

ST. JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF QEP
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Title of QEP: **Improving the Writing Skills of Seminarians.**

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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. This study of philosophy is nourished and enriched by a liberal arts program aimed at giving the students not only a depth of knowledge in the areas studied, but also the competence to successfully communicate this knowledge to others. The ability to write effectively is an essential component of a liberal arts education. It is with this understanding of what is required as an indispensable foundation for 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 writing skills of students as an essential component of formation for the priesthood and a cornerstone of college seminary formation. This Plan's mission is to improve the students' writing skills in the service of strengthening the institution's intellectual formation of seminarians, as required by the *Program of Priestly Formation* (PPF) of establishing a solid foundation in the liberal arts as essential to their intellectual formation and preparation for graduate studies in theology. (Program of Priestly Formation 2005, 146 - 151)

