

## Admission Requirements

To be eligible to seek the MAPS degree, students must be enrolled as Pre-Theology seminarians, subject to the requirements of the Pre-Theology program at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. In addition, students must: 1) Possess a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; 2) Demonstrate evidence of academic ability (This requirement is normally met by an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher); and 3) Gain the permission of the Program Director who will consult with the Vice Rector of the Seminary, the Academic Dean of Theology, and with the respective Vocation Director.



## Support Services

The Ryan Memorial Library at Saint Charles Seminary services the curricular, informational and research needs of the Seminary faculty and students, containing more than 140,000 circulating items, the majority dedicated to the fields of philosophy and theology. The library's print collections feature primary and secondary material in every major area and subfield of philosophy, as well as reference works and rare books. Of the library's more than 200 print journals, 20 are dedicated to the discipline of philosophy; many others fall within related fields. The library also subscribes to electronic databases, including the Philosopher's Index, ATLA Religion and Philosophy Collection, and JSTOR.

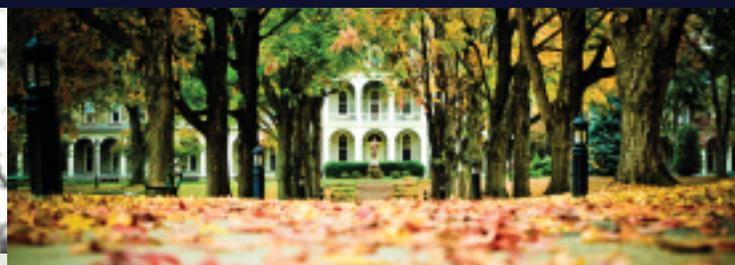


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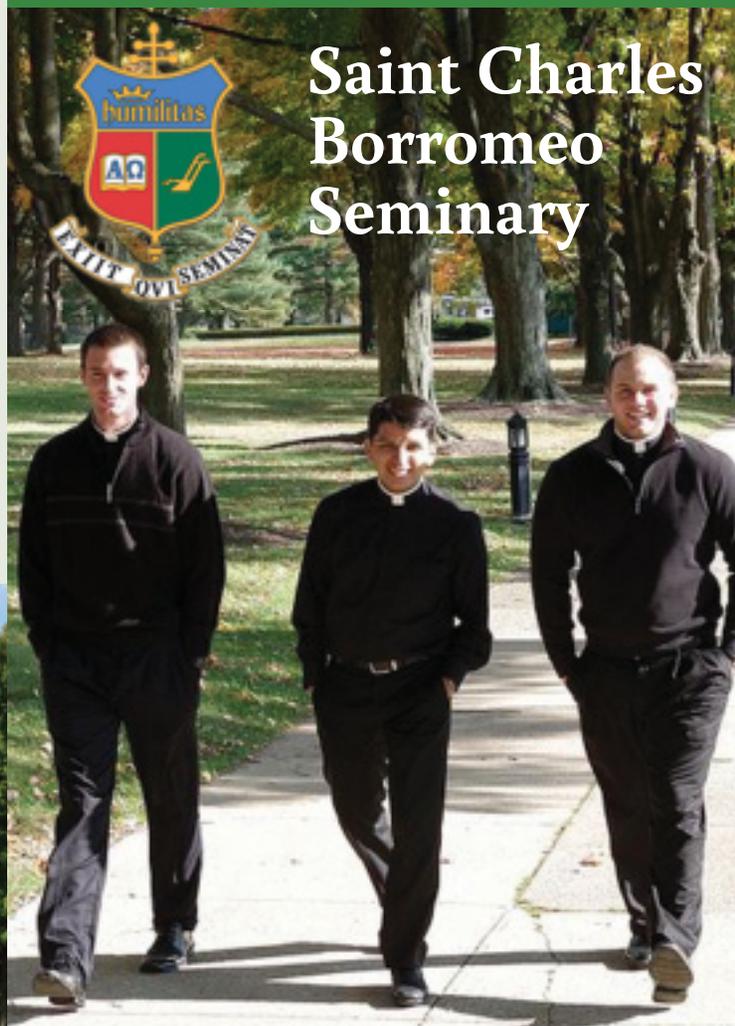
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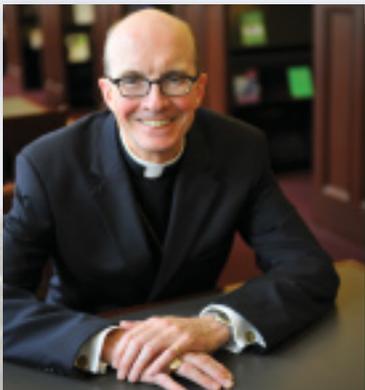


## Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies



## Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

## Message from the Rector



*If teaching and preaching is your job, then study diligently and apply yourself to whatever is necessary for doing the job well.*

~ Saint Charles Borromeo

**Most Rev. Timothy Christian Senior, Rector**

I am proud to introduce a new degree program at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary: the Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies (MAPS). Through the MAPS curriculum, Pre-Theology seminarians experience philosophical formation at the graduate level, earning a Master's degree before entering the Seminary School of Theological Studies.

The MAPS program deepens the seminarian's understanding of philosophy and the role of philosophical inquiry within the Catholic intellectual tradition. This rigorous two-year course of study prepares students for advanced theological studies. It is yet another program introduced to enhance the intellectual formation of seminarians discerning God's call to priestly service.

I am eager to share with you all that Saint Charles has to offer right now and our exciting plans for the future. Visit us at our Overbrook campus or online at [www.scs.edu](http://www.scs.edu).

## Educational Goals

- Analyze the role of the Western philosophical tradition in the development and articulation of Christian theology, as well as the role of philosophy in the Catholic intellectual tradition.
- Demonstrate proficiency in logic, including syllogistic logic, and philosophical argumentation.
- Interpret, analyze and synthesize advanced philosophical texts and materials.
- Demonstrate synthesis and critical analysis of the history of philosophy and of the major topic areas in philosophical inquiry.
- Demonstrate facility with philosophical research and argumentation, both oral and written.

## Program Description

The MAPS program for Pre-Theology seminarians requires a total of 36 graduate credits in philosophy coursework as well as comprehensive oral and written examinations in philosophy.

- The MAPS program satisfies the philosophy prerequisites for entrance into theology studies as outlined in the *Program for Priestly Formation - 5th Edition*.
- Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is fully accredited by the Association for Theological Schools and by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.



## Curriculum

The Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies requires 30 credits in core courses, 6 credits in elective courses, and both oral and written comprehensive examinations. The structure of the MAPS program is as follows:

### History of Philosophy (12 credits)

Ancient Philosophy  
Medieval Philosophy  
Modern Philosophy  
Contemporary Philosophy

### Metaphysics (6 credits)

Metaphysics  
Natural Theology

### Philosophical Anthropology and Other Courses (12 credits)

Philosophy of the Human Person  
Ethics  
Epistemology  
Logic

### Sample of Electives (6 credits)

Philosophy of Science  
Art & Beauty (Aesthetics)  
The Philosophy of Aristotle  
Philosophy of Religion  
Political Philosophy  
Phenomenology  
Philosophy and Early Christianity  
The Thought of Thomas Aquinas  
The Thought of Augustine  
Rise of Philosophical Atheism

### Oral and Written Comprehensive Examinations

