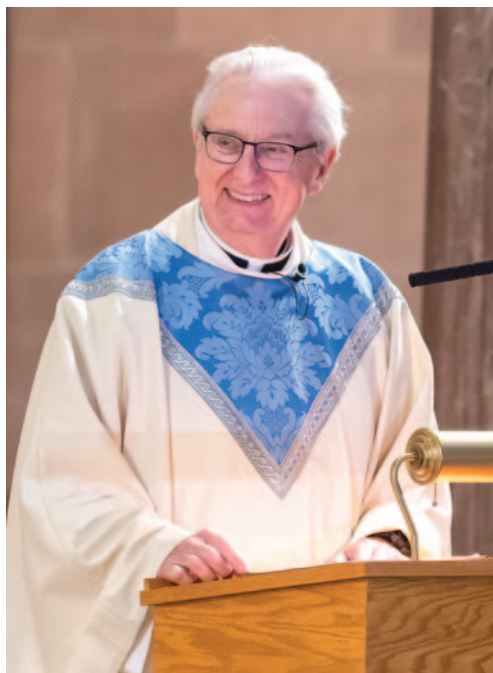


ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY



Annual Report 2023

The St. Mary's Difference



Rev. Phillip J. Brown, P.S.S.
President Rector

St. Mary's spacious and bucolic campus is blessed to be situated on 40 acres in the north Baltimore neighborhood of Roland Park. Lining the driveway as it snakes through the campus are banners calling attention to "The St. Mary's Difference," each featuring a different aspect of life at St. Mary's.

The St. Mary's Difference is more than a promotional line; it calls attention to what makes St. Mary's different from other seminaries. Simply put, it's the values that underlie our whole approach to forming the kind of priests the people of God deserve.

Ask anyone at the seminary to describe "The Saint Mary's Difference" and you will receive many different answers, because it is different from other seminaries in a number of crucial ways. Some will mention our history as the first Catholic seminary in the United States. For others it is the grounding in the tradition of the Sulpicians who operate it and who have been forming men for priesthood longer

than any other religious community. Others will speak of its emphasis on spiritual freedom, still others the unique attention it gives to each individual seminarian and their human development and formation.

One of the first banners greeting visitors entering off of Roland Avenue highlights the seminary's "400 Years of Sulpician Tradition," another in close proximity proudly proclaims St. Mary's as "America's First Seminary." The history of both are intertwined: St. Mary's history begins with the history of the Society of Saint Sulpice and its founder, Fr. Jean-Jacques Olier. In 1641, Fr. Olier established a seminary outside Paris: a much-needed answer for clergy not known for being well prepared for ministry.

Over a century later in 1789, the same year as the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, the first Catholic diocese in the United States was created in Baltimore. Bishop Carroll knew he would need a seminary devoted to preparing priests for the new nation and sent a request to the Society of St. Sulpice. The Society sent Fr. Francois Charles Nagot who, along with a number of seminarians, arrived to establish St. Mary's as the first Roman Catholic seminary in the fledgling nation.

This report gives voice to men who write glowingly about their formation at St. Mary's. We want you to hear from our seminarians who are receiving formation from St. Mary's, not from those who are providing it to them, so you will know the authenticity of their praise for our program. We are grateful to them for taking the time to share their experiences at St. Mary's and to hear that we are, in fact, delivering on our promise to provide the people of God with the kind of priests they need and truly deserve.

You will hear from these men about the effectiveness of their preparation and formation and, I hope, take pride in the execution of our mission, a mission rooted in the Sulpician charism that animates our work each and every day, just as it did when St. Mary's was founded.

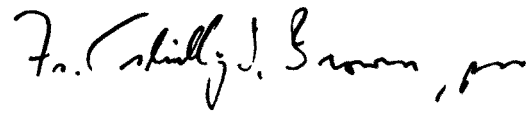
The Sulpician charism embodies "a commitment to ministerial priesthood; the cultivation of an apostolic spirit; an emphasis on spiritual formation; the creation of a formational community; and the exercise of collegiality."

