

THE SACRED HEART

WINDOW



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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

The world is changing, and our specialized formation programs continue to adapt to the changing needs of our sponsors and students. From our new propaedeutic program, new Master of Arts in Catholic Studies, expanded experiential learning opportunities, affinity groups to build community, English & Culture programs, and continuing formation programs such as Pastors' Toolbox, we strive to provide outstanding human, spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation to seminarians and lay ministers around the world. Please contact us if we can be of service.

Very Rev. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz SDS, Ph.D.

Class of 2023 Sent Forth to Serve the Church

From the Cover: Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology has 96 seminarians in intellectual formation, 24 residential seminarians from across the United States and Canada in priestly formation, and over 40 lay persons from our own local Catholic community earning a Master of Arts in Theology. Formation is tailored to the needs of each student.

On Friday, May 5, 2023, Nineteen seminarians and nine lay students celebrated the completion of their specialized formation with Commencement Exercises in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Rev. Paul B.R. Hartmann, J.C.L., Associate General Secretary for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, addressed the Class of 2023 on Synodality. May God bless our graduates in their ministries!



Expanding Our Faculty

Sacred Heart is excited to welcome five new faculty members for this coming school year. The new faculty members specialize in scripture and philosophy, and will enable us continue to offer excellent academic formation, a wide range of courses, and maintain small class sizes.

Inspiring Hearts & Minds

Days of Recollection

Every semester Sacred Heart holds two Days of Recollection, days of prayer which in turn helps us withdraw from the noise of the world and deepen our relationship with God. Topics included “Faith, Forgiveness, and Fellowship” and “The Role of the Minister in Forming Christian identity”.



Institution of Lectors

Congratulations to the following seminarians who were instituted into the Ministry of Lector by the Most Rev. John Brungardt, Bishop of Dodge City: Mr. Diego Osvaldo Acosta Chávez from the Diocese of Lexington and Mr. Esteban Hernández from the Diocese of Dodge City.



Heart of Christ Award

The Board of Directors presented The Heart of Christ Award to Dr. John Gallam, Professor of Philosophy, in recognition of his 50 years of service to SHSST. This award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a collaborator that supports Sacred Heart’s vision “To Conform Our World to the Heart of Christ”.



Prayer for Christian Unity

The reflection of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was “Come, Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord” (Isa. 2:5). Sacred Heart welcomed guest preacher, Rev. Travis J. Bott, Ph.D., Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the Nashotah House Theological Seminary.





Cultivating Intercultural Dialogue

English and Culture Studies Designed for Ministry

The English and Culture Studies Program (ECS) opened its first session of 2023 on January 17, with 12 students from 9 different countries. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is happy to provide immersive English study, within our seminary's rich liturgical environment.

Our Accent Modification courses can be in-person or online for ministers who need that flexibility.

The Deaf Apostolate

Sacred Heart welcomed alumnus, Fr. Christopher Klusman, to talk about "The Path of the Deaf Apostolate". Both Fr. Klusman and his intern Todd Honas shared their experiences, including Fr. Klusman's path to priesthood. Fr. Klusman also shared his extensive outreach work on making the church more accessible to the deaf community.



Supporting International Students

Pearce Pomerleau, International Student Services Specialist, offered Sacred Heart staff an overview of the VISA process. Sacred Heart is happy to provide this specialized expertise to sponsors with international students.

Lux Center Spring Lectures

Approximately 80 people attended the Lux Center's Spring Public Lecture. Dr. Malka Z. Simkovich presented on the topic "Jewish Sects in the New Testament". Dr. Simkovich is the Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and the Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. The next day, Dr. Simkovich spoke to faculty, staff, and seminarians on the topic "What did Judea-Diaspora Relations Look Like in the Hellenistic World?". The Lux Center programming aims to educate us and strengthen the relationship between Catholics and the Jewish People.



Interactive Seder Dinner

Before the Passover holiday, Lux Center Co-Directors Rabbi Michal Woll and Mr. Jon Sweeney hosted a Seder dinner for the seminarians, providing them with the opportunity to learn about this tradition.





