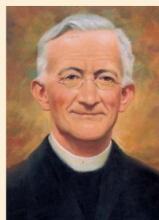




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Dehonian Spirituality

“Who better than Augustine has sung the love of God? ‘O God,’ he said, ‘is it possible for someone to know that you are God and not love you?’ No one has better spoken of the side of Jesus opened by the lance in order to let flow blood and water, symbol of the sacraments of the Church. He saw in the wounds of Jesus a refuge for our soul.”

– Leo John Dehon, SCJ, *The Year with the Sacred Heart*, August 28

Announcements



Holy Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year

The new semester began with the annual Holy Mass for the Opening of the Academic Year on August 27, followed by a warm welcome dinner. During the liturgy, the Very Rev. Stephen Huffstetter, SCJ, was formally installed as the 12th president-rector of Sacred Heart for the 2025–2026 school year. The Sacred Heart community extends its heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Fr. Stephen for his leadership and service to our community. The evening was marked by joyful fellowship, lively conversation, and the introductions of new students and employees.



Rector's Day

On August 18, Sacred Heart celebrated Rector's Day & Family Fest. Very Rev. Stephen Huffstetter, SCJ, the newly installed rector, led the day's events, sharing his background, hopes for the 2025-2026 school year, and reflections on the SCJ charism of love and reparation. He highlighted four apostolic orientation touchstones (Cst 30-31): eucharistic adoration as authentic service to the Church, ministry to the lowly and the poor, formation of priests and religious, and missionary activity as a privileged apostolic service. Following Mass, the celebration continued with Family Fest, featuring a picnic-style dinner and fun activities for the kids, including a bounce house!



Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage: Honoring Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

On August 6, ECS and members of the SHSST community undertook a Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in Lincoln Park, Chicago. The incredible story of Mother Cabrini's missionary work was laid out in a detailed tour of the site and the museum. They ended the visit with a private Holy Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration in the Shrine's beautiful Chapel. Our thanks to the devoted staff and volunteers at the Shrine for this wonderful experience!



ECS Travels to the Diocese of Green Bay

On July 16, the Summer 2025 ECS Class traveled to Green Bay, where they received a special tour of the Cathedral of Saint Francis Xavier. The class was greeted by Very Rev. John Girotti, Vicar General of Green Bay, who talked with them about the various ministries and communities in the Diocese. They ended the day at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, where they spent time in prayer and reflection after learning about the site's remarkable history.



ECS Certificate Ceremony

On August 08, the English and Culture Studies Program held a certificate ceremony and end-of-semester social to honor and say goodbye to the program's graduates. The graduates included:

- Rev. Arnaldo Henrique Alves
- Rev. Joachim Damasse Badji
- Rev. Ruan Coutinho da Cruz
- Rev. Fabien Emmanuel Hategekimana
- Rev. Ange Ghislain Yvon Hekpo
- Rev. Widely Jean, CSC
- Rev. Manoj John Rose, SAC
- Rev. Guidel Mervil
- Rev. Jerry Mwembo Muteba, SCJ
- Rev. Jean Chaves Neves, SCJ
- Rev. Francois Nitiema
- Rev. Alès Pierre, SDB
- Rev. Ronald Saint Juste, SPSJ
- Rev. Rafael Spagiari Giron



President's Council Retreat

Every year, President's Council, consisting of Sacred Heart's President-Rector and Vice Presidents, holds a retreat to regroup and plan goals for the upcoming school year. This year, on August 19, the President's Council met at the Sacred Heart Novitiate house in Franksville, WI. The group was surrounded by serene wooded areas that brought tranquility and light into their discussions. With the new school year beginning, this retreat is a vital part of starting the year strong!

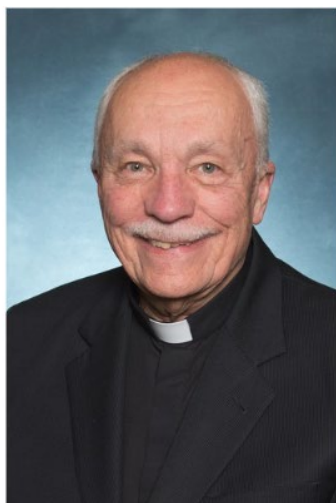


Catholic Biblical Association's 87th International Meeting

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is proud to share that Liran Gerassi, Director of The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, recently participated in a panel titled *"Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue and the Role of Scripture"* at the Catholic Biblical Association's 87th International Meeting, held at Loyola University Chicago.

