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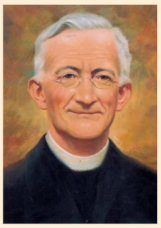


Dehonian Spirituality

"Margaret Mary must be very great in heaven. Who, next to Mary, Joseph, and St. John has better understood the Heart of Jesus, sounded its depth, shared its love, and alleviated its sadness?"

– Leo John Dehon, SCJ, Daily Notes, October 16, 1886

Announcements

Sacred Heart Symposium

From October 23-24, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology hosted a two-day symposium titled *"The Sacred Heart Poured Out for the World: The Church's Mission in Light of Dilexit Nos."* The gathering offered a profound exploration of Sacred Heart spirituality and its enduring relevance for the Church's mission today, bringing together seminarians, faculty, staff, ecclesial leaders, theologians, clergy, and lay participants for prayerful reflection and scholarly dialogue. The symposium unfolded in two movements, mirroring the dual rhythm of contemplation and mission that lies at the heart of Sacred Heart spirituality.

The first day centered on the theme of personal conversion—conforming one's heart to the Heart of Christ. Drawing upon *Dilexit Nos*, the final encyclical of Pope Francis, participants considered the theological and spiritual foundations of Sacred Heart devotion as a path of deep interior renewal.

Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, opened the event with welcoming remarks that situated the symposium within the wider mission of the universal Church.

Bishop Donald Hying of the Diocese of Madison delivered an address titled *"The Relation of the Sacred Heart to the Paschal Mystery and God's Divine Mercy."*

Fr. James Kubicki, SJ followed with *"The Jesuit Roots of Dilexit Nos."*

The second day turned to the social implications of this spiritual transformation, examining how conformed hearts are called to act in the world. With reference to *Rerum Novarum* and the Catholic social vision articulated by Pope Leo XIII, the sessions explored the integration of Sacred Heart spirituality with a commitment to justice, solidarity, and the common good.

Dr. Jeremy Blackwood of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology presented *"Out of the Sacristies to the Foot of the Cross: Dehon and Dilexit Nos through the Social Encyclicals."*

Fr. Eduardo Nunes Pugliesi, SCJ continued the sessions with *"The Heart of Jesus: From Devotion to the Official Eucology of the Roman Rite."*

Fr. Joseph Mukuna, SCJ presented on the topic "Piety and Practice: The SCJ Way."

Dr. Paul Monson of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology concluded the sessions with "Dehonian Musings on Footnote 99."

Together, these two movements—contemplative and active—reflected the mission of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology and the Priests of the Sacred Heart: hearts formed in Christ, poured out in service to the world.

Watch the talks here:
Thursday, October 23:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8Ct_xQivuI&list=PLGsaRH-hkCuMQD3JlCscJEQG5QoYNWiCg
Friday, October 24: https://www.youtube.com/live/DABHqkOnXQU

Ministry of Acolyte and Heart of Christ Award

On October 22, seven seminarians were instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte. His Eminence, Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, was the presider at the Mass. We are grateful to Cardinal Pierre for participating in this important step in the seminarians' formation. Congratulations to all the acolytes and may God bless you!

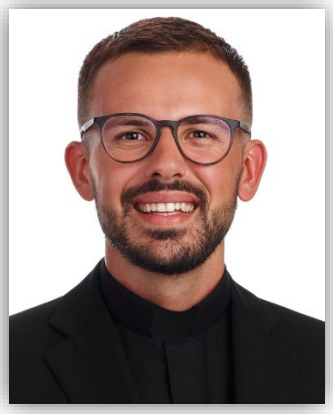
During a community dinner following the Mass the Sacred Heart Board of Directors presented The Heart of Christ Award to Cardinal Pierre to thank him for his tremendous support of Sacred Heart over the years. The Heart of Christ award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a collaborator that supports Sacred Heart's mission "To Conform Our World to the Heart of Christ". Over the years Cardinal Pierre has been a Dehon Lecturer, has spoken at both Sacred Heart symposiums, and has helped facilitate our annual Collegial Gathering Among Brother Bishops. To read the speech given at the dinner, click here.

