



THE SEMINARIES

OF SAINT PAUL

Joyful Catholic Leaders

Msgr. William L. Baumgaertner - 2003

Rev. Msgr. William L. Baumgaertner graduated from The Saint Paul Seminary in 1946. He was honored for his many years of service to the seminary as professor, rector, board member and benefactor.

Msgr. Baumgaertner has distinguished himself nationally in seminary accreditation and education by having served as executive director of the seminary department of the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington, D.C., and associate director for accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada. He also served for nine years on The Saint Paul Seminary Board of Trustees and on numerous other boards. As an advisor to several theological schools, both national and international, he guided them along the accreditation process and worked to improve the training of presidents and governing boards.

Monsignor was the chair of the Centennial Committee that was charged with planning the celebration of the seminary's long and influential history in preparing priests for the Church. As a benefactor, he has generously contributed to and promoted the seminary's need for financial support through two endowments established in his honor: one to support the operating expenses of the seminary (the Baumgaertner Endowment Fund) and another to support the spiritual formation of seminarians (the Baumgaertner Endowment Fund Phase II).