



National Association of College Seminaries (NACS)

Summary of Activities – November 2023 to October 2024

Major Highlights from November 2023 through October 2024

- Passed bylaws for the Association which sets term limits for the executive committee
- Created a webpage for NACS membership
- Designed a new logo for NACS that reflects the new PPF
- Hosted the 2024 Annual Conference at St JP II Seminary in Washington DC
 - Title: *Propaedeutic Stage: What are we doing and what have we learned?*
 - 27 individuals attended and 15 institutions were represented
 - Notably, each seminary was asked to complete pre-conference questionnaires and submit materials regarding their propaedeutic stage so that a packet of pre-read materials made our short time together more fruitful
 - Monsignor Rob Panke gave the opening reflection
- Distributed information to membership and solicited feedback from membership on behalf of the CCLV
- Established a liaison from the NACS Exec Committee to individual propaedeutic houses
- Continued to form a collaborative mission with college seminaries
- Set the date and topic for the 2025 Annual Conference

Goals for 2025:

- Determine objective criteria to measure the impact of the propaedeutic stage
- Plan and host Annual Conference at Kenrick Glennon in St. Louis, MO May 27-29, 2025
 - The topic will be discussing how we implement Psychology in Seminary Admissions and Formation
- Create a directory of propaedeutic houses of formation and invite them to our conference
- Continue to increase communication and collaboration within college seminary rectors and staff by fostering relationships through the national conference

Executive Committee membership:

- Fr. Jonathan Kelly, President; Rector of SJV College Seminary, MN
- Fr. Pachomius Meade, OSB, Secretary; Vice Rector Conception Seminary, MO
- Fr. Jason Schumer, Treasurer; Vice-Rector, Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- Fr. Steven Beseau, Rector, Pontifical College Josephinum, OH
- Fr. Carter Griffin, Rector, St. John Paul II in Washington D.C.
- Fr. Joseph Holcombe, Director of Propaedeutic Year, St Joseph's Seminary, NY

Respectfully submitted in Christ,
Fr. Jonathan Kelly