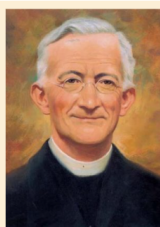


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Dehonian Spirituality

“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



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Graduates!

On Friday, May 9, Fr. Levi Dos Anjos Ferreira, SCJ, Dehonian vicar general and an alumnus of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology's ESL program (now, English and Culture Studies), was the commencement speaker at this year's graduation ceremony. Graduates included those receiving Master of Divinity

degrees, Master of Arts in Catholic Studies, Master of Arts in Theology, and certificates for Individualized Ordination Tracks.

During the dinner that followed, Fr. Tom Cassidy, SCJ, was thanked for his service as president-rector for the 2024-25 academic year; Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, SCJ, will soon assume his duties leading the school. At the end of the evening, SHSST faculty and staff continued the yearly tradition of walking to the SCJ mausoleum behind the seminary to remember and give thanks to the Dehonians who helped to build the US Province, raising a toast to celebrate those who came before.

Congratulations graduates!



Advancing Theological Study: Three Students Fulfill M.A. Comprehensive Requirements

Three gentlemen have completed the Comprehensive Requirements for their Master of Arts in Theology with a Concentration in Systematic Theology.

-On April 24, Mr. Michael Oguizu passed his oral comprehensive examinations, completing his overall comprehensive requirement. Drs. Brummond, Newberry, and Shippee served as examiners.

-On May 1, Rev. Mr. Fernando Díaz Olazábal of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese successfully defended his thesis, “A Historical-Critical Interpretation of the Christological Commandment Hoc facite in meam commemorationem” as the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.” His Thesis Committee included Dr. Mike Brummond, Thesis Director, and Rev. Justin Kizewski, 2nd Reader.

-On May 6, Rev. Mr. Bill Kearley of the Madison Diocese successfully passed his oral examinations, completing his overall comprehensive requirement. Drs. Blackwood, Hughes-Huff, and Stroud served as examiners.

Please join Sacred Heart in congratulating these men on their accomplishments both this semester and throughout their work on the Master of Arts in Theology at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology!



ECS Program Celebrates Spring 2025 Certificate Ceremony

On Friday, May 9, 2025, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology hosted the Spring 2025 Certificate Ceremony for the English & Culture Studies Program. The event recognized the hard work and accomplishments of six international priests who successfully completed the program.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in celebration of the graduates:

- Rev. Floribert Bulu Dhelo, SCJ
- Rev. Ari Saputra, SCJ
- Rev. Jean-Didier Mumbata Ndongala, SCJ
- Rev. Mr. Rafael Aguilar Flores, SX
- Rev. Piotr Chmielecki, SCJ
- Rev. Mário Henrique da Costa Nunes, SCJ

The program, designed to support clergy and religious from around the world as they deepen their English language skills and cultural understanding, is an important part of Sacred Heart's mission to form leaders for the global Church. Remarks were offered by the Very Rev. Thomas Cassidy, SCJ, who congratulated the graduates and reflected on the significance of their journey—both in language acquisition and in intercultural ministry.

Congratulations to the Spring 2025 graduates of the English & Culture Studies Program!



Administrative & Graduate Dinner

On May 7, the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts graduates were joined by some of Sacred Heart's administrators and staff for a celebratory dinner. Each graduate received a Sacred Heart padfolio and prayer book. Sacred Heart wishes each graduate the best of luck with their future endeavors in the Church!



A Jubilee Colloquium

On May 12, representatives from Faculdade Dehoniana in Taubaté, Brazil, joined faculty and staff from Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology for a "Jubilee Colloquium." Supported by an In Trust Grant, the event fostered academic dialogue between the two Dehonian institutions. The title "Jubilee Colloquium" honored both the Church's Holy Year and the Dehonian Jubilee, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Fr. Leo John Dehon's passing and the 150th anniversary of the Congregation's founding.

Among the speakers was Dr. John Gallum, professor emeritus at SHSST, who reflected on the influence of Fr. Dehon's charism on his teaching. Other topics explored during the colloquium included the connection between the Eucharist and social justice, devotional practices in North and South America, and perspectives on Mariology in Brazil and the United States.

In addition to representatives from the two Dehonian theological institutions, the gathering welcomed Fr. Levi Dos Anjos Ferreira, SCJ, Dehonian vicar general.



A Historic Moment

On May 8, Sacred Heart seminarians, faculty, and staff gathered together in the lobby to watch the announcement of the new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Join us in praying for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his ministry as Shepherd of the Universal Church. Habemus Papam!



Faculty Publication Spotlight

Sacred Heart has the pleasure of announcing a recent publication by Dr. Michael J. Mazza, Lecturer in Pastoral Studies:

Mazza, Michael J. "Memoranda of Understanding: Civil Intrusions on the *Ius Nativum* of the Church to Assign and Discipline its Clergy?" *Periodica de Re Canonica* 114, no. 2 (2025): 259-314.

I've heard that this particular article has garnered attention in Rome. A digital version can be found here: [!\[\]\(4729e517bc6a7cd81c8025b9646574fb_img.jpg\) pdrc 2025 02 digit-12893.pdf](#)

Congratulations, Dr. Mazza!

In addition, Sacred Heart is excited to announce a recent publication by Dr. Paul Monson, Vice President of Intellectual Formation & Academic Dean, Associate Professor of Church History:

Monson, Paul G. "Fr. Augustus Tolton as a Transatlantic Story: A Response to Bishop Perry." *Chicago Studies* 62, no. 1 (Fall 2023/Winter 2024): 30-35.

The article can be found [here](#). This is a revised version of a response Dr. Monson gave to Bishop Joseph Perry's 2021 Dehon Lecture at SHSST. It includes additional original research on various aspects of Fr. Tolton's life (per the footnotes) and was peer-reviewed before publication. *Chicago Studies* was able to publish it with Bishop Perry's original lecture.

Congratulations, Dr. Monson!

Looking Forward

May 20 End of Year Picnic

May 21 Board of Directors

May 24- June 05 "In the Footsteps of Paul" Pilgrimage



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