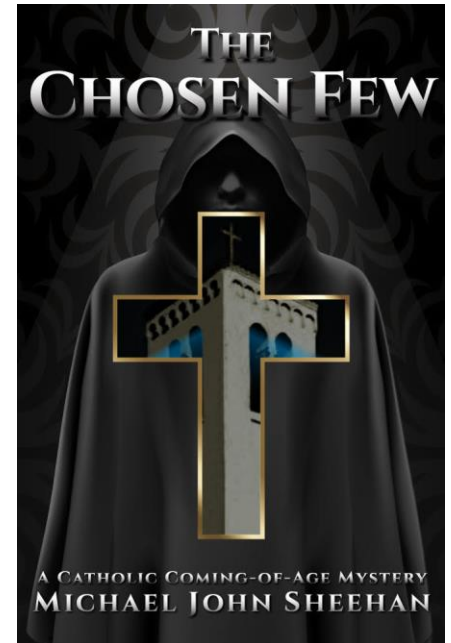


“The Chosen Few” Novel Inspired By St. Joseph High School Seminary Experiences

The Chosen Few, a new novel by St. Joseph Alumnus Mike Sheehan (HS ‘1971), is a Catholic mystery and emotional coming-of-age tale that draws heavily on the years he spent at both the high school and college seminary.

“I wrote the book so that readers could experience an insider’s look at young men studying for the priesthood at a twentieth-century Catholic seminary,” Sheehan said. “Although the story contains some supernatural moments, I wanted it to feel authentic to my primary target audience, the students who attended St. Joe’s and lived the unique seminary lifestyle.”



The Chosen Few is available for purchase on Amazon.com as a 286-page paperback (\$14.99) and Kindle ebook (\$2.99), or you can visit Mike’s website at www.michaeljohnsheehan.com.

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Synopsis:

A forbidden tower. Curious students. Disturbing discoveries. Every boarding school has its secrets...

Senior Jack Hayes has a history of breaking the rules at St. Paul’s Catholic high school seminary, putting him squarely in the crosshairs of Father Lawrence “Spider” Webb, the authoritarian Dean of Students. While exploring the school’s forbidden bell tower, Jack and his best friend stumble upon troubling evidence of possible heinous crimes. Unsure what to do, the two boys encounter a mysterious, reclusive old priest late one night who provides cryptic clues that help them uncover long-kept secrets about St. Paul’s and Father Webb. Even more shocking, their search for the truth leads to devastating consequences that threaten the school’s very existence.

Reviews:

Anne H. Price – 5 stars on Amazon – “A mystery that must be read by any Catholic. Could not put it down. I am a writer and this is beyond me.”

“An engaging, well-crafted mystery. The author's descriptions and often humorous details brings the 1970s seminary setting to life...As the school year starts, young men are pulled into a mystery both profound and deeply spiritual...that climaxes with an earth-shattering, life altering crescendo. A story that brings you along on the adventure until the last page is turned. –T.C. HS '71

“Picked up the book and found myself quickly mesmerized by the story. A fascinating look into the lives of young men who feel the need to serve their fellow man from a “higher calling.” – Amazon customer

“Having attended a high school seminary very similar to the one portrayed in this book, I found the story intriguing. I think the author developed the characters extremely well, and could see classmates of mine in some of the characters.” – J.H., HS '69

“...Superb evocation of place, time, and the school's unique culture with a powerful, truly moving conclusion. A great story for readers who enjoy intelligent, thoughtful literature.” – Mark Spencer, best selling author and Dean, School of Arts & Humanities, University of Arkansas at Monticello.