

Inspiring hearts and minds

Cardinal Turkson presents the fall Dehon Lecture

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Sacred Heart welcomed His Eminence Peter Cardinal Turkson, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, to be our keynote speaker.

The day began with Holy Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel, with His Eminence Peter Cardinal Turkson presiding and preaching. He encouraged seminarians to study the Church's social encyclicals and develop a robust prayer life.

Part 1 of the Dehon Lecture began after Mass with Cardinal Turkson's presentation entitled, "A New Social Catechism for the 21st Century?" in the lobby. Cardinal Turkson focused on the rich history in the Church to recognize a problem in society, propose a solution, and take action to address it. Emphasizing the role of priests to come alongside their people to minister to them both spiritually and physically, he cited the Acts of the Apostles, the work of Venerable Leo John Dehon and his contemporaries to address poverty during the French Revolution and Industrial Revolution, and the 2004 *Compendium of Social Doctrine of the Church*. Finally he spoke about the social encyclicals written by Popes for the common good.

During Part 2 of the Dehon Lecture, Dr. Paul Monson, V.P. of Intellectual Formation & Academic Dean, moderated a panel discussion. The Cardinal was joined by Dr. James Stroud, Associate Professor of Moral Theology and Ms. Catherine Orr, Pastoral Associate and Program Coordinator for the Roundtable Association of Catholic Diocesan Social Action Directors.

Each portion of the day was livestreamed for a global audience. Read Cardinal Turkson's presentation and learn more about our speakers at www.shsst.edu/dehon-lecture.

Deacon Kramer leads Day of Recollection



Deacon Steve Kramer, D.Min., led our Day of Recollection on Sept. 14, 2022. The topic was, "Our Individual and Communal Response to Death".

The first morning reflection focused on clearing away old ways of thinking and acting. God continually calls us to turn away from sin and focus anew on Him. We all feel weighed down by past hurts, disappointments, and sins. How do we let go of that?

The second afternoon reflection emphasized the beautiful passage from the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Our God promises to bring renewal to all of creation—and to each of us individually—again and again. Where do we see evidence of this renewal in our lives?

The day included Solemn Morning Prayer, Holy Mass, Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

