



Sacred Heart

Conforming Our World to the Heart of Christ



Why Sacred Heart?

Currently, more than 30 bishops and major superiors trust Sacred Heart to provide formation for the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. They value the flexibility of Sacred Heart's programs to make the most of each seminarian's gifts. Moreover, they trust Sacred Heart because the seminary provides rich, rigorous programs under the four dimensions of formation — human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral — all built around the PPF. The seminary is accredited* by the Higher Learning Commission and the Association of Theological Schools. Sacred Heart's apostolic visitation team gave the seminary high marks.

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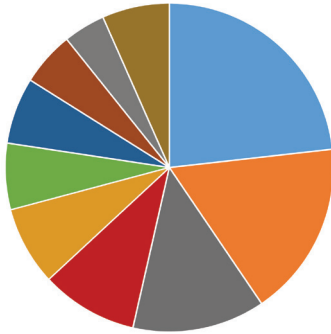
Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is also accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada. The seminary's Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degree programs are approved.

Meeting men where they are

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is best known as a Roman Catholic seminary for older men, but it is more accurate to think of it as an institution that meets men where they are. Sacred Heart works with candidates of a wide range of educational backgrounds to produce successful and well-formed priests, ready to go out and minister in the world.

Dioceses and religious communities trust SHSST because each graduate is well prepared to serve as a living embodiment of Christ's message, with a deep understanding of Catholic teaching, a healthy sense of self, and an earnest pastoral heart.

SHSST seminarians come from a wide range of work backgrounds



- 23% Business
- 17% Church Work
- 13% Education
- 10% Health Care
- 8% Military
- 7% Sales
- 7% Agriculture
- 5% Social Work
- 4% Government
- 6% Other





A dynamic seminary today, built on a rich history

The Priestly Formation Program at Sacred Heart stands on 80 years of history, including 40 years of experience in preparing men over age 30 for the priesthood. About 80 percent of seminarians are diocesan and 20 percent are sponsored by religious communities.

SHSST's faculty is composed of respected theologians who are also dynamic teachers — many of them with decades of experience in a classroom with a diverse student body. Under their leadership, this diversity becomes a powerful force in teaching. Beyond being attentive to different learning styles, faculty use the gifts of their life experiences to inform and enrich the formation environment for all.

An apostolate of the U.S. Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, SHSST is situated on an expansive, serene campus near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The facility features inspiring chapels, a strong technological infrastructure, inviting common spaces, an extensive library, a gym and a fitness center.



The iconic round Sacred Heart Chapel was designed by architect Henry R. Slaby and completed in 1968. The building is considered a showpiece of the Mid-Century Architectural Movement.

The facility is situated on 80 acres, featuring a shrine to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a small arboretum and an expansive mature hardwood forest through which Tess Corners Creek flows.

Sacred Heart is 15 minutes from the heart of Milwaukee, a vibrant, diverse city with a rich religious and cultural heritage.





Master of Divinity Program

Sacred Heart's seminarians have diverse backgrounds and academic needs. But they share a call to serve the people of God's Church through the priesthood. Sacred Heart's flagship formation program combines classroom learning and ministry placements. All teaching is carried out in an environment of prayer and active peer support. The program respects the differences in each person's life and experience. The master of divinity degree normally requires four years of study.

Sacred Heart's Master of Divinity Program has received praise from its apostolic visitation team, accrediting bodies, and alumni.



Trusted

Sponsors trust SHSST because they see great formation manifested in the knowledge, words and actions of their future priests. Each graduate is a well prepared shepherd who can share Christ's message faithfully and effectively.

Human Formation

As described in Saint John Paul II's *Pastores dabo vobis*, the human personality of the priest is to be "a bridge and not an obstacle for others in their meeting with Jesus Christ." Thus, as the PPF says, human formation "aims to prepare seminarians to be apt instruments of Christ's grace."

Spiritual Formation

The spiritual formation curriculum has two goals: to deepen the seminarian's relationship with the person of Jesus Christ, and to instill a vibrant commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church — all this to proclaim and build up the reign of God.

Development of an intense personal prayer life rooted in the Eucharist is essential to the progress of spiritual formation. The seminary's daily schedule and the assistance of a spiritual director help each person find and develop a personal rhythm of prayer.

Liturgical Prayer

The Eucharist is celebrated daily. The Angelus is prayed every class day. Reconciliation is scheduled weekly. Communal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Liturgy of the Hours are incorporated into the regular liturgical life of the seminary.





Intellectual Formation

Through theological studies, seminarians are immersed in the richness of Sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition, as well as the wide range of experiences and insights of the Church today. The curriculum challenges and deepens candidates' personal understanding of the Christian message, and they are guided to frame and communicate an authentic Christian message which will respond genuinely to the needs of the modern world.

- Professors employ a variety of teaching methods suited to individual learning styles.
- Class size is small to permit personal exchange.
- An extensive theological library is available on campus.

Sound academics, great pastoral and human formation and intensive service opportunities marked my experience at SHSST. I was appointed a pastor only 16 months following ordination. Sacred Heart delivers.