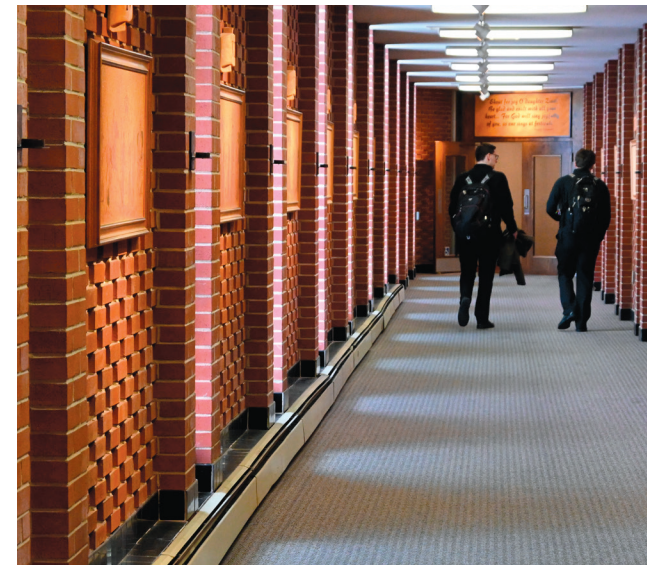
Building a Healthy Community

Sacred Heart engaged in several educational events and activities over the spring semester to encourage healthy lifestyles for our seminarians.



Health & Wellness Coaching

Bridgett Wilder from Perseverance Health and Wellness Coaching spoke to our seminarians about healthy eating and strategies for making more nutritious food choices. She also shared a demonstration of how to exercise in small spaces and in short bursts.



Fit February Challenge

Student Services sponsored "Fit February", a walking challenge to get our seminarians up and moving during the winter. The participants logged a total of 2,188,440 steps for the month of February, which was calculated to be a whopping 1,036.2 miles!



Human Sexuality Conference

Fr. Kevin Barnekow provided our seminarians a Conference on Human Sexuality. The seminarians helped to form the discussion by submitting questions and topics in advance of the seminar.



Having Fun for a Good Cause

Seminarians organized a fun fund-raiser, benefitting the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee. Over \$2500 was raised! Fourteen participants, comprised of seminarians, students, faculty, and staff, ate their way through 10 levels of hot sauce. The final winner was Dr. Michael Brummond, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology.

Reaching Out with Resources

Continuing Formation Opportunities

The Program of Priestly Formation in the United States of America, 6th Edition (PPF6) emphasizes that the priestly journey is a life-long journey. As part of Sacred Heart's emphasis on specialized formation, we offer programs for priests and religious to continue development across the four dimensions.

- Annual Preaching Conference
- Summer programs, such as the Toolbox for Pastoral Management
- Holy Land Archeological Expedition
- Holy Week Pilgrimage to Spain
- Collaboration with the Pontifical Gregorian University
- Annual Dehon Lecture
- The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies events
- English and Culture Studies
- Accent Modification
- Master of Arts in Theology for advanced study

Contact us; as part of our Lilly Pathways grant, we can tailor programs to your needs.



Toolbox for New Priest Pastors

This is our second year to collaborate with one of our sponsors, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, to host a Toolbox for Pastoral Management, facilitated by the faculty of Leadership Roundtable. The toolbox is designed to help new and soon-to-be appointed pastors/administrators with a variety of management skills.

2023 Preaching Conference

Sacred Heart held the fifth annual Preaching Conference from January 3-5. The conference topic was "AΩ The Beginning and the End: Constructing Effective Introductions and Conclusions to Homilies".

Over 70 people from around the country gathered for the

two-day event, which also included Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and shared meals.

Programming like the Preaching Conference serves our mission statement: Preparing evangelizing disciples through specialized formation to conform our world to the Heart of Christ.

The annual Preaching Conference is also part of Sacred Heart's commitment to continuing formation. Helping people to thrive in their ministries is a significant goal of Sacred Heart's outreach.

Priestly Formation

**We provide specialized formation.
Accompaniment is our expertise.**

With over 20 diocesan and religious sponsors, we know how to actively listen and respond to the needs of bishops and religious superiors. We create an appropriate plan in dialogue with each sponsor that honors the background of each seminarian, integrates formation goals, then prepares the men for their specific ministries. Faculty, staff, and leadership have developed innovative approaches to implementing *The Program of Priestly Formation in the United States of America, 6th Edition, (PPF6)*. Our Propaedeutic stage begins in the fall of 2023. Contact us if we can be of service to your diocese or religious order.

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