYMNASIUM and LAUNDRY ROOM

- Sweep floor and arrange equipment in Gymnasium
- Sweep floor and arrange furniture in music room
- Clean recreation room
- Clean laundry room area
- Remove trash

OUTDOOR CREW

- Maintain Grotto areas
- Maintain the courtyard and other outdoor areas
- Assist other groups in inclement weather