— Fr. Steven Henriksen, Archdiocese of Louisville

Days of Recollection, Retreats

Days of recollection are scheduled as an integral part of the school year. During these days, silence is observed to facilitate a spirit of prayer. All seminarians, faculty, administrators, and staff participate. Additionally, each seminarian makes an annual five-day retreat at the start of the formation year in August. Seminarians preparing for diaconal or priestly ordination also participate in the required canonical retreats.

Pastoral Formation

A life of priestly service requires a genuine pastoral heart. Sacred Heart's pastoral formation program seeks to form future priests in the model of Christ the Good Shepherd, cultivating an array of pastoral skills. The formation of a genuinely pastoral heart is accomplished through instruction, immersion in pastoral settings, participation in justice and peace activities, and theological reflection on pastoral experiences. Pastoral placements are balanced between sites in sponsoring dioceses/religious communities and the metro Milwaukee area. Sacred Heart's location in the Milwaukee area ensures a diversity of cultural and ethnic settings, as well as a variety of parish models. The type, style and location of the pastoral placements are adapted to the differing needs of the sponsoring dioceses, religious communities and seminarians.





Meeting the needs of seminarians with custom programs

Fast track for advanced seminarians

An individualized fast track program built around the four dimensions of formation may be arranged for candidates who enter the seminary as permanent deacons or have previous seminary course work. In such cases, programs shorter than four years may be approved by the candidate's bishop or major superior.

Dual degree track for gifted seminarians

Certain seminarians may benefit from additional intellectual challenges beyond the Master of Divinity Program. While Sacred Heart's Master of Arts Program is primarily intended for lay students, a high-achieving seminarian may enter a dual Master of Divinity/Master of Arts Program.



Certificate Program

Under certain circumstances, a candidate's sponsor may not want the seminarian to pursue an undergraduate degree. Sacred Heart accommodates such situations through its Certificate in Priestly Formation Program. This program includes the same components as the Master of Divinity Program, except that a bachelor's degree is not required.

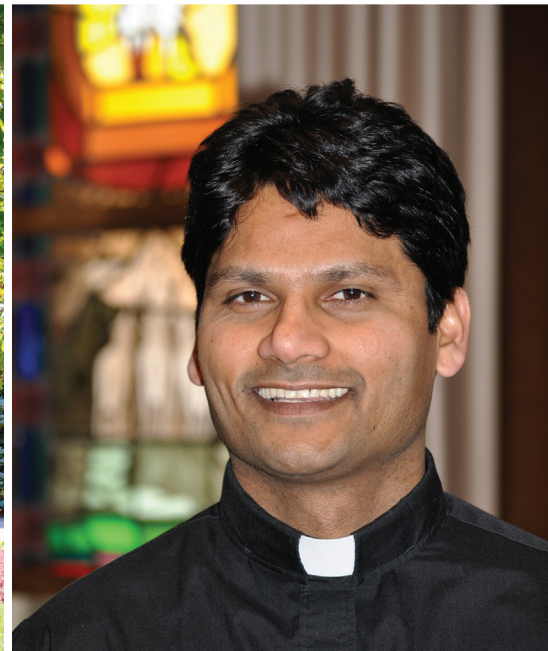
Pre-theology

Many candidates who enter the seminary with a bachelor's degree lack the necessary academic background in theology and philosophy to pursue graduate-level theology. For these men, Sacred Heart provides a Pre-Theology Introductory Studies Program in accord with the PPF.

Combined B.A./M.Div.

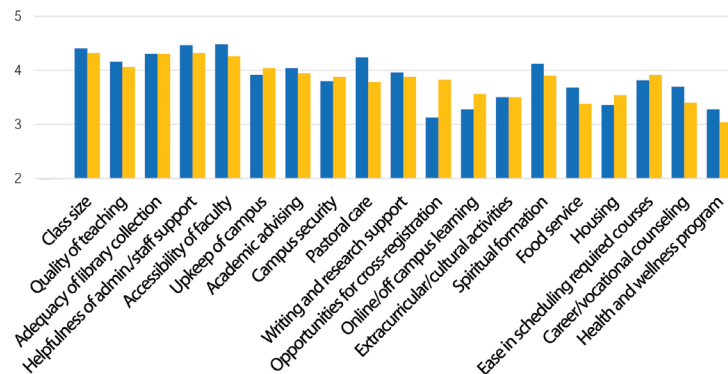
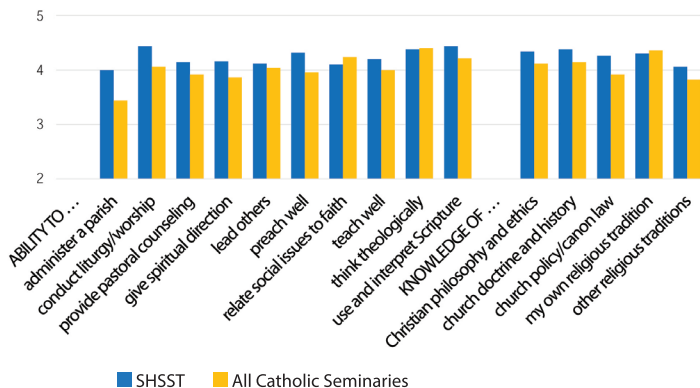
Sacred Heart provides a Combined B.A./M.Div. Program for those without a bachelor's degree. It includes course work at nearby Cardinal Stritch University, through a long-standing collaboration agreement. Thus, a man with no college experience can earn both bachelor of arts and master of divinity degrees in six years.





