

AUTUMN 2022

Praying together: At Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology we pray that we may continue to allow our hearts to be conformed to the Heart of Christ so that we may be instruments of healing, peace, and salvation. We also pray that those who study and work here or visit our campus will have an experience of God's reign taking root among us and be drawn into its life giving grace. – *Very Rev. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz SDS, Ph.D.*



Preparing evangelizing disciples



Greetings from the President-Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology!

Our mission: Preparing evangelizing disciples through specialized formation to conform our world to the Heart of Christ

We at Sacred Heart are blessed, from the million dollar Lilly Pathways for Tomorrow grant, to our developing relationship with the Pontifical

Gregorian University in Rome, and our collaborations with religious communities, dioceses, and lay groups across the country. We are implementing the Sixth Edition of the Program of Priestly Formation, according to the specific needs of our sponsors.

More than 30 bishops and religious superiors entrust their seminarians to us, with some religious commuting from local houses and over 70 seminarians from all over Wisconsin. Please come for a visit or contact us for a discussion about how we can be of service to you.

In the Heart of Christ, Very Rev. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz SDS, Ph.D.

Class of 2021-2022 Commencement

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology gathered in gratitude to celebrate the Commencement of the Class of 2021-2022 on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. during Solemn Vespers in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Over 20 seminarians and lay students graduated.

Our Presider was the Very Rev. Carlos Luis Suárez Codorniú, SCJ, Superior General, Priests of the Sacred Heart; and our Commencement Speaker was His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America.

Apostolic Nuncio receives award: Given with sincere gratitude for his enduring support of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, His Excellency Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, (*pictured at right in the center*) was presented with a special award after delivering the commencement address.

Presenting the award were the Very Rev. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz SDS, President-Rector (left), and Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack, Chair of Sacred Heart's Board of Directors (right).







Beginning with gratitude

Rector's Day with faculty and staff

Sacred Heart held its annual Rector's Day on Monday, Aug. 22. Convened by the President-Rector, Very Rev. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz SDS, PhD, it is a day for faculty and staff to gather, build community, and vision for the academic year. This year, the theme of the day was "Exploring Our Dehonian Heritage". Staff and faculty visited the St. Martin de Tours Parish and the Priests of the Sacred Heart Development Office to learn about the Dehonian Charism of social justice and the Eucharist.

Opening School Mass and Welcome Dinner

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, Sacred Heart held its annual Holy Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year. Our Presider was the Very Rev. Vien Nguyen, SCJ, Provincial Superior, Priests of the Sacred Heart in the United States Province. Mass was followed by a celebratory dinner. The entire Sacred Heart community was able to gather with one another and celebrate the beginning of a new school year. The night was filled with joyful banter, new student introductions, and great conversation.

Vatican II Award: Ecumenism

Congratulations to Deacon Steve Kramer, D.Min., for being awarded the Vatican II Award for Service in Ecumenism. Deacon Steve is Sacred Heart's Director of Recruitment & Homiletics and Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies.

Archbishop Jerome Listecki presented the award to Deacon Steve because of his years of ministry promoting love, understanding and unity among different faith traditions.

The Vatican II awards were established in 1991 by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to honor men, women and young adults who exemplify the Catholic Church's vision set forth in the Second Vatican Council.



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.





Fostering interculturality

Multicultural Mass

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, the students in Sacred Heart's English and Culture Studies Program led a Multicultural Mass with special music and readings shared in their native languages. It was a beautiful celebration of our universal Church.

International Lunches

Students in Sacred Heart's English and Culture Studies Program (ECS) planned unique dishes meaningful to their native countries to share with faculty, staff and students during lunch each day of the week from Oct. 17 to 21.

As one example, the ECS students from Latin America (*pictured left in the lobby*) chose tamales because they were such a popular dish, with a unique variation of fillings and flavors featured in different regions. Learn more about the English and Culture Studies Program at *www.shsst.edu/ecsp*.

The Lux Center presents the Torah

The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies was pleased to have Rabbi Michal Woll with us on Sept. 28 to talk with faculty and students. It was the third day of the Jewish High Holy Days. Rabbi Woll opened The Lux Center's Torah scroll and invited attendees to have a close look. She read from the scroll and talked about twenty-first century Judaism, how the holy days are celebrated, and what goes into the making of a Torah scroll. Learn more about The Lux Center at *www.shsst.edu/theluxcenter*.

Join us as Bishop Stowe presents a special lecture for The Lux Center



Inspired by Pope Francis's Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (meaning "all brothers"), Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., from the Diocese of Lexington, will frame a Catholic response to rising anti-Semitism, presenting a lecture on behalf of The Lux Center on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7:00 p.m. CDT. The evening is free and open to all. Register today at *www.shsst.edu/lux-events.*

Reaching out with resources

Providing Specialized Continuing Formation

As part of our grant of nearly \$1,000,000 from the Lilly Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative, we are able to provide specialized continuing formation programs. Registration is open now for our Annual Preaching Conference and Toolbox for New Priest Pastors.

Annual Preaching Conference

A() The Beginning and the End:

2023

Constructing Effective Introductions and Conclusions to Homilies

\$125.00 includes all presentations and meals. Lodging is additional. Questions? Contact Deacon Kramer, D. Min., skramer@shsst.edu, 414-858-4767





Toolbox for Pastoral Management Recently or Soon-To-Be Appointed Pastors/Administrators

Join us for a Toolbox for Pastoral Management facilitated by the faculty of Leadership Roundtable at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI, June 5–9, 2023.

The Toolbox helps prepare recently or soon-to-be appointed pastors/administrators with a variety of leadership and management skills.



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Schedule: The Toolbox will start at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Sacred Heart, and conclude with lunch on Friday, June 9, 2023. Evening Prayer is part of the schedule, and beginning Tuesday, there will also be daily Eucharist and Morning Prayer.

Cost: \$1,500* per participant includes all meals and lodging at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Travel costs will be the responsibility of the participant.

* The total cost per participant is \$2,440. Thanks to a grant, Sacred Heart is providing a \$940 scholarship to each participant.



Learn more and register

The Toolbox will be limited to 30 participants. Register at: www.shsst.edu/toolbox

For further questions and reservations, please contact Emili Nollge, Special Events and Communications Dept. Coordinator, enollge@shsst.edu, 414-858-4672.

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"Christ is in front of me and I am behind him, and he is guiding me. I am very happy in ministry. I give thanks to everybody from Sacred Heart."

Rev. Wilbert Colas, priest of the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, and Sacred Heart alum