

Saint Vincent Seminary



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Founded in 1846, Saint Vincent Seminary is the fourth oldest Roman Catholic Seminary in the United States.

In 1847 Charles Geyerstanger, O.S.B., was the first priest to be ordained from the Seminary. More than 2,506 diocesan and religious priests have been ordained from Saint Vincent.



The Seminary was officially established August 24, 1855 through an apostolic brief of Pope Pius IX.



On April 18, 1870 the Pennsylvania State Legislature incorporated the school, empowering it to grant degrees.

Since 1873 Saint Vincent Seminary has awarded 1,247 graduate level degrees in theology.

In 1921 Saint Vincent became a charter member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Saint Vincent Seminary received full accreditation from the Association and this accreditation has been maintained.

Among its distinguished alumni, there are 21 bishops, archbishops and cardinals and 49 abbots and archabbots.

Saint Vincent Seminary currently serves fifteen dioceses and archdioceses, five Benedictine monasteries, and other religious congregations.

Saint Vincent Seminary became a full member of the Association of Theological Schools in 1983 and this accreditation has been maintained.

During 2009-2010, there are 70 men preparing for the priesthood with a total enrollment of 87 students.



The Seminary has offered the Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree since the Fall Semester, 2000.