In his remarks, Liran offered a unique perspective on the Jewish approach to interfaith dialogue. He noted that the Hebrew Bible, composed long before the emergence of Christianity or Islam, does not directly address other faiths. As a result, Jewish scripture itself plays little direct role in shaping Jewish engagement in interfaith conversations today. Instead, he observed, modern Jewish participation in interfaith dialogue developed largely among diaspora communities after the Holocaust, motivated by a desire to better understand other faith traditions and reduce tensions between communities.

Alongside Liran, the Catholic community was represented by Ms. Susan McNeil, Director of the Department for Catholic Social Responsibility at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who also serves as a teacher at our seminary and as a board member for The Lux Center.



New Works from Our Faculty

It is Sacred Heart's great pleasure to announce a peer-reviewed article by Dr. Julie Newberry, Assistant Professor of Scripture Studies:

Newberry, Julie. "A Disruptive Peace?: Economic Practices, Intrafamilial Relations, and the 'Things that Make for Peace' according to Luke." *Modern Theology*, Special Themed Issue: "Theologies of Peace," 41, no. 3 (July 2025): 422-44. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/moth.13000>.

The article stems from a scholarly presentation at an ecumenical (evangelical, Catholic, and Orthodox) conference hosted at Wheaton College in spring 2023, organized by Dr. Matthew Levering and others.

Congratulations, Dr. Newberry!

Sacred Heart is also pleased to announce a publication by Fr. Tom Knoebel, former President-Rector of SHSST and Professor Emeritus:

- Knoebel, Tom. Review of *The Moral Vision of Pope Francis: Expanding the US Reception of the First Jesuit Pope*, edited by Conor M. Kelly and Kristin E. Heyer. *American Catholic Studies* 136, no. 2 (Summer 2025): 71-73.

Congratulations, Fr. Tom, and thank you for your years of service to our seminary!

Finally, Sacred Heart 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 V. Review of *Jeremiah: The World and the Wound of God* by Daniel Berrigan. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 87, no. 3 (July 2025): 523-524.

- Nguyen, Vien V. Review of *Holy Brothers: Geography, Kinship, and Priesthood in Ancient Israel* by Matthew Rasure. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 87, no. 3 (July 2025): 531-532.
- Nguyen, Vien V. Review of *Men, Masculinities, and Intermarriage in Ezra 9-10* by Elizabeth Cook. *Review of Biblical Literature* (July 2025).

Congratulations, Fr. Vien!

Looking Forward

2025-2026 School Year

Sep 10 Day of Recollection (All School)
Sep 12 Vaccine Clinic
Oct 01 Multi-Cultural Mass
Oct 07 Bagels with Lux
Oct 06-Oct 10 Fall Break
Oct 17 ECS Culture Fair
Oct 22 Ministry of Acolyte
Oct 23-Oct 24 Sacred Heart Symposium
Oct 31 Board of Directors Meetings
Nov 05 Day of Recollection (Seminarians Only)
Nov 12 Candidacy to Holy Orders
Nov 26-Nov 28 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 05 Last Day of Classes
Dec 09 Exam Days
Dec 12-Jan 11 Christmas Break
Dec 12 Christmas Evening Social
Jan 06-Jan 08 Preaching Conference
Jan 13 SHSST Residential Students Return
Jan 14-Jan 18 SHSST Residential Seminarian Retreat
Jan 20 Classes Begin
Jan 22 Christian Unity Evening Prayer
Feb 03 Bagels with Lux
Feb 18 Day of Recollection/Ash Wednesday (All School)
Mar 01-Mar 08 Spring Break
Mar 03 Bagels with Lux
Mar 11 Ministry of Lector
Mar 11 Board of Directors Meetings
Mar 22 Spring Lux Center Public Lecture
Mar 23 Lux Center Morning Lecture
Mar 25 Faculty & Staff Development

Mar 26-Mar 27 Faith & Culture Workshop
Mar 30-Apr 06 Easter Break
Apr 07 Bagels with Lux
Apr 08 Easter Lunch & Student Council Employee Appreciation
Apr 22 Day of Recollection (Seminarians Only)
Apr 29 Employee Recognition & Diaconate Promises
May 05 Bagels with Lux
May 06 Administrator & Graduate Dinner
May 08 Last Day of Classes
May 08 Commencement
May 13 Faculty Council Dinner
May 18 May Session Begins
May 19 End of Year Celebration
May 20 Board of Directors Meetings
Jun 19 May Session Ends



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