



Christmas Banquet

On the evening of December 2nd, the seminarians of Holy Trinity gathered in fellowship for their annual Christmas Banquet. Together with the formation faculty and special guests **Bishop Burns** and **Bishop Kelly**, they were treated to a holiday meal and visits from Santa Claus (**Fr. Kevin Wilwert**)—who stole the show—and the Grinch (sophomore **Logan Sowder** from the Diocese of Memphis).

A medley of Advent and Christmas carols presented by **Fr. Tony Lackland** on the piano, accompanied by **Paul Brungardt** (junior from the Diocese of Wichita) on the violin, also highlighted the festivities.





Decking the Halls

The seminarians cheerfully decked the halls of the Seminary for Christmas. In addition to placing Christmas trees in the foyer and the refectory, they hung wreaths throughout the building. Several of the classes, including the sophomore class shown below in Santa hats, even decorated their dormitory wings.



+ MASS & BRUNCH +
WITH THE TRINITARIAN AUXILIARY

Christmas Brunch

Members of the Trinitarian Auxiliary joined the seminarians for Mass and a Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 3rd. After brunch, members of the Auxiliary presented each seminarian with a bag full of Christmas goodies and a ticket for a chance to select one of about 30 prizes nestled around the Christmas tree. Anticipation and laughter followed as the lucky winners were drawn and gifts ranging from games to outlandish Christmas sweaters to gift certificates were unwrapped.

The seminarians look forward to this annual Christmas tradition and thanked the Auxiliary for their year-round support by bursting into a rousing rendition of *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.



Lessons and Carols

Family and friends of Holy Trinity Seminary enjoyed an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on the evening of Sunday, December 3rd. In addition to listening to inspirational readings from Holy Scripture, guests were treated to beautiful choral music, chant and traditional Christmas carols presented by the Holy Trinity *Schola Cantorum*, accompanied by organist **Valerie Stagaman** and flutist **Kelly Shea**. A reception hosted by the Trinitarian Auxilary followed the performance.





HTS Receives an Early Christmas Present

Holy Trinity Seminary is excited to announce the receipt of a \$200,000 grant from the **CONSTANTIN FOUNDATION** earmarked for the Cardinal Farrell Student Center and extends its sincere gratitude to the foundation and its board members for their very generous support of this project.

The Cardinal Farrell Student Center will expand the current footprint of the Seminary with a 23,000 square foot addition that will give our seminarians the gym and fitness rooms they need to stay healthy; the lounge, kitchen and recreation room they need to build healthy bonds of fraternity; and the classrooms they need for group formation and a quiet place to study. The groundbreaking for this project, which was to have taken place this fall, has been delayed until January 2018 due, in part, to the shortage of construction materials caused by the recent hurricanes.

Grant proposals for this project have been submitted to other foundations as well, and we hope to share even more good news with you in the near future. Even so, additional funds are needed to complete and furnish this much-needed student center.

Please consider making a year-end gift in support of our seminarians and this project. Secure online donations may be made by [CLICKING HERE](#).



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