

## **Statement of Institutional Effectiveness**

As a center of excellence we strive to be faithful to our mission and purpose and our entire community assesses regularly the quality and character of our educational ministry. All programs have established learning outcomes that are reviewed through varied assessment instruments which measure and shape the delivery and quality of the learning experience at STVU.

In the past five years our retention rate has ranged from 94.5% - 99.5% with a current rate of 95.81%. Within a three year period 91.1% of our enrollees earn the M.Div degree. Students express a high level of satisfaction with instruction, services, spiritual formation, and the community life. Three areas of significant development among students are noted: interpretation and application of scripture, critical/public theological thinking, and conduct of worship/ liturgical practice. As our students graduate, 83.5% of them have employment in some expression of ministry.

Engaging in the theological enterprise at STVU is exciting and challenging and your presence and participation in our community of reverent scholars is welcomed.