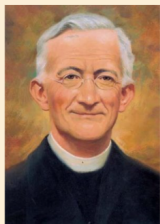




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## Dehonian Spirituality

“The Divine Heart chose to love us to the point of undergoing all the agonies of sadness, terror, and anxiety in order to preserve us from them. What a tender Heart!”

Leo John Dehon, SCJ, Crowns of Love for the Sacred Heart II,  
1st Mystery 3rd Meditation

## Announcements



**Renewing Faith and Purpose: A Transformative Seminarian Retreat**  
During the week of January 13, while preparing to embark on a new semester at Sacred Heart, new and returning seminarists participated in a retreat to take

time to center themselves before the academic hustle begins. The retreat was designed to reflect, rejuvenate, and connect with God.

Please pray for our seminarians as they start a new semester at Sacred Heart!



**A Successful Defense by Fr. Alex Rodriguez Gomez, SX**

Sacred Heart has the great pleasure of announcing Fr. Alex Rodriguez Gomez, SX's successful defense of his thesis: **The Crucified Christ: Source and Inspiration of Our Thoughts, Actions, and Affections - Saint Guido Conforti's Missionary Theology and Spirituality.**

He defended on January 29 with Drs. Patrick Russell and Mike Brummond serving as Director and Co-Chair, respectively. Fr. Alex's successful defense and submission of thesis is his final requirement for completing his MA in Theology with a concentration in Spirituality here at Sacred Heart.

Congratulations, Fr. Alex, on your good work!



### **Annual Preaching Conference Inspires Attendees with Engaging Sessions**

The Annual Preaching Conference took place between January 7 and 9, drawing deacons, academics, and ministry leaders from across the region for a time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

The conference featured seven keynote speakers who spoke on the theme of “Who’s in Your Pews,” emphasizing the importance of knowing the audience you are preaching to. Attendees praised the event for its practical insights and opportunities to connect with peers from diverse backgrounds.

Organized by Dcn. Steve Kramer, the Annual Preaching Conference aims to equip ministry leaders with resources to enhance their work. Plans are already underway for next year’s event, which promises to continue the tradition of meaningful engagement and inspiration.



### **Faculty Achievements Highlighted Through Recent Publications**

Over the Christmas break, Sacred Heart received the following notices of faculty publications and scholarly accomplishments:

#### **Dr. Michael Brummond, Associate Professor of Systematic Studies**

Review of *The Bible and Reconciliation: Confession, Repentance, and Restoration*, by James B. Prothro. *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* Vol. 28, No. 3 (2024): 352-354. <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/53977>

#### **Dcn. Steve Kramer, Director of Homiletics, Director of Recruitment, Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies**

Interview for the Catholic Bookworm Podcast (Episode 119) with Kiki Latimer on Dcn. Kramer's article, "The Deacon as Preacher of the Word of God: Past, Present, and Future" in *Seminary Journal* (December 20, 2024), posted for WCAT radio and TV [here](#).

#### **Dr. John Gallam, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy**

"The Charism of Leo Dehon and My Teaching." *Dehoniana* (2024): 129-138. See attached copy!

This final publication, by our much beloved Dr. Gallam, was an institutional request upon his retirement. Thank you, Dr. Gallam, and congratulations, Dr. Brummond and Dcn. Kramer!

## *Looking Forward*

**Feb 05** Day of Recollection (All School: Faculty & Staff off-campus)

**Mar 05** Day of Recollection (All School)

**Mar 19** Ministry of Lector & Board of Directors

**Mar 30 & Mar 31** Spring Lux Center Public Lecture & Lux Center Morning Lecture

**Apr 23** Easter Lunch & Student Council Appreciation  
**Apr 30** Employee Recognition  
**May 07** Grad/Admin Dinner  
**May 09** Commencement  
**May 14** Faculty Council Dinner  
**May 21** Board of Directors  
**May 23** End of Year Picnic  
**June 13-June 27** "In the Footsteps of Peter and Paul" Pilgrimage



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