

2.1.1.3 CONCURSUS AWARDS

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During the annual Concursus ceremonies marking the completion of academic degree and certificates, the Seminary announces awards of excellence. Those related to Communications & Homiletics include the following:

The CATHOLICPHILLY.COM Award in Communications

The award is presented to a College seminarian for outstanding work in the field of communications during the current year of formation.

The winner of the award is nominated by the Chair of the Department of Humanities and Sciences in the College Seminary and approved by the College Seminary faculty, upon the recommendation of the John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications, and in consultation with the faculty teaching communications courses in the College Seminary and with the seminary's Director of External Affairs.

Criteria for selection of the award-winner includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- academic excellence in the study of Communications, particularly with reference to courses in the College curriculum (ENG 110-111, COM 210, COM 211, COM 301)
- active engagement with social communications at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, including the Seminary's social media (YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram) and SemCausal.org (blog, podcast)
- notable contributions in the realm of communications on behalf of the seminary's Office of External Affairs and Alumni Relations
- notable contributions to the work of CatholicPhilly.com
- other contributions in the realm of social communications in/for the Church

The JOHN J. HALLINAN Award for Excellence in Homiletics, given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia

The award is presented to a seminarian in First Theology for outstanding work in the Homiletics courses (PTH 501-502) during the current year of formation.

The winner of the award is nominated by the Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology, upon the recommendation of the faculty member(s) teaching the respective Homiletics courses, and approved by the Theology Seminary faculty.

Criteria for selection of the award-winner include academic performance and progress at preaching in the Homiletics courses during the First Year of the Theology Division curriculum.

The JOSEPH FRICKER Award for Excellence in Homiletics, given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia.

The award is presented to a seminarian in Second Theology for outstanding work in the Homiletics courses (PTH 601-602) during the current year of formation.

The winner of the award is nominated by the Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology, upon the recommendation of the faculty member(s) teaching the respective Homiletics courses, and approved by the Theology Seminary faculty.

Criteria for selection of the award-winner include academic performance and progress at preaching in the Homiletics courses during the Second Year of the Theology Division curriculum.

The JOSEPH HOWARD TYSON, JR. Award for Excellence in Homiletics, given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia.

The award is presented to a seminarian in Third Theology for outstanding work in the Homiletics courses (PTH 701-702) during the current year of formation.

The winner of the award is nominated by the Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology, upon the recommendation of the faculty member(s) teaching the Third Theology Homiletics courses, and approved by the Theology Seminary faculty.

Criteria for selection of the award-winner include academic performance and progress at preaching in the Homiletics courses during the Third Year of the Theology Division curriculum.

The MATTHEW H. MCCLOSKEY, III Award for Excellence in Homiletics, given by the Serra Club of Philadelphia.

The award is presented to a seminarian in Fourth Theology for outstanding work during the current year of formation in preaching as a deacon during liturgies at a parish and at the Seminary.

The winner of the award is nominated by the Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation, upon the recommendation of the pastors of the parishes in which the deacons serve their apostolic internship (weekends and summer assignments) and the resident priests at the Seminary, and approved by the Theology Seminary faculty.

Criteria for selection of the award-winner include excellence in preaching as determined by a review of evaluations at the parish level (as given by pastors and parishioners) and a poll of the resident priests at the Seminary.
