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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*



### **Day of Recollection**

Sacred Heart had a Day of Recollection on November 06. Fr. John Paul Mitchell, S.T.D, M.S. led the morning and afternoon reflections focusing his talks on the topic of “Priests, Prophets, Kings After the Lord’s Own Heart: Meditations for Aspiring Priests on the Lives of Moses & David”. Days of recollection allow the Sacred Heart Community to step outside of their daily responsibilities to focus on reflection and prayer.



### **Priestly Communication Workshop**

On October 31, ECS hosted the Safe Environment Director of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Cynthia Garcia, who facilitated a workshop for ECS students regarding priestly communication, including interacting professionally with women in a U.S. parish. The workshop served as a way of educating ECS students on American norms and culture. Ms. Garcia is a Sacred Heart Cor Unum alumnus.



### **National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion**

On October 24, ECS students and SHSST faculty and staff took a day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Champion, Wisconsin. Students were recognized as special visitors during the mass which they attended. They also visited the

apparition site, crypt chapel and gardens at the shrine. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a pizza buffet in nearby De Pere, Wisconsin before visiting the National Shrine of St. Joseph on the St. Norbert College Campus.



### **Holy Land Lunch & Learn**

On November 04, The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies hosted its first "Holy Land Lunch and Learn". The first talk, given by the Director of The Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, Liran Gerassi, was on the rich history of the Holy Land: from the days of Canaan and the Egyptian exile and Exodus, through the kingdoms of Judea and Israel and the different empires that shaped this land during the long exile, leading up to the return of the Jewish people and the founding of the modern State of Israel. This unique series gives the opportunity to dive into the history and significance of the Holy Land.



### **Diocese of Joliet Plenary Diaconate Convocation**

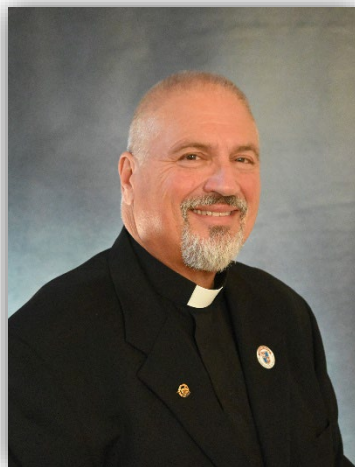
Deacon Steve Kramer delivered a presentation to over 300 attendees at the Diocese of Joliet Plenary Diaconate Convocation held at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, Illinois on October 27. The presentation was entitled: "Preaching with Mary, Mother of the Diaconate". In the group photo, from left to right, is Deacon Dominic Cerato, Director of Diaconate for Joliet, Deacon Steve Kramer, SHSST, and Deacon Vic Puscas, Director of Deacon Formation of Joliet.





### **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.



### **Congratulations!**

Sacred Heart is honored to announce not one, but *two* recent publications by Deacon Steve Kramer, Director of Homiletics and Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies:

- Kramer, Steven. *“Writing the Homily for the Ear, Not the Eye.” The Deacon* (November/December 2024). Online [here](#).

- Kramer, Steven. "The Deacon as Preacher of the Word of God: Past, Present, and Future." *Seminary Journal* (volume and page numbers forthcoming, published online [here](#)).

The latter article reflects a peer-reviewed publication, a high level of academic achievement.

Congratulations, Dcn. Kramer!



# Holy Week Pilgrimage to Spain

## April 11-April 21, 2025

Join Fr. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz, SDS, former President-Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, on a pilgrimage to Spain! Experience the history, spirituality, and culture of this beautiful place during Holy Week 2025. We will visit Toledo, Madrid, and other sites, all while exploring the Hispano-Mozarabic Rite (the ancient liturgy of Spain).

**Interested?** Please contact Fr. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz, SDS, at [rgomezruiz@shsst.edu](mailto:rgomezruiz@shsst.edu) or [raul.gomez@mailds.org](mailto:raul.gomez@mailds.org) by **November 8**. We need to provide an estimated number of travelers by this date in order to determine if the trip can proceed.

Visit: <https://www.scopiatours.com/Spain2025> for detailed information

\$500 deposit due at registration, registration deadline is November 29  
\$3,122 double occupancy, \$3,684 single occupancy\*\*  
+ \$1,420 (if seeking 2 course credits) or + \$336 (if auditing)

The cost includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging, breakfast daily, two group meals. \*\*Estimated cost is subject to change.

## *Looking Forward*

**Nov 12** Bagels with Lux

**Nov 13** Candidacy to Holy Orders

**Dec 03** Bagels with Lux

**Dec 13** Employee Christmas Evening Social

**Jan 07-Jan 09** Preaching Conference  
**Jan 22** Christian Unity Evening Prayer  
**Feb 05** Day of Recollection (All School: Faculty & Staff off-campus)  
**Mar 05** Day of Recollection (All School)  
**Mar 19** Ministry of Lector & Board of Directors  
**Mar 23 & Mar 24** Spring Lux Center Public Lecture & Lux Center Morning Lecture  
**Apr 23** Easter Lunch & Student Council Appreciation  
**Apr 30** Employee Recognition  
**May 07** Grad/Admin Dinner  
**May 09** Commencement  
**May 14** Faculty Council Dinner  
**May 21** Board of Directors  
**May 23** End of Year Picnic  
**June 13-June 27** "In the Footsteps of Peter and Paul" Pilgrimage



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