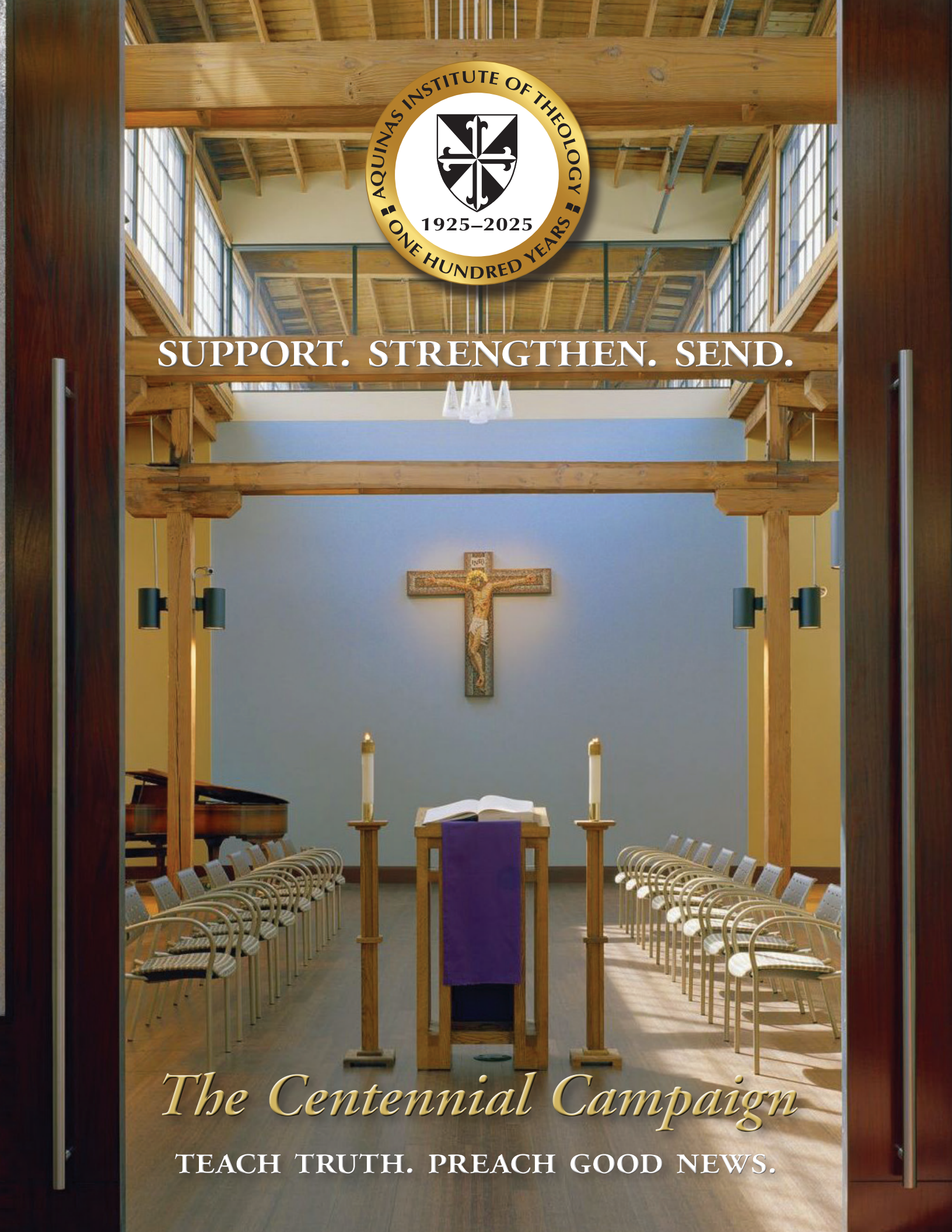

AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY
1925–2025
ONE HUNDRED YEARS
SUPPORT. STRENGTHEN. SEND.
The Centennial Campaign
TEACH TRUTH. PREACH GOOD NEWS.

