

# THE CARDINALS' FORUM

@ Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

*an annual gathering  
that advances the academic formation of seminarians  
and provides continuing education for the lay faithful  
about a topic of contemporary concern*



**September 7, 2021** in the **Vianney Hall Auditorium**

on the topic of

## ***The Social Media Magisterium: Where Popularity & Reliability Collide!***

The 2021 Cardinals' Forum examines the growing phenomenon of a social media magisterium. People in the pews are increasingly being influenced by online preachers and teachers whose viewpoints they subscribe to and share; seminarians, too, are affected by a “*de facto* shadow formation” streaming on devices. Fueled by digital celebrity, this means of Church teaching can generate doubt and devolve into disunity, with the faithful taking opposing sides based on whom they “follow.” As a powerful communications phenomenon, it raises significant questions about authority and accountability that call for our attention and discussion.

*Join us to discuss the promise and peril of faith formation via the Internet!*

7:00 p.m.	Welcome by the <b>BISHOP TIMOTHY SENIOR</b> (the Rector of the Seminary)		
7:05 p.m.	Introduction to the topic by the moderator -- <b>FR. THOMAS DAILEY, O.S.F.S.</b> (the John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications)		
7:10 p.m.	Viewpoints on the topic given by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DEACON MATTHEW KUNA</b> (Church Communications Ecology @ University of Notre Dame)</li><li>• <b>DR. JOHN HAAS</b> (the John Cardinal Krol Chair of Moral Theology)</li><li>• <b>DR. NATHAN KNUTSON</b> (the Lucille Francesco Chair in Sacred Music)</li><li>• <b>MOST REVEREND NELSON PÉREZ</b> (the Archbishop of Philadelphia)</li></ul>		
7:45 p.m.	Discussion with the audience	8:30 p.m.	Conclusion of the event

The event is open to the public, with free admission and following current CDC protocols for COVID-19.  
Streaming video available @ <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesSem> or @ <https://vimeo.com/event/234747>