

ANSELM HOUSE

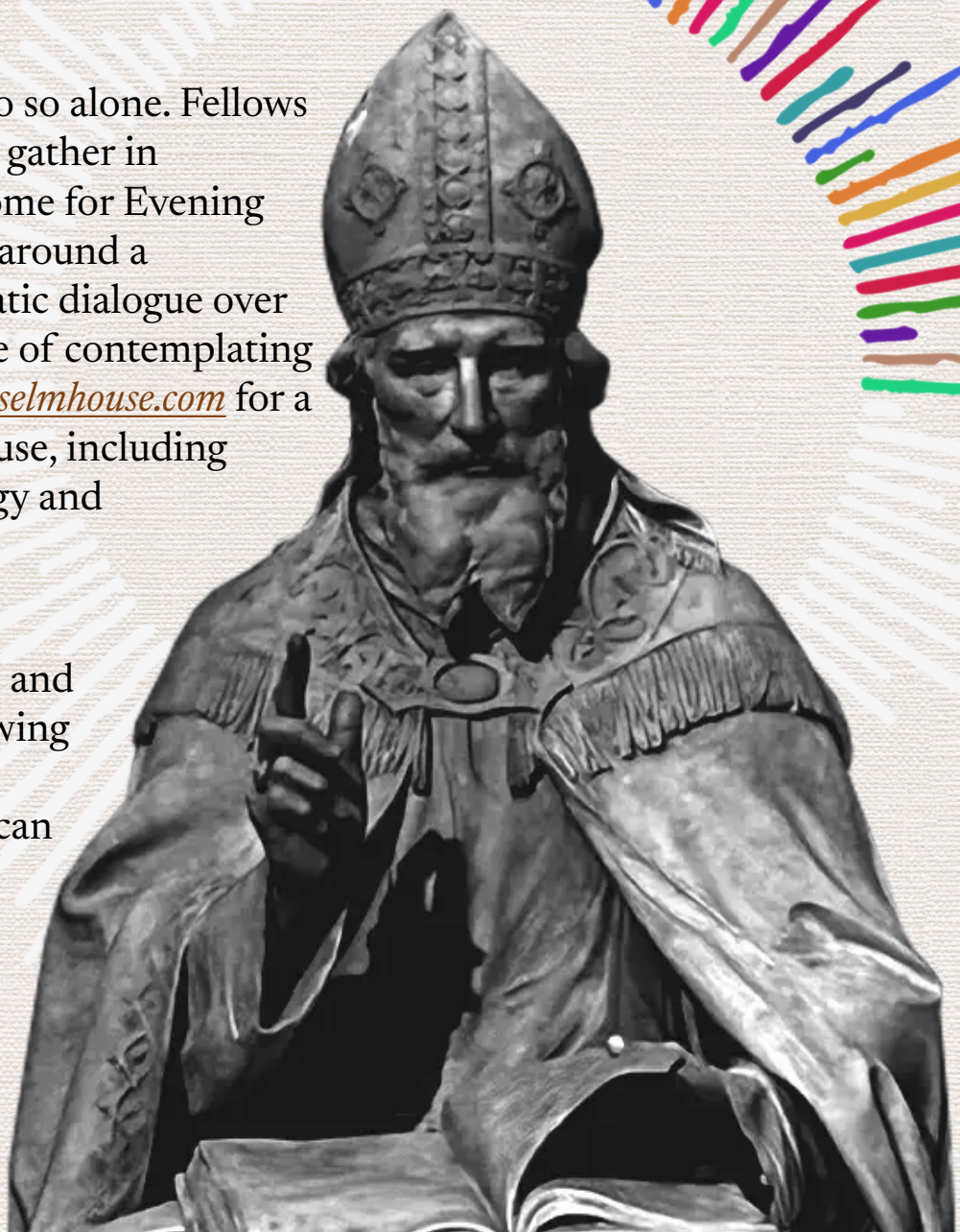
2027 Prospectus

ANSELM HOUSE

While many institutions occupy students with contemporary books, Anselm House follows the wisdom of C. S. Lewis and reads the old books first. Rather than reading across the surface of the Great Tradition, each year Fellows will immerse themselves in the deep waters of a few theologians that they can return to for the rest of their lives.

