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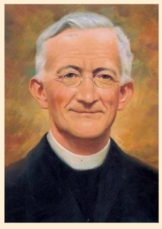

Dehonian Spirituality

"Our Lord does not ask each day for the sacrifice of our life; but he desires a free and loving offering for the glory of his Sacred Heart. This offering will help to sanctify the hour of our death."

– Leo John Dehon, SCJ, Crowns of Love for the Sacred Heart II, 4th Mystery, 6th Meditation

Announcements

Day of Recollection

Sacred Heart seminarians had a Day of Recollection on November 05. Fr. John J. Baumgardner, S.T.L. presented on the topic “Priestly Gentleness & Our Lady of the Dark Night - Conferences on the Spiritual Life”. The day started with Solemn Morning Prayer and was followed by Fr. Baumgardner’s morning reflection. The afternoon reflection kicked off after lunch which then led to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Solemn Evening Prayer. Days of Recollection are a one-day spiritual retreat for the Sacred Heart community to withdraw from daily life and focus on their relationship with the Lord.

“The Origins of the Nation of Israel: Biblical, Historical, and Archaeological Data”

The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies hosted a distinguished lecture on Wednesday, October 29, featuring Dr. Benjamin D. Sommer, Professor of Bible at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Senior Fellow at the Shalom

Hartman Institute. Dr. Sommer, one of today's foremost biblical scholars and theologians, has built a career bridging faith, history, and academic inquiry. He previously directed the Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies at Northwestern University and has served as visiting faculty at leading institutions including the Hebrew University, the University of Chicago, and Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University.

Dr. Sommer's lecture, titled *"The Origins of the Nation of Israel: Biblical, Historical, and Archaeological Data,"* examined how evidence from Scripture, archaeology, and ancient Near Eastern history reveals the deep and enduring connection between the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

The presentation proved both fascinating and thought-provoking, offering rich insight for anyone interested in the Bible, the history of Israel, and the intersection of faith and scholarship.

Día de los Muertos Altarcito

November is always a special time to remember and honor our faithful departed. At SHSST, there is a tradition to honor them in an Altarcito that is built in the main chapel. The SHSST community is invited to bring pictures of family members and friends and to place them in the Altarcito. On October 5, following the seminarians' Day of Recollection, the community held an All Souls procession to pray for the dead at the SCJ mausoleum.

Faculty Publications

Sacred Heart has the honor of announcing another publication by Dr. Michael J. Mazza, Lecturer of Pastoral Studies:

Mazza, Michael J. "When Forgiveness of Sins Becomes a Financial Liability." *First Things,* October 30, 2025. https://firstthings.com/when-forgiveness-of-sins-becomes-a-financial-liability/

Dr. Mazza's work appeared as the lead article this morning on the website for *First Things.*

Congratulations, Dr. Mazza!

Sacred Heart also has the pleasure of announcing two book reviews by Dr. Gary Klump, Assistant Professor of Scripture Studies:

- Gary P. Klump. Review of *The Lord by Wisdom Founded the Earth: Creation and Covenant in Old Testament Theology* by Katharine Dell. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 79, no. 4 (October 2025): 380.
- Gary P. Klump. Review of *The Wisdom of Sirach* by Walter T. Wilson. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 87, no. 1 (January 2025): 160-162.

Congratulations, Dr. Klump!

Sacred Heart Food Drive

On Monday, November 3, Sacred Heart kicked off a food drive to help feed those in need. The first two days of the food drive were so successful that we had to donate earlier than planned. The timing turned out to be providential, as the Saint Martin of Tours Food Pantry had a high demand for items due to increased need around the area, and they were opening their doors later that day. Thank you so

much to everyone who donated so generously, it has already made an impact in our area! As you are able, please continue to donate what you can. We will be spreading the wealth to food pantries across the Milwaukee area.

Looking Forward

2025-2026 School Year

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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