



CATHOLIC PREACHING INSTITUTE

@ Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

Dear friends of Saint Charles Seminary,

The Catholic Preaching Institute is up and running! Launched in January 2024, CPI seeks to improve the experience of homilies through a grassroots initiative made possible through a [\\$1.2 Lilly Endowment, Inc. grant](#). More than tweaking what's already in place, CPI is looking to initiate a **homiletic revival** here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Sounds *amazing*, but in order to be effective, CPI needs to first connect with those in the pulpits and those in the pews. And that's exactly what we did, because feedback from both sides of the ambo is equally important in determining the *how* of CPI's mission.

That's what we're excited to share in this our first newsletter.

~ **Fr. Thomas Dailey, OSFS**

2024 Spring Edition

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Questions? We've got answers! New ventures need great websites, and The Catholic Preaching Institute has a beauty!

CPI is located physically and virtually at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. You'll find answers to your questions about the program and discover preaching resources, all while viewing images of parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia where clergy bring the Word to the faithful every day.

Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ Doylestown, Pa.



The homepage "Preacher Features" are archived Resources



... and so much more! Come visit us at www.scs.edu/preaching.



What is CPI?

Why do we need CPI?



How can I get involved?



What is a compelling preacher?



Surveys

CPI was established with the mission of creating programs to help priests and deacons – our “Sunday preachers” – deliver homilies that resonate with the faithful in the pews. Where to begin? The people!

We hit-the-ground-running in this inaugural year by launching separate surveys within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia – one for pastors & parochial administrators, and the other for parishioners. The surveys provided opportunities to share homiletic experiences, from both the pulpit and the pew.

With the help of the [Catholic Leadership Institute](#), CPI has collected and collated survey responses into detailed reports, accessible on [CPI's website](#). *Now what?*

On to development and implementation!

By applying what we've learned, we're now creating a framework of interrelated programs. We're also thinking ahead to implementation of those programs which will require the time and talents of many. And that means ...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Through a **Commentary Series**, clergy and the faithful will benefit from brief writeups that offer personal experience and insight on the Scripture readings for Sunday liturgies. You may be asking yourself *Am I qualified?*

You don't have to be a professional writer or public speaker (they are most certainly appreciated!). We invite anyone willing to share personal encounters with Scripture as experienced in everyday life ... at school, work, home. A time that the Word came alive through someone you met, an opportunity that presented itself, maybe something you witnessed. If you're willing to share those moments, we'd love to hear from you.

Maybe this is for you. Maybe this sounds like an opportunity for someone you know. [LET US KNOW!](#)

The **Commentary Series** will begin in November in time for the first Sunday of Advent on December 1.

[Archdiocese of Philadelphia](#)

214 parishes

1.5 million registered
Catholics

[2024 Survey Reports](#)



[CALL TO ACTION!](#)

COMING UP ...

We're moving!

This summer, CPI will move with Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary from its current location in Wynnewood to its new campus in Lower Gwynedd.



[Click the image to learn more!](#)

“The test of a preacher is that his congregation goes away saying, not ‘What a lovely sermon!’ but ‘I will do something.’”

~ Saint Francis de Sales

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