Every milestone in the Church's life is rooted in prayer. As we mark our centennial year, we lift our gratitude and hope to God with this prayer, uniting our voices with all who have carried the mission of Aquinas Institute forward.

CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Good and gracious God, we give thanks for one hundred years together as the Aquinas Community.

Throughout the century of forming your people to preach, teach, minister, and lead, we recognize the many skills and talents that grow in us through the movements of the Holy Spirit, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the generosity of our benefactors.

Please bless the work of our community and all who support us:
Inspire us as we listen to your Word.
Counsel us as we discern your Will.
Strengthen us as we strive to serve your people.
Teach us to be courageous and loving prophets, saints, and shepherds of our time.
Rejoice with us as we learn your Truth.
Remain in us, as we seek to remain in you.

May the studies, work, and ministries of all past, present, and future members of our Aquinas community continue to help bring your kingdom to fruition.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen

BY BETH RHEAUME (MAPS '23)



A Century of Mission.
A Future of Promise.

Dear Friends,



Greetings from Aquinas Institute of Theology. This year we give thanks to God for one hundred years of Dominican education. Since 1925, Aquinas has faithfully served the Church and the Order of Preachers by forming generations of friars, lay ministers, and leaders in the search for Truth. Our mission, rooted in the vision of St. Thomas Aquinas and the charism of St. Dominic, has always been to unite study and preaching in service to the People of God.

From our beginning, Aquinas has been designated by the Order as a Center for Institutional Studies, entrusted with the sacred task of forming Dominican friars for ministry. Yet our mission has also grown in a unique and vital way: for more than sixty years, Dominican student brothers have studied side by side with lay women and men and other religious, preparing together for a lifetime of service to the Church. In our classrooms, collaborative ministry is not only taught but lived, as future preachers, teachers, ministers, and theologians learn together in the Dominican tradition of prayer, study, community, and preaching.

> "This $10 million campaign will not only support Aquinas for the next decade but strengthen us for the next century."

As we celebrate our centennial, we also look forward. This $10 million Centennial Campaign will not only support our institution for the next decade but will also strengthen us for the next century. Through it, we will expand scholarships, invest in faculty, grow lay formation, and extend continuing education so that we may faithfully send a new generation of leaders.

I am deeply grateful for your partnership. ***Your generosity will empower us to form leaders who will serve the Church and the world.*** With your support, we will ensure that Aquinas Institute continues its mission—at the heart of the Church and *in medio Ecclesiae*—for another hundred years to come.

Sincerely in St. Dominic,

Fr. Mark Wedig, OP
President, Aquinas Institute of Theology

1925–2025:

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF TEACHING TRUTH AND PREACHING GOOD NEWS



Founding Campus *1925–1971*

Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois

On September 13th, 1925, a Dominican House of Studies for the Province of St. Joseph was founded in River Forest, Illinois, which became the theology and philosophy school, novitiate, and provincial office for the Province of St. Albert the Great when it was established in 1939. It was sold to Dominican University in 2002, and continued to house Dominican friars from the Province of St. Albert the Great until its closure in 2012.

Second Campus *1955–1981*

St. Rose of Lima Priory, Dubuque, Iowa

From 1951 to 1956, due to increasing vocations, the House of Studies expanded to two campuses with the construction of St. Rose of Lima House of Studies (St. Rose Priory) in Dubuque, Iowa. Dubuque became the House of Theology, and River Forest became the House of Philosophy. In 1961, the campuses were reorganized as the Aquinas Institute of Theology and Philosophy in Dubuque, and in 1971, River Forest closed and merged with Dubuque.





Third Campus *1981–2005*

O'Neil Hall, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

After establishing a Cooperative Theological Education agreement with Saint Louis University (SLU), Aquinas relocated to O'Neil Hall on the SLU campus in 1981. This agreement enabled both schools to benefit from shared resources.

Fourth & Current Campus *2005 – present*

23 South Spring Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri

In 2005, Aquinas purchased and began renovation on the 23 South Spring Avenue property, and held its first clases there the the following year. On February 10, 2021, The Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and Aquinas formally entered into a Ministerial Cooperation and Facilities Sharing Agreement, and the Vincentians moved into the lower level of the building.



