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Every effort has been made to be as accurate as possible with the listing of names that appear in this annual report. We apologize for any omission or error in the compilation of these lists.

Cover: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt van Rijn (1669). A copy of this painting, a gift from the Class of 2018, hangs in a spiritual direction room at Theological College.

Left: Part of a renovation project for the entire Blessed Sacrament Chapel, dedicated on Alumni Day, Oct. 6. 2006, this reservation chapel has ever since been a favorite for individual prayer and meditation for the seminarians. The artwork, by Peter Pearson, is a copy of Andrei Rublev's early 15th-century icon, *The Trinity* (also called *The Hospitality of Abraham*). The brass and copper tabernacle of the Twelve Apostles, created by New Guild Art and Design Studios of Pennsylvania, was donated by TC patron, Dr. Madeleine Sapienza.



Father Bud celebrated the final seminary Mass for the school year on April 19, before the Spring House Party.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is my tremendous honor to offer this *Annual Report* for Theological College covering the 2023–2024 fiscal year. I have concluded my first year as rector of this wonderful seminary community, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some reflections along with the information contained in this year-end fiscal overview.

Recently, our Holy Father Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a "Holy Year of Hope." All Catholic Christians are encouraged to foster this theological virtue and be signs of hope, whatever their state of life. This is a timely call and it captures perfectly my frame of approach to my second year as rector.

Father Jean Danielou once remarked that hope is the fundamental Christian state of mind. He contends, however, that it is important that we distinguish it from optimism. Optimism is, in Danielou's estimation, a flight from reality. It is based on a naïve sense of self-confidence and tends to ignore the hardships and struggles of actual existence. Hope, by contrast, is based on loving trust in God and confidence in his promises and power. This in turn gives us a foretaste of the new world to come and thus a foundation for evaluating the here-and-now.

To be sure, the challenges facing us as a Church and nation are real. Division, poverty, and violence are all too apparent and they leave no one unaffected. However, our reasons for hope far outweigh the darkness that surrounds us. Our Lord conquered death and obtained our salvation definitively, and no power in the cosmos can undo his mighty work. Jesus also sent the Holy Spirit as a living reminder of his victory and as the means by which we can abide in it always.

This seminary has offered me countless signs of hope. The men here are among the best I have ever served. Their intelligence, zeal for mission, love of others, and fidelity to the Gospel give me tremendous hope for the future of the Church. I continue to be inspired by the faculty and staff at Theological College. This is simply the best group of collaborators with whom I have ever worked.

Finally, I would like to thank the donors, alumni, patrons, my colleagues at The Catholic University of America, and all those who make it possible for Theological College to continue its mission of forming men into true shepherds of Christ's people, pastors and teachers of the people of God. Your prayers, encouragement, and continued financial support are much appreciated and are clear signs of confidence in our work. Let us remember each other in prayer and commit ourselves to being living signs of hope to each other and the world.

Blessings,

Fr. Islun to stay

Rev. Gladstone (Bud) Stevens, P.S.S., Rector

Mission

Theological College participates in the mission and responsibility of the bishops to provide for the people of God wise and holy priests close to the heart of Christ and consumed in his work of salvation. In affiliation with The Catholic University of America, Theological College assists seminarians in the task of vocational discernment and in the preparation for priestly life and ministry at the diocesan level, particularly as experienced in the United States.

Sulpician Tradition

The formation program of Theological College is guided by the principles and ethos of the Sulpician Fathers as articulated by Father Jean-Jacques Olier, founder of the Society of St. Sulpice: "to live supremely for God in Christ Jesus our Lord, so much so that the inner life of His only Son should penetrate to the inmost depths of our heart and to such an extent that everyone should be able to say, 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.'" Originally founded to reform the clergy in 1630s France, the Society retains its commitment of "developing men of character, educating effective priests, forming pastoral leaders, and nurturing an apostolic spirit."



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Above: The 2023-2024 TC faculty has served in seminary formation for a combined total of well over 100 years!

Left: The June 19 presbyterate ordination for the Archdiocese of Washington included seven TC alumni. Between March 3 and June 29, ten other TC alumni were ordained to the priesthood for eight different dioceses, and eight TC seminarians and two alumni were ordained to the transitional diaconate for six different dioceses, one eparchy, and one oratory.

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This has been a year not without challenges but I can say sincerely that it has been one of the happiest years of my life. I have learned to love the community and have gotten more deeply acquainted with the seminary's unique mission. I really feel that this is where God wants me to be. I have nothing but positive things to reflect on when looking at this year in review.

- Rev. Bud Stevens, Rector

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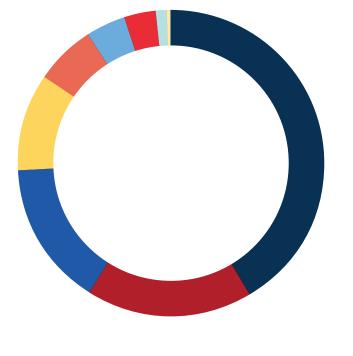
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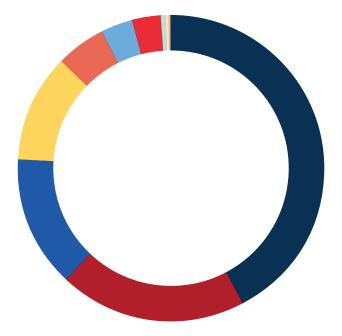
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TOTAL REVENUES

Catholic University Tuition and Fees	41.5%
Property Fund Contribution	17.4%
Seminary Room and Board	15.3%
Commercial Tenants	10.5%
Guests and Programs	6.4%
Faculty	3.9%
Development*	3.5%
Other	1.4%
Grants	0.1%
Total	100%

* Development includes donations to the Viéban Annual Fund, bequests, events, and restricted donations.



TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Catholic University Tuition and Fees	42.3%
Other Seminary Costs	19.7%
Food Service	13.9%
Commercial Tenants	11.5%
Administrative Expenses	5.3%
Formation Program	3.3%
Promotion	3%
Development	0.6%
Liturgy	0.3%
Faculty	0.1%
Total	100%

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Please remember those alumni and benefactors who passed into eternal life during fiscal year 2023–2024, and those whose passing before this year came to our attention during this time. In addition, we ask that you remember other friends, benefactors, and alumni of Theological College whose names do not appear on this list. May they rest in peace.

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October 2, 2024

5:15 p.m.Alumni Day Mass6:30 p.m.Reception and Alumni Recognition Dinner

