4 INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES

4.1 PERSONNEL PROFILES

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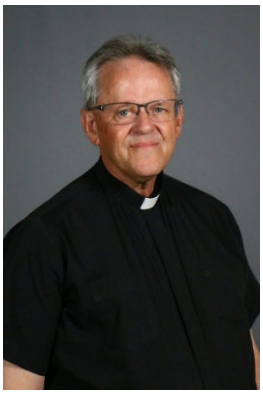
The programs in Communications and Homiletics at the Seminary is guided by the insights of the Cardinal Foley Chair's Advisory Council and the expertise of faculty in the following positions at the Seminary.

College Seminary	Theological Seminary	School of Diaconal Formation *	John Cardinal Foley Chair
			
MARGARET RAKUS	**REV. JAMES OLSON**	**DEACON CHARLES LEWIS**	**FR. THOMAS DAILEY, OSFS**
Associate Professor (Gwynedd-Mercy University)	Pastor, St. John Paul II parish (Philadelphia)	Director, School of Diaconal Formation	Director, Catholic Preaching Institute
Social Communications	*Homiletics courses* *Diaconal didactic talks*	*Diaconal practicum*	*Theology of Homiletics* *Contemporary Homiletics*

* The School of Diaconal Formation also benefits from the experience of a team of permanent deacons who serve as practicum instructors in parishes throughout the archdiocese.

Adjunct Faculty for the Homiletics Program in the Theological Seminary include:

Anne Lewis, M.F.A. (retired Associate Professor of Acting) – Introduction to Homiletics

Rev. Joseph Bongard, M.Ed. (pastor, St. Helena) – Introduction to Homiletics

Through its "Disciples of the Word" program, the **CATHOLIC PREACHING INSTITUTE** at the Seminary engages preachers, clergy mentors, and lay advisors in a year-long mentoring process. Lists of these collaborators are provided on the CPI website.

*The Homiletics Program envisions the formation of **Lay Advisory panels** to assist with the review and evaluation of students in the preaching practicum courses. To-date, the lay faithful have assisted with Homiletics courses in Second Theology by functioning as the "congregation" for final examination homilies in those courses.*