The mission of the Sulpicians—the initial and ongoing formation of priests—is as urgent and timely today as it was in 1641. There continues to be a widespread need for quality preparation for seminarians and deeper spirituality in the priesthood. Seminarians and priests worldwide seek the formation and guidance the Sulpicians provide. St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute, established in 1968, builds on that historic tradition and provides excellent theological studies in a serious, open-minded, and supportive environment. Constantly adapting to the needs of the students, the EI programs are offered on campus in Baltimore and online for all.

We could not fulfill our mission without the generous and committed support of so many, without which we could

not continue this storied and historic ministry. We offer this report as a transparent summary of St. Mary’s operations and finances, and as our “thank you” letter to you and so many others who believe in the Sulpician tradition, the mission of St. Mary’s, and in “The St. Mary’s Difference.” Thank you from the depth of our hearts.

In gratitude,



Rev. Phillip J. Brown, P.S.S.
President Rector



St. Mary’s Seminary basketball team competed in the Mundelein Seminary basketball tournament. There were 10 teams from across the United States. In addition to basketball, the team also visited the St. Maximilian Kolbe Shrine outside of Chicago. Fr. Brown (team chaplain) is pictured (l-r) Anthony Pampena (Pittsburgh), Luke Dagher (Erie), Anderson Dugarte (Baltimore), Gianni Verginio (Syracuse), Peter Henkels (Pittsburgh), Tom Dzwonczyk (Scranton), Gabriel Schoone (Pittsburgh), and Harrison Rapp (Scranton).

With a Grateful Heart

FR. JOSÉ CARVAJAL - DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

The “St. Mary’s Difference” can be seen in the countless ways in which St. Mary’s lives out the 400-year-old mission of its Sulpician founders. How that is experienced by the men who receive their priestly formation at St. Mary’s can best be told by those men themselves. Whether ordained priests putting their formation into practice or seminarians currently enrolled in the formation program at the nation’s oldest seminary, their words help to give life to what it means to experience the “St. Mary’s Difference!”



Fr. José Carvajal



Fr. Carvajal was ordained by Bishop McManus (Diocese of Worcester) on May 15th, 2021.



May 6, 2021



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Dear Father Brown,

I hope this email finds you well. I am grateful for the valuable knowledge I gained at St. Mary's Seminary thanks to your leadership. The balanced education I received at St. Mary's has greatly benefited the parish I currently serve at.

The holistic approach to formation at St. Mary's has equipped me with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual discernment necessary to navigate the complexities of parish ministry. By prioritizing theological depth, pastoral care, and spiritual formation, I've been able to connect with parishioners in meaningful ways and support them on their spiritual paths with empathy and compassion.

I hope St. Mary's and the amazing Sulpician tradition continue, always teaching us to stand with Jesus' favorite ones, and that we do not look for those king-like behaviors that foster and validate segregation and divisions.

As I serve in my parish community, I constantly find myself drawing upon the rich teachings and traditions of St. Mary's, integrating them into my pastoral approach and advocating for the values and principles that define our beloved seminary. The profound impact that St. Mary's has had on my formation is evident in the ways I engage with parishioners, in my preaching and teaching, and in the compassion and empathy I know I need to approach anyone.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the St. Mary's community, and I carry with me the experiences I gained during my time there with profound gratitude and humility. Please know that I will continue to advocate for St. Mary's and to uphold its mission and values in all aspects of my ministry.

Once again, thank you, Father Brown, for your leadership and guidance, and for the transformative impact that St. Mary's Seminary has had on my life and ministry.

With gratitude,
Fr. José Carvajal
Associate Pastor (St. Mary's Seminary Class of 2021)



Bishop McManus has just announced that Fr. Carvajal will be the new Head of School of St. Paul's Diocesan Sr. High School in Worcester, MA beginning July 2024.