Visit 100.ai.edu to read a timeline of Aquinas milestones.



The 2025-2026 academic year marks a historic opportunity for Aquinas Institute of Theology: *our centennial year.*

For one hundred years, Aquinas has been rooted in the Dominican tradition of study, prayer, community, and preaching. It has formed friars, lay women and men, and religious from across the Church to teach, minister, and lead with faith and integrity.

This centennial is not simply a moment to look back with gratitude—it is an urgent call to look forward with hope. The global Church faces profound challenges and opportunities: shifting demographics, new forms of ministry, and the pressing need for leaders who are both deeply grounded in the Catholic tradition and capable of speaking to today's world. Diverse, well-formed ministers are essential to the future of the Church's preaching mission.

Aquinas Institute has always stood *in medio Ecclesiae*—at the very heart of the Church—shaping leaders for the People of God. Now, as we cross the threshold of a new century, we are called to build on our legacy so that the next generation of preachers, teachers, ministers, and theologians can respond faithfully to the needs of the Church and the world.

OVER 1,900 ALUMNI



Manny Diaz, Master of Divinity, '24

Hospital Chaplain, Tampa, FL

Manny is proud to have provided spiritual care to thousands of patients in his time as a chaplain so far, and to have offered the Eucharist to over 200 patients this year. He credits time at Aquinas for equipping him to do the theological reflection he needs to keep his ministry grounded: "With the assistance of my professors and classmates [at Aquinas], I found people who could help me do theological reflection and process difficult cases in my pastoral work. Now, in my time as a chaplain, I have the tools needed to engage in that theological reflection and be available to those in need."

Ministry Outreach for 2024-25: *1,200 people*



Monica Cronin, Master of Arts in Theology, '24

Campus Minister, Duke University Catholic Center, Durham, NC

Monica currently works a campus ministry at the Duke University Catholic Center in Durham, North Carolina, among students who "have more than earned their reputation as ambitious intellectuals." More than 500 students show up to the Mass every week, almost 200 attend spiritual retreats, service projects, and pilgrimages hosted by the Center, and there are 10 Bible studies that meet weekly all over campus. Monica leads a team of 13 committed and faith-driven student leaders, who take time out of their demanding academic schedule to help meet the spiritual needs of their fellow students.

Ministry Outreach for 2024-25: *763 people*



Brian Gilmore, Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, '14

Campus Minister, Saint Louis University High School, St. Louis, MO

The theological education and formation Brian received at Aquinas Institute has equipped him to form young men as a campus minister and theology teacher. Aquinas impressed upon him an appreciation for preaching the word of God and for the riches of the intellectual tradition of the Church: "Many of the classes I took at AI helped show me how to transmit some deep and rich intellectual truths of our Catholic faith to ears that need to hear it." In his time at SLUH (which has around 1100 students) he has coordinated retreats, the Senior Project (for around 230-250 students), overseen the freshman service program (for around 250 students), and in the second year of OCIA at the school, 11 students formally entered the Catholic Church.

Ministry Outreach for 2024-25: *1,100 people*



Beth Rheaume, Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, '23

Director of Religious Education, St. Nicholas Parish, O'Fallon, IL

As Director of Religious Education, Beth is responsible for lifelong faith formation for the 1,100 families in her parish. In the three years since she began as the Director of Religious Education, she has written curriculum for and directed three Vacation Bible School programs (each serving over 75 students and 30 teen volunteers), created and implemented a plan to revitalize the high school ministry (which serves over 35 students) and a Confirmation preparation program, and served as a CGS Catechist. She has helped 115 students prepare for first Communion, 91 students prepare for Confirmation, and 11 adults for entering into full communion with the Catholic Church through OCIA.

