

Subjects related to Catholicism:

- **Biblical Studies**
- **Catechetics**
- **Church History**
- **Lay Ministry**
- **Pastoral Ministry**
- **Philosophy/Psychology**
- **Saints' biographies & works**
- **Spirituality**
- **Theology**
- **Worship**

Also: Fiction, general collection of American and world history, humanities and social sciences.

Rare Book & Archival

- **The Bishops' collection** constitutes the original library of the Seminary's founder, the Most Reverend Michael Tierney, and the works from the collections of preceding and succeeding Bishops'.
- **15th-17th century religious collection** including illuminated manuscripts and other rare books and documents.
- **18th-19th century Catholic Americana and history.**
- **St. Thomas Seminary Archive** contains Stella Matutina yearbooks and other documents, memorabilia and photos of St. Thomas Seminary alumni, teaching and religious affiliates.
- **20th century** newspaper clippings, documents and photos of historical religious events of the time.



Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien

Archbishop O'Brien Library at The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary

Hours: September - June

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday—9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
Wednesday—9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: July - August

Monday-Friday—9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<http://www.stseminary.org/obrienlibrary.htm>



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Welcome to the Archbishop O'Brien Library

We hope you will find this a comfortable and pleasant place to visit and borrow resources.

Mission Statement: The Library serves as a resource center for all members of the Archdiocese of Hartford. It is open to and welcomes members of the public. Our goal is to provide an accessible collection of materials and resource-sharing that will foster the theological and spiritual teachings of the Catholic Church and promote Christian traditions and relationships.

Services:

Circulation of books and media.

Reference and research assistance including access to archival and rare books and materials collection.

Interlibrary loan service via the iConn/Request database of the Connecticut State Library (<http://www.iConn.org>).

Downloadable audio books through iConn.

Access of available resources **from home.**

Access and circulation of an extensive collection of current and back issues of newspapers and periodicals

Use of computer and internet.

Items placed on reserve.

Copier.

Museum passes to check out for free admission to local museums.

Events, programs, book sales.

Loan Periods:

Books—28 days

Media—14 days

Periodicals—14 days

Overdue Materials:

Books, CD's, periodicals—
\$.20/day

DVD's/Videos—\$1.00/day

Membership: Fees are considered as a donation .

Free - Priests and religious, seminarians and employees of the Archdiocese of Hartford; students and faculty of the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education; Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic School students, with permission.

\$5.00 - Senior Citizens, age 65 and over.

\$10.00—Laity and members of the general public residing in Connecticut.

\$25—Out-of-state residents.

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Brief history and information

St. Thomas Seminary, founded by Bishop Michael Tierney, opened on Collins Street in Hartford, Connecticut in 1897. Due to space issues of a growing seminary, the construction of a new building was authorized and erected in 1928 in Bloomfield. Bishop Tierney donated his collection of books to establish the new Seminary library which later became The Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Memorial Library, after the Most Reverend Henry J. O'Brien, the first Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford and a former student, faculty member and President/Rector of the Seminary.

The Library is a member of the Connecticut Library Consortium and has membership participation in the iConn reQuest database of the Connecticut State Library which allows resource sharing amongst Connecticut's academic, public, school and special libraries.

In addition to St. Thomas Seminary, the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education includes Hartford Seminary, Saint Joseph College, Trinity College, the University of Connecticut Greater Hartford Branch, University of Hartford, Central Connecticut State University, Capital Community College and Charter Oak College.

The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary serves as a retreat and conference center. For further information please visit our website at <http://www.seminary.org> or contact our Director of Events Sales at 860-242-5573, ext. 2603