THE MEN OF ST. MARY'S TODAY



Rev. Mr. Joseph Tuan Pham and Rev. Mr. Zachary Watson

The St. Mary's difference is forming the seminarians to become the kind of priests God has called them to be by taking into account their individual characteristics, abilities, and needs. The result is a great unity in diversity among both the seminarians and the faculty.

*Rev. Mr. Zachary Watson
4th Theology, Archdiocese of Baltimore*

From my first days at St. Mary's, my mentor advised me, "If you want to be a priest of Jesus Christ, you have no choice but to be another Christ." That was the first moment of transformation. Through St. Mary's formation, I am becoming the best of myself and what God wants me to be.

*Rev. Mr. Joseph Tuan Pham
4th Theology, Diocese of Albany*

Saint Mary's is not only a school but also a home, not merely a seminary but also a family, where I'm nurtured by the great care and love of my brothers.

*Khoa Anh Tran
1st Theology, Archdiocese of Baltimore*



Khoa Anh Tran, Tom Dzwonczyk, and Pascal Atunzu



Anthony Pampena

It is humbling to lift a chalice. It demands respect for the priest's work. "Take this, all of you, and drink from it," for this chalice which the priest offers today will soon be filled with the water and wine which represents my desire and commitment to lay down my life for God's people.

*Anthony Pampena
2nd Theology, Diocese of Pittsburgh*

Read more about the men of St. Mary's here:



Throughout my time at St. Mary's, I've had a spiritual director who has guided me in the spiritual life, but he's also challenged me in areas that I need to be challenged.

*Rev. Mr. Luke Dagher
4th Theology, Diocese of Erie*



Rev. Mr. Luke Dagher



Rev. Mr. James Gebhart and Br. Kevin O'Connor, C.O.

As a member of a religious community (Rock Hill Oratory), St. Mary's has allowed me to better appreciate my community's charism, while at the same time allowed me to develop the skills needed for ministry through pastoral assignments, classroom discussions and assignments that focus on real world application.

*Br. Kevin D. O'Connor, C.O.
4th Theology, Rock Hill Oratory, Rock Hill, SC*

Formation happens in many ways in a seminary, but one that I have come to appreciate the most is how much the seminary community itself forms and shapes you. It is the relationships in the classroom, the refectory, and the overall community life that have expanded my vision and have helped me to now enter priestly ministry with confidence.

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THE ST. MARY'S DIFFERENCE:
SPIRITUALITY, MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD,
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COLLEGIALLY, APOSTOLIC SPIRIT...

20 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

AN ALUMNUS REFLECTS



Rev. Mr. Michel Tchoumbou, 2003, as a seminarian at St. Mary's talking with parishioners from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

Late last summer, I invited my former seminarian, Father Michel Tchoumbou (Douala, 2004) to St. Mary's to hear how his Sulpician formation two decades ago has stood the test of time serving as a priest in Cameroon, West Africa. We walked the main corridor together and sat down for a chat in the Raymond Brown Center to reminisce. I mentioned the memory of his diaconate ceremony in the seminary chapel, made so special for us afterwards in the Atrium by the African chant and dance of Cameroonian women in native dress. I cannot forget the imposing figure of Cardinal Christian Tumi (1930-2021), Archbishop of Douala, visiting St. Mary's twenty-five years ago to ask a favor. Would St. Mary's consider awarding a full scholarship to one of his most promising seminarians?

Michel's reflection emphasizes the impact of St. Mary's on his life and priestly formation and how it feels to come back to his alma mater and look back.

Fr. Robert F. Leavitt, P.S.S.
President Rector (1980 - 2007)
France Merrick Professor

Fr. Michel Tchoumbou
Pontificio Seminario Francese
Roma

My openness to the universality of the Church, that I have come to know more by studying here in Rome, is also something that I owe to the Ecumenical atmosphere at St. Mary's. And of course, my readiness to pursue further studies. The list can continue ...