Ministry Outreach for 2024-25: *1,357 people*

SERVING WORLDWIDE



Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, OP
Master of Arts in Divinity, '08

Parochial Vicar, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish

Director of Major and Legacy Giving, Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, MO

Fr. Patrick Baikauskas worked in politics for 24 years before feeling called to the Dominicans, deeply attracted to the charisms of preaching, teaching, and social justice. He looks back fondly on his time at Aquinas, especially the gift of being able to study alongside other men preparing for the priesthood and lay men and women: "The Church is not just ordained men, but the Church is all of us. To study with people who are the Church gave me a rich perspective on how we as the ordained are called to serve people." His first assignment after graduation and ordination in 2008 was at Purdue University, where he left an incredible impact. He began ministry at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center with 250 registered families and around 200 active students involved in the campus ministry–but by the time he left, there were 2,000 registered families and 3,000 active students. In part through his ministry, the number of distinct ministries at Purdue increased from 5-6 to 43, more than 30 student small faith communities were established, and the Boiler Awakening retreat program grew from a single retreat serving 35-40 students to two retreats a year serving more than 300 students each. Now, in his role as Director of Major and Legacy Giving at Aquinas Institute, Fr. Baikauskas is excited for how God is using him: "Young people see how desperately the Church needs others to come and work in full-time ministry. Aquinas has always been responsive to that call. In the last few years we have really risen to the occasion and sought more ways to draw lay students into partnership with us. I feel like I am, in my own small way, helping to further that mission."

Ministry Outreach for 2024-25: ***1,939 people***



Fr. Joseph Paul Albin, OP
Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Theology '20

Pastor, Holy Rosary Parish, Houston, TX

Fr. Joseph Paul Albin currently serves as the pastor at Holy Rosary Parish in Houston, Texas. Fr. Albin's childhood was imbued with faith; he grew up in a Catholic home in Mexico, Missouri and attended St. Brendan's School in town. When he moved to Columbia to pursue religious studies at the University of Missouri, he became heavily involved in campus ministry at the St. Thomas More Newman Center, where he felt called to pursue pastoral ministry. He then moved to New Orleans to pursue a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies at Loyola Institute for Ministry. It was through working in the campus ministry there that he began to discern a call to the Dominicans, drawn to their emphasis on prayer, community, and Holy Preaching: "I had thought I was called to do campus ministry, and I moved to New Orleans to graduate work at Loyola in that field. But ultimately, the Dominican order just felt like home." He completed his formation at Aquinas Institute of Theology in 2020, which was invaluable in enabling him to make an impact at Holy Rosary Parish, which has 17 regularly scheduled liturgies a week and 12 times for reconciliation for around 3,000 families. In the last year alone, the church hosted 70 weddings, 110 baptisms, and more than 30 funerals. 40 people are enrolled in OCIA, and over 100 young adults have become involved in the young adult group, which provides formation as well as an opportunity to socialize. Fr. Albin has become a perfect example of the mission of Aquinas, to "educate men and women to preach, to teach, to minister, and to lead.'

Ministry Outreach for 2024-25: ***3,290 people***

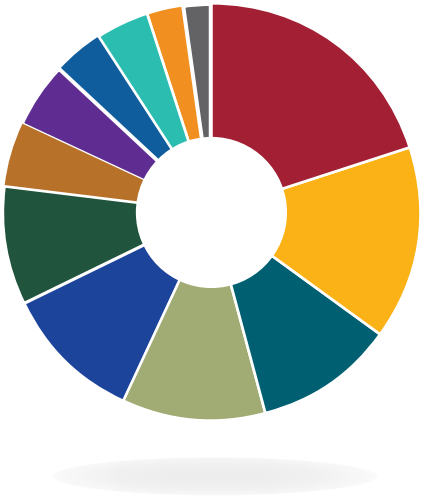
These six Aquinas Institute alumni have ministered to an astounding 9,649 people over the past year — think of the impact of our nearly 2,000 alumni serving the Church and the world for 100 years.

ALUMNI IMPACT

Celebrating 25 Years of Transformative Impact

In the past 25 years, Aquinas Institute of Theology has graduated **1,087 leaders** who are shaping the Church, health care, theological education, and society in extraordinary ways. Their ministries span dioceses across the United States and beyond, the nation's largest Catholic health systems, university classrooms, parish communities, and mission-driven organizations. What follows is a glimpse into the remarkable reach of Aquinas alumni—a living testament to the mission our donors make possible.

