

Dear Friends in Christ,

The seminarians and students of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary carry a strong realization of, and a deep commitment to, the many graces and challenges that accompany them on the life-long path of discernment. In addition to study and prayer, the seminary offers many programs and vital services, expanding on each individual's human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation. Seminarians take advantage of these programs and services as they seek to become priests – servant leaders after the heart of Jesus Christ – and students across all programs of study benefit from the same resources as they become disciples of the new evangelization. For each, the ultimate goal echoes the mission of the seminary: to become the leaders and ministers of the faith so deeply needed in our Church and communities "For today. For tomorrow. For all of us."

Your extraordinary gifts during our most recent appeal have helped significantly to fuel these programs and services. Through your continued generosity, we have surpassed our \$3.5 million goal for the first time in the appeal's history. Over 26,400 individual gifts raised more than \$3.56 million. Your contributions ensure that all of the current resources will remain available to all seminarians and students, and will fund new services for

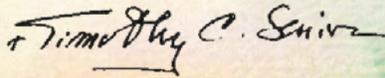
their use as the seminary continues to grow. Your kindness also serves as a reminder to our students that they have the continued support and confidence of a faithful Catholic community.

On behalf of the seminary community, I thank you for your continued encouragement and support. It is especially appreciated during this important time in our seminary's history as we look to strengthen the institution as a whole and build partnerships for its future.

We invite you to come visit our seminary, to experience first-hand the opportunities offered through our theological lectures, prayer services and concerts. Upcoming events are listed on our website – scs.edu – and open to everyone.

Please continue to keep our seminarians, students and faculty in your good prayers, and be assured that you are often remembered in the prayers of the Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary community.

May God continue to bless you!



Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Rector



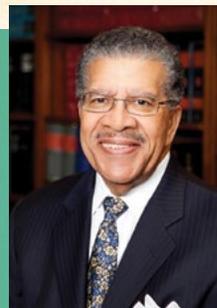
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PRIESTLY FORMATION
Rev. Mr. Eric Banecker

"On May 13, 2017, I was ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop Timothy Senior, the Rector of Saint Charles Seminary. This was a great moment in my vocational journey, in which many years of discernment

and preparation received a strong confirmation. I was especially gratified by the presence of many family, friends, and mentors. This summer - and for the rest of the year on weekends - I have been assigned to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish in North Wales. There I am giving homilies at Mass, assisting with baptisms, and getting to work with various parish groups. As I enter into this last stage of formation for the priesthood, I give thanks to God for the wonderful way in which he has walked with me. While I will miss the camaraderie of St. Charles after priesthood ordination, I am grateful for the relationships that have grown there. I feel well prepared to enter into this life of service to God and his people - one which despite all its challenges is full of rewards. Truly, God is never outdone in generosity!"



"More often than not, when good things 'happen' at Saint Charles Seminary, Bishop Senior says with much joy: "Praise be to God." In reaching the 2016-2017 Seminary Appeal goal of \$3.5 million, supporters like you and me can also, with similar joy and in one voice, join with Bishop in saying: "Praise be to God."

Your generosity made it happen; with God's grace, it will be sustained. The seminary community thanks you and keeps you in their prayers. Our seminarians also ask for your continued prayers as they "heed the call" and discern a vocation to the priesthood to become the needed future servant leaders of the Church."

-Jerry Davis, Chair,
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Development Committee

SCHOOL OF DIACONAL FORMATION

Deacon Jim O'Neil



"During the past year, the biggest changes in my life have been the first year of life for our third grandson and a new job for me. Our grandson Carter has grown from an infant to a perpetual motion machine who can and does make his needs known. Also during the past year, I changed "day jobs" to become the Director of Religious Education and Parish Services at St. Christopher. When the job opened up I approached our Pastor, Monsignor Garvin, at my wife Mary's suggestion. While it was hard for several reasons to leave my previous job, I have not regretted the change for a day. The blessings of the diaconate are many!"



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
Leslie Kelso

"I completed my Master's degree in Theology in July 2017. The time at St. Charles Seminary has been truly transformational. It was a challenging experience yielding both a strong formation and a more robust relationship with Christ. My studies not only fostered the ability to speak more openly about my faith but equipped me with the confidence to develop, facilitate and teach within programs that I would have formerly felt unequipped. I have become much more active within not only parish programs but in service in the Archdiocese.

I have a clear appreciation of the impact and importance that education has in our faith life. My heart has been leading me to work on the development of simple and accessible adult education programs focused on the pillars of faith with the objective of helping the "average Catholic" engage more fully in their life in Christ. I am open to God's will and listening to His voice on how to best use the blessing of this education."

2016-17 SEMINARY CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal	\$3,567,888
Seminary Golf Classic	\$317,404
Estates	\$324,556
Priest Alumni Appeal	\$69,752

2016-2017 TOTAL RAISED \$4,279,600

SEMINARY APPEAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS

FIRST TIME \$3.5 MILLION GOAL EXCEEDED!

Total amount raised annually for the Seminary Appeal from 2012 to present.

Year	Amount	Goal
2016 - 2017	\$3,567,888	GOAL \$3.5 MILLION
2015 - 2016	\$3,450,597	
2014 - 2015	\$3,137,066	
2013 - 2014	\$3,120,999	
2012 - 2013	\$3,086,522	

2016-2017	AVERAGE GIFT	\$135.11	INCREASE \$9.54
2015-2016	AVERAGE GIFT	\$125.57	

PARISHES WITH THE HIGHEST CONTRIBUTIONS

- Saint Andrew, Newtown
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Yardley
- Saint Philip Neri, Lafayette Hill
- Saint John Baptist Vianney, Gladwyne
- Saint Mary Magdalen, Media
- Saints Peter and Paul, West Chester
- Saint Stanislaus, Lansdale
- Corpus Christi, Lansdale
- Saints Simon and Jude, West Chester

- 54 parishes raised \$20,000 or more to support the Seminary Appeal
- A total of 116 parishes raised \$10,000 or more to support the Seminary Appeal

For more information, please visit www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org or call Sarah O. Hanley, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, at 215.587.5650.