

## **Educational Effectiveness 2019-2020 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**

In 2019-20, the students completing their General Education requirements took a written comparison exam for the first time. Students averaged 5% gain from the pre-test, higher than the benchmark 2% over three years. Results of comprehensive exams in other areas are:

- Bachelor of Arts (written) = 87.2%
  - Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies (oral and written) = 91.2%
  - Master of Divinity (oral and written) = 91.24%
  - Master of Arts (oral and paper) = 95.71%
  - Master of Arts, School of Theological Studies (oral and written) = 90.3%
- In 2018-19, pastoral supervisors report that 100% of SCBS students are prepared or very prepared to do the pastoral work needed, ranking “cultural sensitivity” as the highest of 7 skills students possess. 100% of 2017-2019 Alumni thought that the pastoral Program prepared them for ministry.
  - SCBS had three times the completions for the MA than the peer average (40 vs. 13) and overall, graduate degrees rated higher on completions than the peer average (48 vs. 31 overall.)
  - 94% of 2017-2019 College graduates thought that their education prepared them either for Theological studies or their vocational choice, and 100% said their spirituality had deepened since graduation.
  - 95% of 2017-2019 Theology Alumni thought that their theological education prepared them for their ministerial work.
  - Of the Theology Seminary alumni, 95% thought that various dimensions of their education helped their integration into the priesthood, and the same percentage thought that the Spiritual Formation Program helped them to minister to others.
  - SCBS’ racial/ethnic enrollment for the MDiv increased from 31.3% in 2015 to 37.3% in 2019, but in the MA degree, it increased from 1.6% in 2015 to 19.7% in 2019.
  - SCBS has more full-time faculty (21) than the peer high (20). The ratio of full-time equivalent of faculty to students is 3.5, with the peer median at 5.8.
  - In 2016 (latest year available) SCBS’ cohort default rate ranged was 0%, much lower than the national 10.1% average default rate. SCBS had more applications and admissions to both the MDiv and MA than the peer average (20 vs. 18 for MDiv; 18 vs. 14 for the MA.)