Our Alumni Serve in these Professions:



Health Care	20%
Pastors, Parochial Vicars, PLC, and Rectors	15%
Leadership and Administration	11%
Theological Education	11%
Parish Ministry	11%
Unknown or Deceased	9%
Religious Community Leadership	5%
Spiritual Direction/ Retreat Ministry	5%
Non-Ministry Professional	4%
Social Work and Counseling	4%
Campus Ministry	3%
Religious Life Assignments	2%

Our Alumni Serve in 45 US States and Territories and These 25 Countries:

Australia
Belgium
Cameroon
Canada
England
Ethiopia
Germany
Grenada
Hong Kong SAR
India
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Kenya
Lithuania
Mexico
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Peru
Philippines
South Korea
Switzerland
Taiwan
Uganda
Vietnam

Health Care Mission, Pastoral Care, and Leadership

Health Care Leadership: Faith at the Heart of Healing

Our graduates are making health care more humane and mission-driven.

- **218 alumni** serve in health care mission or leadership roles.
- **Chaplains** provide spiritual care in hospitals, hospices, and nursing programs.
- **Medical professionals** — including MDs, RNs, OBGYNs, and faculty — bring faith-informed ethics to medicine.
- **53 graduates** lead health care mission at major systems like **Providence Health, Ascension, CHRISTUS, Mercy,** and **St. Jude Medical Center.**
- **40 executives** hold top roles at **SSM Health, CommonSpirit Health, Emory Healthcare**, and more.
- **15 senior leaders** — CFOs, CEOs, CIOs — guide organizations like **Our Lady of the Lake Health, PeaceHealth** and **OSF HealthCare**.
- **7 ethicists** ensure care aligns with Catholic values at **Ascension, SSM Health**, and others.

Pastoral Leadership: Serving Parishes Across the Globe

148 graduates serve as pastors, vicars, deacons, and parish life coordinators in **63 dioceses** across the U.S. and internationally—including **UMC, AME, Episcopal**, and **Disciples of Christ churches**. They bring the Dominican commitment to preaching into parishes every single day.



Men from 22 Religious Communities Received Advanced Degrees from Aquinas in the Past 25 Years:

Bannakaroli - Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga

Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians)

Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Claretian Missionaries)

Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists)

Precious Blood Missionaries

Congregation of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus (Resurrectionists)

Congregation of Holy Cross

Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)

Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans)

Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (Capuchins)

Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Friars of the Province of St. Albert the Great

Friars of the Province of St. Martin de Porres

Order of St. Benedict (Benedictines)

Oblates of St. Joseph

Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites)

Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice

Priests of the Sacred Heart

Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

Society of Mary (Marianists)

Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Missionaries of the Company of Mary-Montfort Missionaries

Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity

ALUMNI IMPACT

Leadership and Administration

Leadership and Administration: Guiding the Church Forward

Aquinas alumni are serving at the highest levels of Church and ministry leadership.

- **30 graduates** lead at the archdiocesan level—including **bishops, a cardinal, chancellors**, and **directors** in dioceses from **Los Angeles to Toronto**.
- **33 higher education leaders** serve as academic deans, rectors, and CFOs in seminaries and universities.
- **National influence:** Directors of Catholic preaching organizations, shrine administrators, and leaders of ministry organizations like **Renew International.**
- **Nonprofit impact:** CEOs and directors at **Catholic Charities of St. Louis, Center for Children and Theology,** and even the **Boys and Girls Club of Hartford.**

Theological Education

Aquinas alumni are shaping the next generation of thinkers, ministers, and preachers. **71 serve as faculty members** teaching theology in colleges, universities, and seminaries nationwide.

