St. Louis Diocesan Seminary Records:
Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis Prep Seminary/Cardinal Glennon College, and
St. Louis Prep Minor Seminary South
Date Range: 1842-1995
Quantity: 12 full size boxes (4 feet)

History
The St. Louis Diocesan Seminary Records include documents, letters, photographs, and publications created and retained by Vincentian administrators of three institutions established to educate diocesan seminarians at the following levels: high school, college, and theology.

In 1818, Bishop Louis Dubourg sought the assistance of the Congregation of the Mission to open a seminary for the Diocese of St. Louis. The first diocesan seminary was a cooperative effort with the Vincentian Seminary at St. Mary's of the Barrens in Perryville, Missouri. In 1842, Bishop Kenrick transferred the group of theology and philosophy students to St. Louis, then in 1848, to Carondelet, in outlying St. Louis, when the administration of the seminary was taken over by the diocese. After ten years, the Bishop could no longer financially support his own diocesan seminary and he sent the seminarians to schools in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Baltimore, Maryland. Thirty-four years later, in 1893, Archbishop John Kain, successor to Bishop Kenrick, re-activated Kenrick's plan to establish a diocesan seminary in St. Louis and invited the Vincentians to serve as administrators. Archbishop Kain also established a preparatory seminary for high school students in 1900. These schools were located at 19th and Cass Avenue. In 1915, a new building for Kenrick Seminary was opened in Webster Groves, a short distance from St. Louis, and formally dedicated in April 1916. The preparatory seminary moved to 4244 Washington Boulevard and occupied this site until 1927 when it was destroyed by a tornado. In 1931, a new building for the preparatory seminary was opened on the same grounds as Kenrick Seminary.

In 1957, Joseph Cardinal Ritter established three distinct four year institutions to consolidate and regularize the curriculum: St. Louis Prep Minor Seminary (high school), Cardinal Glennon College (four year liberal arts college), and Kenrick (school of theology). Also at this time a new building for the high school was completed. The North Central Association announced the accreditation of Cardinal Glennon College on April 1, 1960. These institutions all served to educate and prepare priests for the St. Louis archdiocese. In 1965, an increase in high school students required the opening of a separate branch of the preparatory seminary known as Northside. The high school staffed by the Vincentians became know as St. Louis Prep Minor Seminary South.

In the late 1980s, Archbishop John May decided to consolidate the St. Louis seminary system closing the college department. Kenrick Seminary was moved into the Cardinal Glennon College complex and on September 1, 1987 became known as Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Twelve years later, the Vincentians stepped down as administrators and the archdiocese assumed the responsibilities for the operational, educational, and spiritual direction of the seminary. The 1995-1996 academic year opened with archdiocesan clergy presiding over Kenrick-Glennon.

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Description of the Records

The St. Louis Diocesan Seminary Records are separated into three record groups that correspond to the three institutions: Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis Prep Seminary/Cardinal Glennon College, and St. Louis Prep Minor Seminary South. The record groups are divided into five series: History and Background Information, Vincentian Community Life, Administrative Files, Memorabilia and Photographs, and Publications. Kenrick Seminary has one additional series: Student Activities. The file folders are arranged chronologically in each series.

Note to researchers

The Archives of the Archdiocese of St. Louis holds the primary archival collection of the three institutions: Kenrick Seminary, Cardinal Glennon College, and St. Louis Prep Minor Seminary South. A copy of the finding aid for this collection was provided to the DRMA archivist by the Archdiocese of St. Louis Director of Archives on July 24, 2008 and is located Box 1, Folder 1. Researchers should note that some portions of the Archdiocesan collections such as student records are not open to the public.

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Location

DePaul University, Special Collections and Archives Department, 2350 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Container List

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1	1	Finding Aid - Seminary Section of Archdiocese of St. Louis	2008
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	History and Background Information		
	2	History	1915-1993
	3	Newspaper Clippings	1933-1957
	4	Newspaper Clippings	1987-1995
	Vincentian Community Life		
	5	Visitation Book and Domestic Assemblies	1894-1963
	6	Domestic Assemblies	1984-1985
	7	House Plan, Kenrick/Glennon	1987-1990
	Administrative Files		
	8	Enrollment Book/Misc. Documents: St. Louis Diocesan Seminary	1842-1848
	9	Ledger Book: copies of outgoing correspondence	1887-1903
	10	Financial: Donations and Subscriptions	1892
	11	Financial: Account Books	1893
	12	Statutes of Kenrick Seminary - Faculty of Theology	1932
2	1	Self Study	1972
	2	Report: Bishop's Committee on Priestly Formation	1973
	3	Correspondence	1987-1995

