



SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY

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THE JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY CHAIR OF HOMILETICS & SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The endowed chair was established in 2011 and inaugurated in 2013 to honor the outstanding witness of JOHN CARDINAL FOLEY, former President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. A native of Philadelphia and alumnus of the Seminary, Cardinal Foley distinguished himself internationally both as a servant of the Church and as a communicator of the highest professional standards.

The purpose of the Cardinal Foley Chair is to perpetuate its namesake's high standards in sharing the Gospel message, particularly in the life and ministry of future generations of priests. The holder of the Chair will promote theological understanding and pastoral education with regard to communications technology and its use in the Church's work of evangelization. Specifically, the threefold mission of the Chair is to support the work of the Catholic Church in the realm of homiletics and communications by teaching seminary students and church groups, working with personnel in parishes and (arch)diocesan organizations, and engaging in dialogue with journalists and media professionals.

In the context of the four dimensions of priestly formation, the Chair's responsibilities are primarily intellectual, with a teaching load of three courses per year and an expectation of research, lecturing, and publication consistent with an endowed faculty position. Additionally, the Chair contributes to the human, spiritual, and pastoral formation of students through presentations, workshops, and mentoring. Administratively, the Chair supports three annual programs: a public forum to mark the beginning of the academic year (August); a lecture series linked to the feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of Catholic journalists and writers (January); and, a symposium in celebration of the World Day of Social Communications (May). Additionally, the Chair will assist with the management of social communications at the Seminary, will offer recommendations concerning the Communications curricula across all schools and programs, will work with the Rector to advance the public reputation and financial stability of the Chair and Seminary, and will represent the Seminary in professional organizations related to homiletics and communications in the Church.

More information about the John Cardinal Foley Chair for Homiletics and Social Communications can be found on the Seminary's web site at www.scs.edu/john-cardinal-foley-chair.

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With more than 180 years of rich ecclesiastical tradition, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary provides priestly formation and theological instruction for persons in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and from other dioceses and religious communities in the USA and abroad. The Seminary is comprised of four areas of learning: the College Seminary and the Theological Seminary (for priestly formation), the School of Diaconal Formation (for archdiocesan permanent deacons), and the School of Theological Studies (for religious and lay men and women). Visit www.scs.edu to learn more.