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# Concrete Progress

The foundations and lower level of the new Seminary are now well underway. After moving a tremendous quantity of earth to prepare the building site and laying down reinforcing steel by the ton, the construction crew was able to set to work pouring concrete. Since then they have made rapid progress on the basement and ground floor levels, and the first phase of construction is continuing on schedule.

To facilitate rapid move-in, we have divided the New Seminary construction into two phases. Phase One focuses on completing the academic and living quarters, while Phase Two comprises the chapel and administrative areas. The reason is simple: we want to move in and take advantage of the improved formation that this structure will offer as soon as humanly possible. This project serves a real need for priestly formation, and the sooner it can bear fruit, the better. In addition, the cost of keeping up

two different properties, in Minnesota and in Virginia, constitutes an extra financial burden on the Seminary and the faithful which will only end with the change-over to the new property. We cannot afford to run two properties for long, although, one of the Society brothers has established a small herd of beef cattle on the Virginia property, putting the extensive acreage to work and developing a future source of food and revenue for the Seminary.

As always, we thank you for your generous support, and especially for spreading the word about this project to other potential donors. The generosity shown in these uncertain times is more than encouraging; it is all that makes this project possible. Please continue to pray for the success of this work, so necessary for the Church and for the good of our nation. ✠



## New Seminary Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the New Seminary Project website ([newseminaryproject.org](http://newseminaryproject.org)), a special site dedicated to monitoring progress on the new St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. Here you can keep abreast of all the latest news, view pictures of the project along with more detailed descriptions of the planned building and the reasons behind the project. In addition, the website gives you easy ways to assist with this magnificent undertaking. Including a link to the site in an e-mail will spread the news about this cause to others who would be interested in what we are doing and who might also like to contribute toward the project's success.





## Two New Professors at the Seminary

The coming of new faces is a common experience at the Seminary. Still, as we generally send priests out to the mission fields, it is not so common to see them come back to the Seminary, even though they are often needed. With the upswing in seminarian numbers, the previous staff of seven professors had been hard-pressed to cover all the classes and provide spiritual direction for the entire student body; nevertheless, the need for priests in the field was too great, so the Seminary had to make do with a short staff for several years. At long last, St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary has been fortunate enough to welcome two new professors to the dedicated staff at Winona: Fathers Daniel Themann and Michael Goshie.

Although they come from widely different backgrounds, both of these recently ordained priests are nonetheless animated by the same zeal for teaching and sanctifying their students.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to a traditional Catholic family, the fourth of five children, Fr. Themann was home-educated until stepping onto the campus of the University of Cincinnati. After graduating with a degree in Industrial Management, he decided to pursue his priestly vocation.

Ordained in 2009, Fr. Themann was then sent to St. Mary's, Kansas where he taught Religion to the high school boys and Theology to the college students. He likewise served the Society's missions in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Now, in addition to his duties as spiritual director and weekend missionary, he teaches Apologetics and Dogma II with wit and verve.

Born in Milan, Italy, Fr. Goshie went to school in places ranging from Lebanon to Texas. After graduating from Rice University with a degree in Political Science, he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. As the years passed, he was deployed to such countries as Korea, Japan, and Kuwait. Honorably discharged as a Captain in 1995, he earned a Masters in Education with which he would teach in high schools in Texas and New Hampshire, until at last he found his vocation and entered the Seminary.

Ordained in 2010, Fr. Goshie was stationed in Colorado and served the mission chapel in Anchorage, Alaska. Now, back at the Seminary, Father teaches Latin I, Introduction to Philosophy, Cosmology, and Psychology.

The seminarians are grateful to God that one pressing need of the Seminary has been answered by the coming of these professors to contribute to the formation of future priests in the image of His Son. ✪



(Above) Fr. Themann explains the moral necessity of revelation.  
(Below) Fr. Goshie drills his class in the basics of Latin grammar.





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St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary is an international seminary of the Society currently located in Minnesota. *Ad Orientem* chronicles the construction of the new St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Virginia. To find out more about the project or to contribute, visit <http://newseminaryproject.org>.

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