- **22 specialize in preaching and homiletics** and are represented at:

  Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
  Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
  St. Mary's Seminary
  St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
  Mount Angel Seminary
  St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
  St. Joseph's Athenaeum
  Oblate School of Theology
  Sacred Heart Seminary

- Others teach Church History, Biblical Studies, and Systematic Theology at schools like **Catholic Theological Union, St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein** and **Toronto School of Theology**.
- **31 graduates** teach theology in Catholic high schools across the country including:

  Regis Jesuit (Aurora)
  St. Ignatius Prep (Chicago)
  Ursuline Academy (Dallas)
  St. Mary's Academy (Englewood)
  St. Mary's Dominican (New Orleans)
  Fenwick (River Forest)
  Vianney High School (St. Louis)
  St. Louis Priory School (St. Louis)
  St. Louis University High School (St. Louis)
  Chaminade College Prep (St. Louis)

- **11 graduates** are pursuing advanced studies at **Notre Dame, Marquette**, and **Catholic University of America**.

Parish Ministry

Parish communities across the country rely on Aquinas-formed leaders, with **115 graduates** serving in vital ministry roles.

- **14 Directors of Music and Liturgy**
- **19 Pastoral Associates** across diverse ministries
- **17 leaders in Adult Faith Formation and OCIA/RCIA**
- **65 Directors or Coordinators of Religious Education,** including catechists trained in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

They serve in dioceses including:

St. Louis, MO
Belleville, IL
Springfield, IL
Washington, D.C.
Atlanta, GA
Brooklyn, NY
New Orleans, LA
Phoenix, AZ
Palm Beach, FL
St. Paul, MN
Baltimore, MD
Boise, ID

Religious Community Leadership

59 graduates lead within their religious communities—including **prior provincials, general superiors**, and **Dominican curia members**. Others guide formation and vocations for Dominicans, Sisters of Charity, and Sisters of Providence.

Social Work and Counseling

39 graduates provide compassionate care as social workers and counselors in communities across the U.S. :

Amherst, MA
Chicago, IL
Des Moines, IA
Dumas, TX
Gaithersburg, MD
Milwaukee, WI
New York, NY
Sioux Falls, SD
St. Louis, MO

Campus Ministry

30 graduates serve as campus ministers at universities like **Duke, Tulane, Purdue, Creighton,** and **Washington University** in St. Louis and high schools like **SLUH** and **Cor Jesu**, forming the next generation of faith leaders.

Beyond Ministry: Faith in Every Profession

Not all graduates serve in traditional ministry roles—**48 alumni** bring theological insight to careers in law, finance, media, and business. Their roles include partners at legal firms, CPAs, entrepreneurs, executives at financial investment firms, a bank president, television political reporters, and even veterinarians.

This is the impact your support makes possible.
Every gift to Aquinas Institute fuels the formation of leaders who transform health care, strengthen parishes, guide dioceses, and bring hope to communities worldwide. Together, we are shaping the future of the Church and society—one graduate at a time.

Women from 53 Religious Communities Received Advanced Degrees from Aquinas in the Past 25 Years:

Adorers of the Blood of Christ
Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Texas
Sisters of Divine Providence
Congregation of Mary Queen
Sisters of St. Joseph Baden
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Sisters of St. Joseph Orange
Sisters of the Redeemer
Daughters of Charity
Daughters of the Heart of Mary
Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
Franciscan Sisters of Mary
Daughters of St. Paul
Sisters of the Humility of Mary
Lovers of the Holy Cross
Order of Carmelites
Congregation of Sisters of St. Dominic of St. Catherine of Siena (Racine Dominicans)
Dominican Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary (Sparkhill)
Adrian Dominican Sisters
Congregation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Springfield, IL)
Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary of the Order of Preachers (Sinsinawa)
Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary (Mission San Jose)
Dominican Congregation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Grand Rapids)

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ALUMNI IMPACT

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Dominican Congregation of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (San Rafael)

Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena of Tam Hiep

Dominican Sisters of Arenberg, Germany

Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province

Dominican Sisters of our Lady of Remedies

Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, Gusau, Nigeria

Dominican Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (Justice, IL)

Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY

Order of St. Benedict (Benedictians)

Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg

Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Hospital Sisters of St. Francis