However, they will not do so alone. Fellows follow a "rule of life" and gather in Dr. Matthew Barrett's home for Evening Prayer, virtue formation around a common meal, and Socratic dialogue over classical texts for the sake of contemplating God together. Visit *theanselmhouse.com* for a full vision of Anselm House, including participation in the liturgy and sacraments at St. Aidan's Anglican Church.

Anselm Fellows will read and meet to discuss the following works, but those who are students at Trinity Anglican Seminary will have additional reading (as indicated). Please use the editions linked so that everyone can be on the same page.



VISION FOR 2027

In 2027, Anselm Fellows will turn their attention to the mystery of the cosmos, contemplating the supreme generosity of God in creation. Both in history and today, the goodness of creation has been questioned, so we will sit at the feet of St. Irenaeus as he answers the Gnostics. We will then be prepared to consider Athanasius's emphasis on the redemption of our humanity by means of our Lord's incarnation, as well as Anselm's insight into the satisfaction made by Christ on the cross.

But to pursue the fullness of the created order, we will also explore the angelic realm with none other than the Angelic Doctor himself, which will help us lean in all the more to those moving words in the Eucharistic liturgy,

"Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven..."

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



When we return from summer, we will extend our Lord's redemption of creation to his real presence in Holy Eucharist. E. L. Mascall will help us recover the biblical concept of sacrifice, and we will ask how it should and should not be used in the Eucharist as we pay close attention to the fullness of Christ's work, from his birth to his ascension and intercession. To that end, we will retrieve the voices of the Church Fathers as well as the Anglican Divines. Closely related, Mascall and Augustine alike will show us what it means to be united as a church around the sacraments, and we will look at the test case of the Donatists and ask what conclusions we should draw for the church today.

Finally, with the 2027 focus on the goodness of God in creation, we will turn our attention to the controversy over images, learning both from the Seventh Ecumenical Council as well as John of Damascus's apologetic for images on the basis of our Lord's incarnation. As Anglicans, we will ask why God made us with senses and why these senses matter to worship.

2027 PROSPECTUS

In 2027, each Fellow will present a selection of John Milton's Paradise Lost with the group.

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1

Dinner

St. Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 1

FEBRUARY 15

No Dinner

St. Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 2

MARCH

MARCH 1

Dinner

St. Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 3

MARCH 22

No Dinner

St. Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 4

APRIL

APRIL 5

Dinner

St. Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, Book 5

APRIL 19

No Dinner

St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

MAY

MAY 3

Dinner

St. Anselm, *Why God Became Man*

St. Anselm, *Proslogion*

MAY 20 (THURSDAY)

Nelson-Atkins Museum

TRINITY STUDENTS

St. Anselm, *On the Fall of the Devil*

JUNE

JUNE 7

Dinner

St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae Prima Pars*,
Questions 44–49 – Creation

JUNE 21

No Dinner

St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae Prima Pars*, Questions 50–64 – Angels

TRINITY STUDENTS

Questions 106–114

JULY-AUGUST

NO MEETINGS

John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

2027 PROSPECTUS

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 6

Dinner

E. L. Mascall, *Corpus Christi*, Chapters 1–2

St. Augustine, *Donatist Controversy* – selection provided by email

SEPTEMBER 10–11

Required Event

Aquinas KC ($55)

SEPTEMBER 20

No Dinner

E. L. Mascall, *Corpus Christi*, Chapters 2–6

TRINITY STUDENTS

E. L. Mascall, *Christ, the Christian, and the Church*, Chapters 7, 9–11

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4

Dinner

E. L. Mascall, *Corpus Christi*, Chapters 7–8

Selections from the Fathers and Anglican Divines – provided by email

OCTOBER 23

Required Event

Public Lecture at St. Aidan's Anglican Church

TRINITY STUDENTS

Selections TBD

Edward Bouverie Pusey, *The Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Thomas Cranmer, *A Defence of the True and Catholic Doctrine of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Our Savior Christ*

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2 (TUESDAY)

Dinner

St. John of Damascus, *Three Treatises on the Divine Images*

Seventh Ecumenical Council – provided by email

NOVEMBER 15

No Dinner

Fellow presentations

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 6

Christmas Party



MORE INFORMATION

ASSIGNMENTS

Fellows will have access to the library at the Nazarene Theological Seminary to complete the following assignments. Further instructions on each will be provided.

