

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF QEP**  
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**Title of QEP:**      **A Project for the Enhancement of the Humanities.**

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The mission statement of St John Vianney College Seminary states that its fundamental purpose is to provide undergraduate education and formation for those students whose stated objective is to discern a call to serve the Catholic Church as priests. The academic component of the formation to the priesthood is centered on the study of philosophy, which is the only major offered by the institution. The recently promulgated Fifth Edition of the *Program of Priestly Formation* (PPF) confirms the centrality of the study of philosophy in college seminary formation, as well as the significance of studies in the humanities. (PPF 140; 182)<sup>1</sup> It is with this understanding of what is required of a sound academic formation for college seminarians that the institution selected its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). After a process that involved the whole College Seminary Community, a consensus was reached concerning the value of strengthening the presence of the humanities across the institution's curriculum and life as an essential component of formation for the priesthood and a cornerstone of college seminary formation. The result of this process is a QEP focused on enhancing the student's exposure and appreciation for the value of the humanities; i.e. a *Project for the Enhancement of the Humanities* in the Student's College Seminary experience. This Project's mission is to increase student learning in the humanities across the curriculum in the service of strengthening the institution's intellectual formation of seminarians, of establishing a foundation for the baccalaureate program in philosophy, and of preparing for graduate studies in theology.

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<sup>1</sup> Passages from the PPF are cited in full at the end of this document.



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The Committee finds no evidence of non-compliance.

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