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2		**KENRICK SEMINARY (cont.)**	
		Administrative Files (cont.)	
	4	Correspondence: Rev. John Zimmerman, C.M.: Faculty Constitution	1987-19905
	5	Articles of Incorporation: St. Louis Roman Catholic Theological Seminary	1988
	6	Policies and Procedures for Support Personnel	1988
	7	Faculty Meetings: Minutes and Correspondence	1988-1990
	8	Annual Report	1989-1990
		Student Activities	
	9	Alumni Association: Minutes and By-laws	1898, 1936
	10	Kenrick Missionary Society: By-laws and Financial Reports	1931-1936
	11	Formulary of Prayers	1945
	12	Student Handbook	1973-1974
3		**Memorabilia and Photographs**	
	1	Photographs	1898-1899
	2	Dedication Programs	1916
	3	Photographs: Anniversary Celebration	1965
	4	Photographs: Seminarians	1970-1980
	5	Chapel of St. Vincent De Paul - Booklet	1984
4		**Publications**	
	1	School Catalogues	1898-1913
	2	School Catalogues	1914-1918
	3	School Catalogues	1923-1926
	4	School Catalogues	1928-1936
	5	School Catalogues	1945-1954
5	1	School Catalogues	1960-1975
	2	School Catalogues	1976-1991
	3	Kenrick Papers - Student Publications	1935, 1941
	4	Kenrick "News Currents"	1974-1980
	5	Kenrick Seminary Yearbook	1987
	6	Kenrick Seminary Yearbook	1988
6		**ST. LOUIS PREP SEMINARY/CARDINAL GLENNON COLLEGE**	
		History and Background Information	
	1	"A History of Cardinal Glennon College" from the 1962 Yearbook	1962
	2	Newspaper Clippings	1929-1963
		Vincentian Community Life	
	3	Visitation Book	1922-1962
	4	Cardinal Glennon College: House Meetings: Minutes	1975-1982
		Administrative Files	
	5	General Correspondence: Rev. J.T. Hoover, C.M.	1916-1918
	6	Report: Study of Success of Cardinal Glennon College	1959

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6		**ST. LOUIS PREP SEMINARY/CARDINAL GLENNON COLLEGE (cont.)**	
	7	Seminary Manuals: St. Louis Prep/Cardinal Glennon College	1960
	8	Cardinal Glennon College Faculty Handbook	n.d.
	9	Self Evaluation Report: Cardinal Glennon College	1960
	10	Annual Reports: #6-10	1964-1968
	11	Annual Reports: #11-17	1969-1986
	12	Report of Consultation Visit -North Central	1975
	13	Report: Visitation of Seminaries in the United States mandated by Pope John Paul II	1981
7		**Memorabilia and Photographs**	
	1	Formulary of Prayers	1933
	2	Photographs	1927-1929
		Publications	
	3	St. Louis Prep Seminary Catalogues	1932-1946
	4	St. Louis Prep Seminary Catalogues	1948-1957
	5	St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, College Department and Cardinal Glennon College: Catalogues	1958-1961
	6	Cardinal Glennon College: Catalogues	1961-1969
	7	Cardinal Glennon College: School Catalogues	1971-1980
	8	Cardinal Glennon College: School Catalogues	1981-1985
8		Yearbooks: Ad Altare (12 yearbooks)	1949-1960
9		Yearbooks: AdAltare (3 yearbooks; missing 1963)	1961-1964
10		**ST. LOUIS PREP MINOR SEMINARY SOUTH**	
		History and Background Information	
	1	Newspaper Clippings	c. 1957
		Vincentian Community Life	
	2	House Council Meetings: Minutes	1950-1984
		Administrative Files	
	3	N.C.A. Re-evaluation Handbook	1967
	4	North Central Evaluation of St. Louis Prep Seminary South	1974
		Photographs	
	5	Photographs: St. Louis Prep, South	1979-1982
		Publications	
11		Yearbooks: Shield (3 yearbooks)	1958-1960
12		Yearbooks: Blackhawk (9 yearbooks) missing 1970-74; 1981; 1985)	1969-1986

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