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Association of Theological Schools:

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology (SHSST) is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada, 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275. **Phone: 412-788-6505, Website: www.ats.edu.** The seminary's master of divinity and master of arts degree programs are approved. SHSST is also approved by ATS for comprehensive distance (online) education.



National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements:

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education. **Website: www.nc-sara.org**





Sacred Heart Welcome



**Very Rev. Stephen
Huffstetter, SCJ
President-Rector**

Welcome to Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology! Our catalog provides a description of who we are, what we value, and the programs we offer to students who join us from across the country and around the world.

Education is ever changing, with the intention of passing on timeless values. We draw on ancient traditions, while being attentive to new developments in learning and technology, to prepare ministers who can meet future challenges. As St. Matthew describes, “Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” (Mt. 13:52)

This edition of our catalog incorporates two significant changes from previous years. Our M.Div program has been updated to conform to the new requirements mandated from the 6th edition of the US Bishops’ *Program of Priestly Formation*. SHSST has also received affiliation status with the Pontifical Gregorian University, allowing interested students to pursue their Pontifical Baccalaureate in Theology.

We invite seekers of faith, truth, and wisdom to join us, with open minds and hearts, to conform their heart to the Heart of Christ.

Fr. Stephen Huffstetter SCJ

OUR MISSION:

*Preparing evangelizing
disciples through
specialized formation,
to conform our world
to the heart of Christ*

Our Students

We form over 130 seminarians. Around 30 dioceses and religious orders from across the state of Wisconsin, the United States, and Canada send seminarians to SHSST for priestly formation. We even serve seminarians from the Priests of the Sacred Heart in the Province of India, by providing them with online classes.

Over 50 global Catholic priests and seminarians come to Sacred Heart for our English and Culture Studies program. Many pursue English fluency for ministries or graduate programs.

We form over 35 Catholic laity. Cohorts of laity earn a Master of Arts in Theology together.

What We Offer

ACADEMIC TRACKS

- Pontifical Baccalaureate in Theology (S.T.B.)
- Master of Arts in Theology
- Master of Divinity
- Certificate in Priestly Formation, Individualized Ordination Track
- Master of Arts in Catholic Studies
- Dual Degree B.A./M.Div. Program

PRIESTLY FORMATION

- *Stages:* Propaedeutic, Discipleship, Configuration, and Vocational Synthesis
- *Dimensions:* Human, Spiritual, Pastoral, and Intellectual

LANGUAGE & CULTURE FORMATION

- Hispanic Ministry Preparation
- English and Culture Studies (ECS)
- ECS Seminary Bridge Program: Intensive Theological Reading
- ECS Clear Pronunciation: Speaking the Liturgy, 100% online

ONGOING FORMATION

- Fall Dehon Lecture
- Winter Preaching Conference
- Spring Lecture for The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies
- Summer Biblical Pilgrimage
- Seasonal Workshops & Retreats

LAY FORMATION

- Cor Unum cohorts of Catholic laity earn an M.A. in Theology

Priestly Formation Partners:

ARCHDIOCESES

- Military Services, USA
- Milwaukee

DIOCESES

- Albany
- Colorado Springs
- Davenport
- Des Moines
- Dodge City
- Duluth
- Gary
- Gaylord
- Great Falls – Billings
- Green Bay
- Hamilton
- Honolulu
- La Crosse
- Lafayette in Indiana
- Lexington
- Lubbock
- Madison
- Pensacola–Tallahassee
- Rockford
- Salina
- Spokane
- Springfield–Cape Girardeau
- Superior

RELIGIOUS ORDERS

- Priests of the Sacred Heart, US Province
- Order of Friars Minor Conventual, St. Bonaventure Province

Core Values

Faithfulness in Love of the Church: We conform ourselves to Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh and revelation of our Triune God, who is Love. Christ's love animates our fidelity to His Church and its Magisterium. We ground ourselves in Scripture and Tradition, especially the spiritual tradition of the Priests of the Sacred Heart and their founder, the Venerable Fr. Leo John Dehon.

Authenticity in Hospitality: We welcome all as Christ with the Way of charity, the Truth of integrity, and the Life of friendship. We live Our Lady's fiat in the Dehonian charism of *Ecce Ancilla*, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38).

Collaboration in Community: We foster unity and collegiality through shared worship, attentive conversation, and integrated goals. We live the Eucharist in the Dehonian charism of *Sint Unum*, "That they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Excellence in Innovation: We create as we think with the Church. We instill discovery in our intellectual programs, discernment and growth in our spiritual and human formation, and distinction in our pastoral vision. We live the Lord's Prayer in the Dehonian charism of *Adveniat Regnum Tuum*, "Your Kingdom come" (Matthew 6:10).

Service in Pastoral Care: We exist to serve our neighbor through the Heart of Christ. We form servant leaders who herald God's mercy, encounter the forgotten, and heal wounds of division. We live social justice in the Dehonian charism of *Ecce Venio*, "Behold I come to do your will" (Hebrews 10:7).

Global Impact

We are an Apostolate of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

The Priests of the Sacred Heart (Dehonians) not only support Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology as one of their apostolates, but they also help people who are less fortunate across the globe through their social action and outreach.

Established in 1878, the Priests of the Sacred Heart are a Roman Catholic religious congregation committed to continuing Christ's work of rebuilding our world into God's kingdom of justice and love.

Their founder, the Venerable Fr. Leo John Dehon, believed that we best respond to God's love by trying to meet the needs of those around us. His humble spirit led to this philosophy: priests are not just restricted to the churches. The sacristy is out in the world, working among the people.

That belief colors everything the Priests of the Sacred Heart do. In a world that hungers for justice and peace, they offer themselves with Christ. **Because everyone deserves the opportunity to know the profound love of Jesus.**



***Make a tribute gift to further
the ministry of the
Priests of the Sacred Heart***

English and Culture Studies Partners:

ARCHDIOCESES

- Brasília
- Milwaukee
- Ouagadougou
- Vitória

DIOCESES

- Amparo
- Kabgayi
- Les Gonaïves
- Salina
- San Pedro
- Ziguinchor

RELIGIOUS ORDERS

- Congregation of the Holy Cross, Province of Haiti
- Priests of the Sacred Heart, Province of the Congo
- Priests of the Sacred Heart, Province of Indonesia
- Priests of the Sacred Heart, Province of Brazil São Paulo
- Saint Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society
- Salesians of Don Bosco, Vice-Province of Haiti
- Society of the Catholic Apostolate, Immaculate Conception Province
- Society of the Priests of St. James