SPRING 2027 CAPSTONE PROJECTS

1. Lectio Divina

Each Fellow will apply lectio divina to a text from sacred Scripture, exercising a divine or holy reading of Scripture (Consult: *Ladder of Monks and Twelve Meditations*, by Guigo and Hans Boersma's *Pierced by Love*). In the process of reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating the sacred Scripture, each Fellow will consult three commentaries and/or homilies from the Great Tradition.

2. Theological Theses

(Trinity students only)

Each Fellow is to select a difficult issue in theology (can be one from the past or a new one based on challenges today), one that will require research in classical sources. Each Fellow will write 12–20 theses that make an argument. The credibility of the argument will be based on each thesis as well as the theses taken together as a whole. Sample theses will be provided as an example of excellence.

FALL 2027 CAPSTONE PROJECTS

1. Scholastic Question

Each Fellow will write a question and an answer using the scholastic model (2 pages single-spaced). The question must address a challenging issue in philosophy, history, theology, or biblical interpretation. The aim is not only to answer a difficult question but to develop the skills to respond to objections. Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae* will serve as a model. Each Fellow will share their question at Anselm House at the end of the year.

2. Research Paper

(Trinity students only)

Each Fellow will propose a research topic that will require them either to (a) consider



a major contribution from a theologian in the Great Tradition, or (b) articulate a major theological idea from the Great Tradition and its significance for today. Each Fellow must put forward a thesis and then write a short essay defending that thesis (3,000–5,000 words, including footnotes).

Q&A WITH CLERGY

During certain months, the Fellows will have the opportunity to meet with the clergy at St. Aidan's and ask them questions about the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. This is an opportunity for them to probe deeper into the beauty of classical Anglicanism.

PUBLIC LECTURE

With its focus on contemplation, Anselm House has the ethos of a monastery. However, Anselm House is also outward in focus. Once a year, Anselm House will host a public lecture, and anyone in Kansas City is invited, Christian and non-Christian alike.

AQUINAS KC

Aquinas KC is a conference right here in Kansas City. Each year, this conference will feature several theologians who model what it means to contemplate God and his wondrous works with Thomas Aquinas, building on his First Principles for today. Fellows are required to attend (cost is $55).

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for Anselm Fellows include:

1. Participating in St. Anslem's gatherings twice a month
2. Morning Prayer at least once a week at St. Aidan's
3. Attendance at St. Aidan's on Sunday mornings
4. Capstone assignments
5. Planning of the Public Lecture
6. Aquinas KC



DEGREE AT TRINITY

Fellows do not have to be enrolled at ***Trinity Anglican Seminary*** to be a Fellow at Anselm House. However, if they are enrolled, then their participation in Anselm House can count as course credit. Up to 50% of their credits for their Trinity degree can be secured through Anselm House.

Anselm Fellows also enrolled in a degree program at Trinity can receive up to 18 credits per year through Anselm House towards their Trinity degree. Each Fellow can renew their fellowship for additional years and receive up to half of their degree at Trinity through Anselm House. Note: Curriculum at Anselm House will change each year.

Please apply to Trinity here. Applications to Trinity Anglican Seminary are due November 15, 2026. Note: the cost of Anselm House is in addition to the tuition cost at Trinity. Anselm Fellows receive 50% off their tuition at Trinity.

The cost for 2027 is $1,000 and is due by January 2, 2027. *Please apply here.* All applications must be submitted by January 2. Space is limited so apply sooner rather than later. If you have questions, email: *dr.matthewbarrett@gmail.com*

