

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY
Relocation and Affiliation Timeline

2012-2013

- In-depth study concerning undergraduate seminary program results in firm recommendation to retain undergraduate academic program and on-campus College Seminary.
- study begins for various options to sustain seminary operations on Wynnewood campus.

2013

- College Building plus 40 acres put on the market. Planning underway to consolidate all seminary programs to the “Upper Side.”

2015

- Received several bids and accepted a purchase offer from Main Line Health for the College Building plus 40 acres.
- Purchase offer of the 40-acre sale falls short of renovation expenses for “Upper Side” (more than \$50 million).
- World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit.
- Catholic Foundation of Philadelphia feasibility study to determine capacity for comprehensive capital campaign
- Grant Thornton analysis indicates that consolidation of campus is not feasible; provides multiple alternate operating models.

2016

- Seminary Board of Trustees votes to proceed with the sale of the entire 70+ acre property.
- Seminary invites 11 colleges and universities within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to consider partnership and affiliation with seminary.
- December 2016 publication of new *Ratio Fundamentalis*

2017-2019

- Focus on option to relocate to / affiliate with Neumann University: several parcels of property, and models of affiliation, received consideration.
- Draft 6th edition of the *Program of Priestly Formation* is approved by the U.S.C.C.B. and referred to the Congregation for Clergy, *recognitio* pending.

May 2019

- Main Line Health purchases entire Wynnewood property.
- Seminary to lease back property for a period of five years (while maintaining the property).

Fall 2019

- Costs associated with developing available land associated with Neumann University are determined to be beyond the scope of current resources.
- Board of Trustees puts plan to affiliate with Neumann University “on hold” and instructs Building and Grounds Committee and key staff to identify other options.
- GMH Capital Partners providing project management and analysis of various properties.

2020 and toward the future

- Archbishop Pérez assumes chairmanship of the Board of Trustees in February, 2020.
- The Seminary reviewed seven alternate locations and potential partners; also considered but not pursued was the possibility of new seminary facilities built as totally free-standing without any direct relationship with another institution of higher education.
- Preference given for another college campus in order to maximize the opportunities for enhanced program and expansion of the Seminary's mission, as well as operational efficiencies in collaboration with another institution of higher education.
- Board of Trustees narrows the focus on Gwynedd Mercy University.
- Budget for the relocation remains within available funds resulting from the sale of the Wynnewood property.
- Seminary and Gwynedd execute non-binding Letter of Intent in December 2020
- Planning to include capital campaign to fund endowment; set to launch upon finalization of location.
- Seminary administration, faculty and staff actively engaged in study of the 2016 *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* and the draft *Program of Priestly Formation, sixth edition*. Transition to a new campus viewed as an opportunity to design and made adaptations to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary's formation program to align with the new norms regarding seminary formation.