Even though I am just at the beginning of my life as a priest I can already see in myself some of the fruits of my four years at Roland Park. For this I sincerely thank you once more. Dear Father, as you continue to discern the call of my fellow brothers to this wonderful life of service to the Gospel of Christ, rest assured of my most sincere wishes and prayers. I remain:

Fr. Michel Tchoumbou (Class of 2004)



Fr. Robert F. Leavitt, P.S.S. and Fr. Michel Tchoumbou meet in the Raymond Brown Room (Knott Library) which houses Fr. Brown's extensive collection on the Gospel of John.

Excerpt from letter from Fr. Michel Tchoumbou to Fr. Leavitt. 2005

Fr. Michel Tchoumbou
Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish
Archdiocese of Douala
Cameroon

Fall 2023

It is always good to be back at St. Mary's. It feels like visiting the boys' room in the house in which you were raised. Everything about St. Mary's is a firework of wonderful memories. My visit at St. Mary's on the occasion of my 20th Anniversary is way of reconnecting with the best of my priestly ideals. The inscriptions on the chapel walls which spoke to me when I was instituted lector and acolyte still speak to me today. The coldness of the marble floor of the St. Mary's chapel on which I laid face-down, at my diaconate ordination, has a way of connecting me once more to the deepest meaning of my ordination promises.

The Atrium reminds me of the African celebratory folk dance that followed my diaconate ordination. This is not so much about the dance, that it is about St. Mary's. St. Mary's in my days was a place where an African Seminarian felt at home. The community at the time accepted me together with my culture, with my people that I brought along. The dance at my diaconate was that unique moment when everything pulled together: the positive regard of the community towards me, on the one hand, and the joyful expression of who I was in my host community, on the other hand.

I left St. Mary's and went straight to Rome for biblical studies, and subsequently to England for further studies. As a young priest during those long years of travels and studies, I had to negotiate my path into several cultures and into several communities of priests and Christian faithful. Apart from the academia, I have had experience in forming future priests at the local seminary. I have made contributions in the continuing formation of priests in my diocese. As an aid to Cardinal Tumi of blessed memory, I found myself at some point mediating political conflicts between rival groups alongside other Christian and Muslim leaders. Today I am a pastor, an episcopal vicar, vicar for priests and vicar for the laity in my diocese. There could not have been a better preparation for these experiences than the dynamic multicultural community of St. Mary's. Throughout my 20 years of priesthood, life has never been about giving up who I am. Rather it has always been about affirming myself in a way that adds value and meaning to the lives of people that I come across. My experience as a foreign student at St. Mary's prepared me for this better than I could have ever imagined....

Fr. Michel Tchoumbou

*Pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Douala
Member of College of Consultors and Episcopal Vicar
Elected delegates for Priests in the Archdiocese of Douala
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Vicar in charge of Bible Apostolate, Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue*



Read Fr. Michel Tchoumbou's full letter here:



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ST. MARY'S PREPARED ME FOR THIS MINISTRY
BETTER THAN I COULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED....**



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July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

REVENUES FROM CURRENT OPERATIONS

Student Tuition and Fees	\$2,291,077
Gifts, Grants, Bequests and Donations (not including restricted gifts to other than current operations)	864,712
Contributed Services	108,649
Investment Income	5,050,003
Other Revenues	335,168
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,255,540
Total Revenues from Current Operations	\$9,905,149

EXPENDITURES

Instructional	\$3,205,676
Student Services	1,059,077
Library	367,312
Associated Archives	157,810
General Institutional	794,061
Administrative	1,274,812
Operation and Maintenance of Physical Plant	1,062,378
Student Aid and Scholarships	1,227,442
Capital Campaign	86,653
Auxiliary Enterprises	325,107
Total Expenditures for Current Operations	\$9,560,328

With Gratitude



Mass of the Holy Spirit, August 30th, 2023. Archbishop William Lori, Presider.

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Dr. Mary Pat Seurkamp, President Emerita, Notre Dame of Maryland University, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity honoris causa and was the Commencement Speaker for Graduation on May 11th, 2023.

