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Dehonian Spirituality

“Pray for our vocational recruiting; our missions require a large amount of personnel. And it is not only members we desire; it is above all the fervor and generosity of those who come to us.”

– Leo John Dehon, SCJ, Circular Letters, #32, June 29, 1922



Seminary Scoop



Holy Mass with the Institution of Lectors

On March 11, five seminarians at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology took an important step in their formation journey. Congratulations to the five candidates for the Ministry of Lector who were instituted. The Mass was presided over by Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Fleming of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and was attended by members of the seminary's Board of Directors, the seminary community, and family.

Those instituted as lectors were:

- Mr. John Beiting, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee
- Mr. Randall Bebeau, Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
- Mr. Jesús Mendoza, Diocese of Lubbock
- Friar Anthony Ruffolo, OFM Conv., Order of Friars Minor Conventual, St. Bonaventure Province
- Mr. Joseph Schones, Diocese of Salina

The Ministry of Lector is a significant step in the journey toward priesthood. In his homily, Bishop Fleming drew inspiration from the Lenten message of Pope Leo, encouraging the seminarians to continually meditate on the Word of God. The celebration marked a joyful moment for the seminary community as these men continue their formation and preparation to serve the Church. Congratulations to our new Lectors and many thanks to Bishop Fleming!



Bagels with Lux

On Thursday, March 12, members of the Jewish community joined our seminarians, faculty, and staff for the final Bagels with Lux of the year. We are deeply grateful for the presence and dedication of the Jewish community for giving their time to this valuable opportunity.

Warm conversation, shared insights, and of course, great bagels made it a wonderful morning. Thank you to all who joined us and contributed to the spirit of learning and connection.



Lux Center: Israeli Society Today

On Wednesday, March 13, we had the pleasure of hosting a fascinating lecture by Noa Fuchs Gerassi, the Israeli Emissary to the Jewish community of Milwaukee, who spoke about “Israeli Society Today.”

Noa offered a thoughtful and engaging look into the complex fabric of Israeli society, often described as a collection of many “tribes” shaped by different cultures, religious traditions, and histories from across the Jewish world. She explored how these diverse communities come together to form one society, the

shared values and experiences that serve as the “glue” holding it together, and the tensions and debates that are also part of Israel’s vibrant democratic life. There was a great turnout of students, staff, and faculty who joined the lecture and contributed to the conversation with thoughtful questions and reflections. Moments like these help deepen understanding of Israel beyond the headlines and strengthen the meaningful dialogue that The Lux Center seeks to cultivate.



A Special Papal Visit

On the Second Sunday of Lent, Pope Leo XIV visited one of the SCJ parishes in Rome, the Parish of the Ascension of Our Lord. Located in the eastern part of the city, the neighborhood faces various social and economic challenges, yet it is also home to a strong and close-knit parish community. The Holy Father’s visit highlights his desire to be present to communities on the margins and to encourage the faith and hope that lives there.

March 2026 Dehonian Leadership Institute: Monthly Minute

A monthly series of quotes and reflections on leadership, based on the writings of Ven. Fr. Leo John Dehon, Founder of the Priests of the Sacred Heart

“They (SCJs) shall be careful to foresee the occasions to help each other, and mutually to render services of a tender and warm hearted charity to cultivate the union of hearts and the family spirit. Finally, they shall avoid with care divisions which might arise from difference of political or even of theological opinions.”^[1]

This quote comes from Fr. Dehon’s *Spiritual Directory*. Today, it can call leaders to reflect on the union of hearts within their organizations. This month, try to foster the spirit of Sint Unum - unity.

Interested in learning more about SCJ-inspired leadership? Contact Monica Misey, Director of Dehonian Associates: mmisey@dehonianusa.org or see: [LEAD | Dehonians USA](#)

[1] Leo Dehon, SCJ, *Spiritual Directory of the Priests of the Sacred Heart*, Trans. Rev. H. McDonald, SCJ (US Province: SCJ Archives, 1940), 161.



March Catholic Women Leaders Event

Monica Misey, Director of Dehonian Associates, hosted another informative presentation for Catholic Women Leaders on March 4. The speaker Sue Switalski presented the fruits of her recent doctoral dissertation “Transitions in Catholic Parish Life: Guided by Grace”. The presentation was extremely important and productive for the audience which included women leaders from around the Milwaukee area including several Cor Unum alumni!



Faculty Publications

Sacred Heart is excited to announce new publications by several of our esteemed faculty members:

Dr. Jeremy Blackwood, Associate Professor of Systematic Studies:

- Blackwood, Jeremy W. “‘The Love of God Has Been Poured Out into Our Hearts’: *Dilexit nos*, Dehon, and Dehonians in Conversation.” *Dehoniana* (2025): 11-27.

The full article can be found [here](#) through the Centro Studi in Rome.

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

- Kramer, Steven. "What About Older Vocations?" *A Guide to Religious Ministries* 47 (2026): A34-A36.

Congratulations, Dr. Blackwood and Dcn. Kramer! Your scholarship continues to strengthen our seminary’s mission.

Looking Forward

2025-2026 School Year

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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