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## Dehonian Spirituality

“Life is short, and soon it will be necessary to appear before our Lord.  
Let us carry out each of our acts as we would wish to have done it at the  
moment of death.”

Leo John Dehon, SCJ, *Daily Notes*, February 26, 1868

## Announcements



### Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future: Cor Unum Appreciation Dinner

On February 4, SHSST was proud to host the Cor Unum Appreciation Dinner. Graduates of SHSST’s Cor Unum (One Heart) Master of Arts Pathway, as well as current Cor Unum students, joined many of their instructors and program staff for SHSST’s first Cor Unum Appreciation Dinner. The event was held in the SHSST dining room following evening prayer, where Very Rev. Vien Nguyen, SCJ,

presided. The dinner was a joint effort between SHSST and the SCJ US Province. Monica Misy, an alumna of the Cor Unum program and now Director of Dehonian Associates for the US Province, and Rachel Allison, SHSST Communications Coordinator, organized the Cor Unum alumni evening. However, they credit Br. Duane Lemke, SCJ, a member of the Provincial Council, for the idea. The evening was full of prayer, joyful reunions, and, most importantly, the celebration of lay ministry. Thank you to all the wonderful speakers and all of the community members who joined together to make this event possible.



**A Day of Recollection: "Desire and Contemplation in the Song of Songs"**

On February 5, seminarians gathered for a profound Day of Recollection led by Dr. Charles Hughes-Huff, delving into the theme "Desire and Contemplation in the Song of Songs."

This Day of Recollection was not just an academic exercise but a transformative experience, reminding all present that the path to the priesthood is ultimately a response to God's loving invitation.



### **Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Milwaukee's Elevation to an Archdiocese**

February 12, 2025, marked the 150th anniversary of Milwaukee's elevation to an archdiocese. This anniversary was commemorated at Sacred Heart on February 11 with a book signing and lecture by one of the Archdiocese's foremost historians and former SHSST adjunct professor, Fr. Steven Avella. The evening began with Solemn Prayer in the Sacred Heart Chapel where Most Rev. James T. Schuerman, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, presided. After evening prayer attendees from throughout the Archdiocese joined the Sacred Heart faculty and seminarians for a reception before Fr. Avella's lecture. Fr. Avella's lecture marked not only the Archdiocese's anniversary but also the release of his new book, *Three More Archbishops of Milwaukee*. Fr. Avella's lecture as well as his book explore three important bishops of Milwaukee from 1930 to 1958. Fr. Avella explored the impact these bishops had on the Catholic community and most importantly the ways in which their shared theological visions were emblematic of their educations in Rome. Fr. Avella closed the Q&A portion of the evening, following his lecture, by urging seminarians from all dioceses and religious communities to engage with their shared Catholic history saying, "Enter into your heritage".





### **Bridging Communities Over Bagels**

On February 04, at Bagels with Lux, meaningful conversations, new connections, and a shared spirit of dialogue took place between the Jewish community and the seminary's faculty, staff, and seminarians. Over bagels, lox, and lively roundtable discussions, they explored faith, traditions, and the values that unite us. The energy in the room was implausible, with participants expressing their joy and gratitude for the opportunity to engage in deep and thoughtful conversations with members of a different community. Moments like these are what The Lux Center is all about—building bridges, fostering understanding, and creating lasting relationships.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined and made the morning so impactful!



### **Holy Land Lunch & Learn: Understanding the Jewish-Arab Conflict**

The Holy Land Lunch & Learn session on February 07, took a deep dive into the Jewish-Arab conflict, tracing its roots from the rise of the Zionist Movement in the late 19th century to the events leading up to the current war.

Liran Gerassi, Director of The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, led the session providing an informative, balanced, and eye-opening perspective on this complex history. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing their appreciation for such a clear and insightful discussion on a challenging topic.



### **Celebrating Academic Excellence**

SHSST has the distinct honor to announce three recently published book reviews by Very Rev. Vien Nguyen, SCJ, U.S. Provincial Superior of the Priests of the Sacred Heart and Lecturer of Scripture Studies:

- Nguyen, Vien. “Awakening of the Self to the Interconnectedness of Life: Stewardship and Caring for Creation Through Religious Lens.” Review article of *Religious Self-Cultivation and Environmental Flourishing: A Humanistic Relational Approach*, by Anthony Le Duc. *Studia Ecologiae et Bioethicae* 23, no. 1 (2025), pp. 101-108. <https://doi.org/10.21697/seb.5831>
- Nguyen, Vien. Review of *The Heart in the Heart of the World: Re-Visioning the Sacred Heart for the Ecozoic Era* by Mary Frohlich. *Religion and Social Communication* 23, no. 1 (2025), pp. 207-209. <https://doi.org/10.62461/VVN230125>
- Nguyen, Vien. Review of *Liturgical Hermeneutic of Sacred Scripture* by Marcos Benini. Translated by Brian McNeil. *Homiletics and Pastoral Review* (February 2025). <https://www.hprweb.com/2025/01/book-reviews-february-2025/#liturgical>

In addition, SHSST is very pleased to announcing a major publication by Dr. Michael J. Mazza, Lecturer in Pastoral Studies:

- Mazza, Michael J. "L'eclissi della certezza morale nei casi di cattiva condotta sessuale dei chierici negli USA." In *La giustizia penale nella Chiesa: Tutela della vittima e garanzie dell'imputato*, edited by Davide Cito, Massimo del Pozzo, and Marc Teixidor, 457-469. Rome: Edizioni Santa Croce, 2025

Congratulations Fr. Vien Nguyen and Dr. Michael Mazza!

## Looking Forward

**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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