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His Eminence Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, visited St. Mary's on March 5th and 6th. He joined the community for Vespers, had a conference for the seminarians, and then presided at Mass (pictured here) on March 6th. Rev. Mr. Michael Misulia (Baltimore) was the Deacon of the Mass. St. Mary's faculty members concelebrated.

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St. Mary's showed unity in diversity with a Lunar New Year celebration on February 8th, 2024. Rev. Hy Nguyen, P.S.S., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, presided at the Mass. Over 200 members of the local Vietnamese community joined the festivities which included the Lion Dance, a martial arts performance, and a traditional dinner prepared by many of the guests.

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GIANT SHOULDERS AND HELPING HANDS

In 2023, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute stood on the shoulders of giants in scholarship and ministry, and joined hands with local partners, to offer four public facing programs to enrich the wider community. We leveraged the benefit of legacy and cooperation to further our mission of excellent, ecumenical education, for Baltimore and beyond.

DMin Day, our first ever, allowed our first graduates awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree to present a summary of their ministry projects. There were additional presentations by two students from our prior DMin partnership. Finally, we invited a ministry giant to show us just how impactful a DMin project can be. Bishop Walter Scott Thomas presented his 1985 DMin project (completed in the original St. Mary's DMin program), a project in leadership training that was the key to growing New Psalmist Baptist Church into the largest Baptist congregation in Baltimore, and to Bishop Thomas founding the Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors.

The 2023 Dunning Lecture was a momentous event, as St. Mary's used the occasion to mark the 25th anniversary of the death of world-renowned biblical scholar Raymond E. Brown, P.S.S. The Dunning lecturer, Fr. Frank Matera, was a fitting choice to honor Fr. Brown, because Fr. Matera has become one of the preeminent Catholic New Testament scholars of the next generation. The U.S. Province of the Society of St. Sulpice generously co-sponsored the lecture and a preceding colloquium that reflected on Fr. Brown's personal and scholarly impact. Panelists included Matera, Fr. Ron Witherup, P.S.S. (who was an instrumental partner in planning the event), Fr. Bob Leavitt, P.S.S., Fr. John Donahue, S.J. and Dr. Mike Gorman, current holder of the Raymond E. Brown chair. Nearly 40 gathered in the lovely Raymond Brown wing of the library for a lively discussion ably moderated by Associate Dean Dr. Rebecca Hancock.

The cumulative impact of the Brown colloquium and the Dunning lecture was not only a fitting tribute to the giant legacy of Raymond Brown, it was a powerful invitation to attend—intellectually and spiritually—to the Scriptures which Brown studied so well.

Joining hands with the Institute for Islamic Christian and Jewish Studies (ICJS) and the Baltimore Police Department's Community Chaplaincy led us to discover and meet the need for a Trauma and Healing Workshop to kick off the fall, with a full course for those who wanted more.

The fall 2023 Richman-Linehan Jewish Christian Studies course focused on Sabbath, co-taught by Drs. Susanna Garfein and Kathrine Brown (our Jewish and Christian instructors, respectively). The capstone of the semester was a public viewing of the PBS documentary *Sabbath*, followed by a panel discussion. All this a joint program cooperatively planned by the EI and the ICJS.

Whether standing on the shoulders of giants or joining hands with partners in the region, the EI continues to embody its motto, "faith seeking understanding, understanding making a difference."



Fr. Ron Witherup, P.S.S., Fr. John Donahue, S.J., Fr. Bob Leavitt, P.S.S., Fr. Frank Matera, Dr. Michael Gorman, Dr. Rebecca Hancock, and Dr. Brent Laytham (pictured left to right) gather for a photo after a colloquium held to mark the 25th anniversary of the death of Fr. Raymond E. Brown.

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Baltimore City Police Department chaplains gather in Laubacher Hall at an event hosted by the EI, which led to offering a fall Trauma & Healing workshop in partnership with ICJS.

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