



SACRED HEART
MAJOR SEMINARY

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DEAR
BROTHER
PRIEST,

"If you are looking to be set on fire for the Gospel with an eye to practical application in parish life, this program is for you."

This quote is from a priest in California who is studying his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) in the New Evangelization at Sacred Heart Major Seminary who wanted to share his experience with his brother priests from his diocese.

Another priest and STL student from New Jersey said the following:

"I think the awesome diversity of the priests who participated in the class was the greatest strength of the class. Not only did we have priests from throughout the country, but from countries covering three other continents. Our variety of ages, ministry positions, and years of priesthood greatly enhanced our discussions about the presentations and the readings."

As the Rector of a seminary with the mission of forming leaders for the New Evangelization, it gives me great joy to see this kind of renewal occurring in so many of the priests who study with us.

I write today to extend an invitation to the priests of your diocese to consider our Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Our hybrid format is designed to allow students to progress through the program while remaining in their dioceses through flexibly designed online classes completed during the traditional academic year and a short 5-week in-person summer session. Offered through the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome, this degree in Pastoral Theology in the New Evangelization focuses on theology and methods and equips graduates to lead efforts of evangelization in their parishes, dioceses, and apostolates.

If an STL degree does not fit their needs or availability, students might also consider our Post Graduate Certificate in the New Evangelization, which draws from some of the same curriculum and internationally recognized faculty as our STL but is available in a shorter, fully online format.

Would you kindly consider sharing information about our program with the priests in your diocese? They can learn more at shms.edu/stl or are welcome to contact my office with any questions (313-883-8500; burr.stephen@shms.edu).

On behalf of the entire Sacred Heart Major Seminary community, I am profoundly grateful for your consideration of allowing us to play a role in training your coworkers in the vineyard.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Burr

Rector/President
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