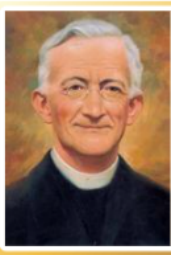




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Dehonian Spirituality

“Draw near in peace and with confidence. The Heart of God opens to you in the Heart of Jesus.”

Leo John Dehon, SCJ, *Crowns of Love for the Sacred Heart I*,
2nd Mystery, 1st Meditation

Announcements



Rite of Commissioning Seminarians Involved in Pastoral Service

Sacred Heart held Mass for the Rite of Commissioning Seminarians Involved in Pastoral Service on September 6. The seminarians being commissioned for Fall are:

Diego Acosta Chávez – St. Martin de Porres, St. Michael, St. Rose of Lima, and All Saints Parishes

Eric Frieb – Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and Open Door Café

Esteban Hernández – All Saints Parish and Food Pantry

Rev. Mr. Michael Snyder – St. James, St. Theresa, and St. Peter Parishes

Charles Wuekber – St. Martin of Tours Parish



Catholic Heritage Excursion

On September 08 and 09, the propaedeutic seminarians embarked on their first weekend excursion for Catholic Heritage I: Sal Terrae. This is a three-credit course that brings together propaedeutic seminarians from Sacred Heart (4 seminarians), St. Francis de Sales Seminary (10 seminarians), and the Diocese of Green Bay (3 seminarians). Fr. Steve Avella led the excursion as the instructor of the course. Fr. Ziggy, Fr. John Paul Mitchell, and Fr. Kevin Ripley joined as the respective propaedeutic formators as well as Dr. Paul Monson, Vice President of Intellectual Formation, Academic Dean (CAO), and Associate Professor of Church History.

The trip focused on the Catholic heritage of southeastern Wisconsin. Below is a list of activities that the group experienced:

- Visited the graves of early priests and women religious at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee (photo one)
- Learned about the history of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Wisconsin's early Catholic history (photo two)

- Explored Old St. Mary's (photos three and four) and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (photo five) in downtown Milwaukee, enhanced by many stories from Fr. Avella's original research
- Met Sr. Mary Boyd (School Sisters of St. Francis), who gave the group a fascinating tour of St. Joseph's Chapel on Layton Ave. (photos six and seven), shared touching stories about her vocation as a sister, and connected with several seminarians whose childhood schools or parishes she knew well from her life's ministries

In late October, the group will have their second excursion in the Diocese of Green Bay. In early November, they will do their third and final tour in southwestern Wisconsin and the Archdiocese of Dubuque.



Day of Recollection

Sacred Heart had a Day of Recollection on September 13. Vice President of Formation Programs, Rev. John Mack, led the morning and afternoon reflections focusing his talks on the topic of "Calls to Community: Holy Convergence." Days of Recollection are designed as a day of prayer which in turn helps us to withdraw from the noise of the world and deepen our relationship with God.



Formation Retreat

From August 12 to 13, Deacon Steve gave a formation retreat for new candidates for the permanent diaconate of Belleville and Springfield-Cape Girardeau. There were 12 men and their wives for Belleville and 5 men and their wives for SCG. Pictured is the cathedral in Belleville. In the photo with Deacon Steve and Geri Kramer is Fr. Michaelsami, assistant formation director of Belleville.



Homiletic and Pastoral Review

Over the summer, Dr. Michael J. Mazza, Lecturer in Pastoral Studies, published a two-part article in Homiletic and Pastoral Review titled, “The Importance of the Value of Reputation.”

Part I (June 23, 2023): [Click here](#)

Part II (July 27, 2023): [Click here](#)

Both provide an impressive overview of the Church’s tradition on the topic. Congratulations, Dr. Mazza!



Sacra Doctrina Project

Dr. James W. Stroud, Associate Professor of Moral Theology, recently participated in two podcasts through the Sacra Doctrina Project.

The first (July 20, 2023) consists of reflections on Veritatis Splendor on its 30th anniversary: [Click here](#)

The second (Aug. 17, 2023) focuses on Pope Francis' Laudato Si: [Click here](#)

These podcasts are part of a series that draws from major Catholic thinkers from around the country. Congratulations, Dr. Stroud!



Back in April, Dr. Paul Monson, Vice President of Intellectual Formation, Academic Dean (CAO), and Associate Professor of Church History, interviewed for the Hóčhoka – St. Joseph's Indian School Podcast. Dr. Monson spoke on his research that coincided with his visit to St. Joseph's in Chamberlain last October (2022). The title is, "Fresh Perspectives: Martin Marty and Sitting Bull."

To listen to the podcast, [click here](#).

Additionally, Dr. Monson gave a lecture on the history of Eucharistic adoration at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Hartland on August 31. The invitation came from one of Sacred Heart's alumni, Fr. Ariel Orozco, who is the associate pastor there. About 80 people attended, and it was part of a series that the parish is doing for the national Eucharistic Revival.

Congratulations Dr. Monson!



Becoming a part of nature (a “Laudato Si” reflection)

Sacred Heart’s very own Maripat Zacher, Instructor in English and Culture Studies, has published the following online article:

- Zacher, M.P. "Becoming a Part of Nature (A “Laudato Si” Reflection). Living City Magazine (Focolare Media), Aug. 2, 2023.

You can find a link to the article [here](#).

Congratulations, Maripat Zacher!



To all our Jewish friends, Shana Tova!

The Jewish High Holy Days begin this evening. From everyone at Sacred Heart, we wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Looking Forward

Oct 9-13 Fall Break
Nov 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 7 Last Day of Classes
Dec 11-12 Exam Days
Dec 13-Jan 7 Christmas Break
Jan 2-4 Preaching Conference
Jan 8 All Residential Seminarians Arrive
Jan 16 Classes Begin
Mar 3-10 Spring Break
Mar 24-Apr 1 Easter Break
May 3 Last Day of Class; Commencement
May 6-7 End of Year Exam Days
May 13 May Session Begins
Jun 14 May Session Ends



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