Recognized for excellence

SHSST alumni responding to a survey conducted by the Association of Theological Schools gave positive ratings in all assessed criteria of educational outcomes. In most areas, M.Div. grads gave SHSST higher ratings than did their peers at other Catholic seminaries.



SHSST was a perfect fit for me, and the academics, spiritual formation, and foreign language study were first rate. The seminarians and faculty were great. I thank my late Cardinal the Most Rev. Francis George, OMI for sending me there.

— Fr. Tom Mescall, St. Adrian Parish Pastor, Archdiocese of Chicago

Master of Arts degree program

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of theology offers three distinct master of arts degree paths, each providing outstanding opportunities for students to strengthen their faith lives and their ability to serve God. Classes take place in a spiritually rich seminary setting, with a diverse resident seminarian population.

Lumen Cordis

The Lumen Cordis pathway has been serving students for three decades. It offers the flexibility to pursue a program of study tailored specifically to each student's needs. Daytime classes can be completed in two years or longer if part-time. There are three areas of concentration: Scripture, Spirituality, Systematic Theology.

Cor Unum

Cor Unum is a relatively new and innovative program for working laity. It is a cohort model pathway designed for students who seek to evangelize and heal a fractured world, and thus put the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church into action. Twelve to fourteen dedicated students journey together through a pre-determined 22-month program, taking courses online and at night to fit around careers and family. An important aspect of Cor Unum is *Powerful Question*. Developed by a member of Sacred Heart's faculty, *Powerful Question* functions as both a discernment tool and a lens through which each student explores the Church's theological tradition. It serves as a way to integrate one's baptismal calling, learning and experiences. It provides focus and creates a collaborative learning community.

Adveniat Regnum Tuum

The Adveniat Regnum Tuum (ART) pathway is an example of an innovative program, designed for Dehonians living outside the United States who seek to deepen and extend their theological knowledge. ART is a combination of online coursework and on-site classes; each summer a faculty member from SHSST presents a course on location, in person to the ART students.





Broadening perspectives through immersive experiences

Sacred Heart complements classroom academics with powerful, shared learning experiences that foster collaboration and put a human face on theological issues.

One example of a shared learning experience is our annual Holy Land Archeological Expedition. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is the only Roman Catholic seminary in the United States sponsoring an archeological dig in the Holy Land. Led by Scripture faculty and a priest, students

participate in an academic research excavation and see the biblical times literally uncovered before their eyes. They also travel through the Holy Land using the Gospel of Matthew as the trip's roadmap. Experiencing Jesus' life in a new way, they journey from Old Testament sites such as the City of David and the Dead Sea,

to New Testament sites including Bethlehem, Nazareth, and the Sea of Galilee region. The pilgrimage culminates in Jerusalem, following in Jesus' footsteps along the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, finishing at the Chapel of the Ascension!

June 23rd, second day of our pilgrimage: We visited the Davidson Archeological Park, the City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, and the Pool of Siloam. Visiting these places helped to deepen our faith as we came to know about the biblical history of the places, especially the Pool of Siloam.

Language and Culture Programs

English and Culture Studies

Sacred Heart offers a renowned English and Culture Studies (ECS) Program that encompasses a comprehensive language program within the vibrant prayer life of the seminary. The program's roots lie in working with foreign-born clergy who want to achieve English proficiency so that they can be more effective in their work in their home countries.

Increasingly today, Sacred Heart's ECS Program serves non-English speakers who wish to enter Sacred Heart's Master of Divinity Program. Such seminarians fully participate in the human and spiritual formation opportunities of the seminary, while transitioning over a period of semesters from language instruction to theology classes in English, as their English proficiency allows.

Sacred Heart's program not only helps students become proficient in English, but also familiarizes them with American customs, culture and church life. This program attracts people from many backgrounds and includes seminarians, priests, brothers, sisters, and lay ministers from Africa, Asia, Central Europe and Latin America.

Accent Modification

Often, accent modification is an essential tool for clergy and others who do not speak English as their first language. From preaching to counseling, the ability to be understood is an essential part of helping the Catholic faithful to deepen their relationships with God. Sacred Heart offers summer and semester based programs, all in our seminary setting.

Long-term benefits:

- Accent distractions eliminated; new habits formed
- Increased ministerial effectiveness
- Improved communication in social and educational contexts
- Enhanced self-esteem
- Lifetime subscription to Compton's website for continuous improvement

Hispanic Ministry Preparation

Sacred Heart offers a program of Hispanic studies to prepare seminarians for effective ministry in the diverse Hispanic communities in the Church today. The Hispanic Studies Program for seminarians reaches across the dimensions of formation, and also includes Hispanic devotional practices and cultures.





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