Acolytes:
Zachary Arnold – Pensacola-Tallahassee
Adrian Dieleman – Hamilton
Rishi Persaud – Hamilton
Gerald Przekora – Gaylord
Noah Townsend – Pensacola-Tallassee
Thanh (Andy) Tran – Great Falls-Billings
Rider Zerpa Romero – Pensacola-Tallahassee

Torah Presentation

On October 1, The Lux Center was honored to host a special guest lecture by Mr. Mark Shapiro, President and CEO of the Milwaukee JCC. Mr. Shapiro walked the

community through the annual cycle of Torah reading, the centrality of the Torah in Jewish life, and the traditions surrounding Torah scrolls - how they are written, what makes them kosher, and the reverence with which they are treated. He also shared his personal experiences as a longtime Torah reader in his synagogue, highlighting the deep spiritual significance it holds for him. Our seminarians, along with faculty and staff, were deeply engaged and stayed afterward to ask questions and even view the Torah scroll up close. We are grateful to Mr. Shapiro for this inspiring and educational talk during this season of the Jewish High Holy Days.



Congratulations!

Near the end of the fall break, Mr. Oliver Niles successfully completed his written and oral comprehensive examinations for his MA in Theology! Oliver successfully passed his oral examinations on September 30. Many thanks to Doctors Mike Brummond, Patrick Russell, and James Stroud for their service as examiners on Oliver's board, as well!

Congratulations, Oliver!

Bagels with Lux

Sacred Heart Seminary, hosted the first “Bagels with Lux” gathering of the school year on October 17! The room was filled with a wonderful atmosphere of friendship and dialogue, as guests from the Jewish community joined our seminarians, priests, faculty, and staff for meaningful conversations. Together, they explored topics of theology, history, politics, and current events, all in the spirit of mutual learning and respect. And of course, no “Bagels with Lux” morning would be complete without delicious bagels and great lox!

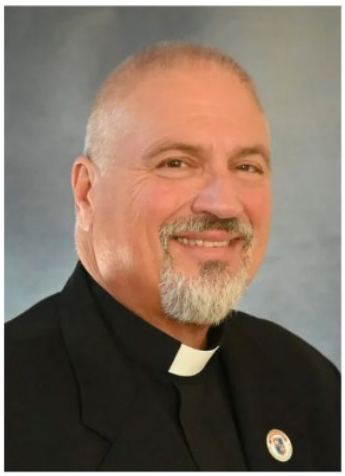
A huge thank you to everyone who joined and helped make this gathering such a warm and inspiring encounter between faiths and communities.

A Generous Donation

Sacred Heart formally thanks the Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #4580 for their generous scholarship donations to our seminarians. We appreciate their support of our mission, *preparing evangelizing disciples through specialized formation to conform our world to the Heart of Christ!*

Holy Land Lecture Series

The latest session of The Lux Center's Holy Land Lectures Series was on October 22. The session explored the Jewish-Arab conflict, tracing its ancient origins to the present day. The first part of the session provided key historical background, important dates, and major events. The second half was an interactive Q&A session, where participants had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in thoughtful discussion.



Sacred Heart has the great pleasure of announcing recent publications by three academic faculty members.

From Dcn. Steven Kramer, Professor of Pastoral Studies and Director of Homiletics:

- Kramer, Steven. “Text and Context – It Helps to Take a Wide View when We Preach on God’s Word.” *The Deacon* (Nov/Dec 2025): 64.

From Dr. Michael Mazza, Lecturer of Pastoral Studies:

- Mazza, Michael J. “Canons 87-88: Dispensing from the Essential Norms in Difficult Cases.” In *Roman Replies and CLSA Advisory Opinions 2025*, edited by Donna Miller, Patrick M. Cooney, O.S.B., and Michael A. Soucka. Canon Law Society of America, 2025. .
- “‘Canons 220 and 1321 §1: Publication of Names of Accused Clergy,’ Text of Letter from the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, Prot. N. 18316/2024, 5 Sep 2024.” Translated by Michael J. Mazza. In *Roman Replies and CLSA Advisory Opinions 2025*, edited by Donna Miller, Patrick M. Cooney, O.S.B., and Michael A. Soucka. Canon Law Society of America, 2025.

From Dr. James Stroud, Professor of Moral Theology:

- Stroud, James W. "Forming Priestly Consciences: The Advantages of a Thomistic Approach to Casuistry in Catholic Seminary Education.” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 25, no. 2 (2025): 219-32.

Congratulations, esteemed professors!

Looking Forward

2025-2026 School Year

Oct 31 Board of Directors Meetings
Nov 05 Day of Recollection (Seminarians Only; Faculty and Staff Off-Campus)
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; Faculty and Staff Off-Campus)
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
May 31-June 14 Biblical Pilgrimage
Jun 19 May Session Ends

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