Redemptorists Nuns

Order of St. Ursuline

Ursuline Sisters of Mount St Joseph

Sisters of the Presentation

Our Lady of the Good Shepherd

Society of the Sacred Heart

Sisters of Mercy

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

Sisters of Christian Charity

Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth

Congregation of the Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross (Sisters of Loretto)

Sisters of Providence

Sisters of Providence (St. Mary of the Woods)

Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres

School Sisters of Notre Dame









CAMPAIGN FRAMEWORK

SUPPORT: *Lift Up Future Leaders*

Initiatives: Aquinas Institute Scholars Endowment – **$5M**
Lay Formation House – **$1M**

Impact: Removes financial barriers to theological education. Forms ministers and theologians in Dominican community, prayer, study, and preaching.

STRENGTHEN: *Build on Excellence*

Initiatives: Academic Excellence Initiatives – **$2M**
Marketing & Communications – **$1M**

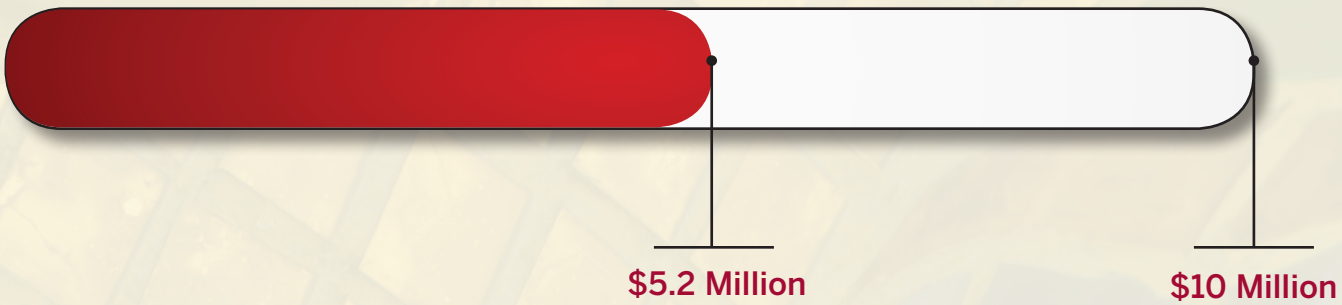
Impact: Invests in faculty, enhances student experiences, and strengthens outreach to ensure Aquinas remains a premier center of theological and preaching education.

SEND: *Form and Send Forth*

Initiatives: Continuing Education – **$1M**

Impact: Expands lifelong formation for alumni, Lay Dominicans, and ministry partners, extending Aquinas's reach beyond the classroom into the Church and the world.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE



The Centennial Campaign

A Century of Mission. A Future of Promise.

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Through it, we will expand scholarships, invest in faculty, grow lay formation, and extend continuing education so that we may faithfully send forth leaders who will serve the Church and the world.

Support. Strengthen. Send.

Together we Shape the Future of the Church.

Join us in supporting those who answer God's call, strengthening Aquinas Institute for the next century, and sending forth faithful leaders to serve the Church and the world.

We would be honored to speak with you about your gift.

Please reach out to Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, OP,
Director of Legacy and Major Gifts
314-256-8800 or baikauskas@ai.edu



With hearts united in prayer and purpose,

we go forward to teach truth and preach good news.

CENTENNIAL HYMN

Creator wise, beyond all words,
true light who orders day and night,
ignite our sullied murky minds
to see by you all things aright.

Lord guide our ardent quest to learn
and contemplate by holy grace,
that what our hearts reach out to know
we may, by love at last embrace.

From humble straw-like works create
true light that orders day and night,
where all the world may taste and see
the saving goodness of the Lord.

Now tasting, may we one day feast
with saints made radiant by the sight
of You, Most Glorious Trinity:
our hope, our home, our true delight.

Text written by Fr. James Peter Traers, OP ('17);
Music by Orin Johnson, ('08)

Scan the QR code to hear the hymn recorded live at
St. Margaret of Scotland Church in St. Louis
at the Centennial Celebration Mass on September 6, 2025.
The song is performed by Orin Johnson (MA '08) and
Jennifer Theby-Quinn (MA '17).



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