

“RETURNING TO A VIRTUALLY NEW CAMPUS, WITH ITS TRADITION INTACT AND ENHANCED, WAS TRULY A BLESSING.”

RANDY RATHERT, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE, ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

LOCATION

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
St. Louis, MO

ARCHITECT

Cannon Design

SIZE

200,000 sq. ft.

THE CHALLENGE

The Kenrick-Glennon Seminary had a major decision to make regarding the future of its facilities. With many of its structures constructed in the 1920s and 30s, the seminary's character was beautiful and strong; however,

its efficiency and ability to effectively serve the needs of the students and staff were not optimal. The main challenge was to preserve the facility's rich heritage while incorporating modern amenities.

THE DESIGN

The design plan was simple... blend. However, the execution of the design was complex, as it linked historic and new elements from all aspects of the campus including HVAC, electrical and the layout of offices. While nestled among the suburbs, the 44-acre picturesque campus, just west of St. Louis, offers rural solitude. With the capacity to serve over 140 students, as well as 10 resident priests and nearly 50 other

faculty, administrators and facility workers, it's easy to imagine how important this renovation was to keep the seminary thriving in its ability to attract new seminarians. A new recreation center was added, the library was renovated and expanded, the living quarters were significantly updated and new faculty space was developed to centralize offices.

THE FURNISHINGS

The interior design plan at the seminary centered on preservation while incorporating comfortable, functional and versatile furnishings. After evaluating several manufacturers, Kenrick-Glennon selected National based on the furniture's look and durability. The advice from a trusted vendor also carried weight. "National offered the ideal aesthetic balance and product flexibility we were looking for to accommodate a variety of traditional and transitional spaces," said Randy Rathert, Director of Building and Real Estate, Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The library, administration and faculty offices, refectory (dining hall), and lounges for the faculty, students and administrators feature National's products. The seminary serves as a good steward to the environment, by converting a 22-acre plot of campus land into a wildlife preserve and saving all the original millwork, casings, doors and windows to be repurposed and reused in the renovation. Choosing National, a responsible company who offers a portfolio of sustainable certified products, further aligned with their project goals.

THE RESULTS

The results of this project are on display every day through the smiles, the energy the new spaces and furnishings created, and the collaborative interactions that are more

prevalent than ever. Tradition was preserved, today's essentials were integrated, and Kenrick-Glennon found the ideal balance that restored a great deal more than just buildings and spaces.

SCOPE

- Private Offices
- Open Plan Offices
- Library
- Residents' Lounges
- Faculty Lounges
- Student Lounges
- Auditorium
- Refectory Dining

PRODUCTS

- WaveWorks® Casework
- WaveWorks® Tables
- Cinch® Seating
- Tag® Seating
- Reno® Lounge



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