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PROGRAM

WELCOME	Melinda Hanlon, Ed.S. Chair, Sister Rose Thering Fund
GREETINGS	Anthony C. Sciglitano, Ph.D. Interim Executive Director Sister Rose Thering Fund
INVOCATION	Rabbi David Vaisberg Temple B'nai Abraham
REMARKS	Katia Passerini, Ph.D., Provost, Seton Hall University
MUSICAL PROGRAM	DINNER Jason Tramm, DMA Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Music Seton Hall University Trustee, Sister Rose Thering Fund Molly Dunn Featured Soloist
INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	Anthony C. Sciglitano and Melinda Hanlon
KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND HONORED GUEST	Oren Jacoby Academy Award-Nominated Filmmaker <i>Sister Rose's Passion</i>
REMARKS	Father Colin Kay Vice President for Mission and Ministry Seton Hall University
BENEDICTION	Monsignor C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.T.D, S.S.L. Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies School of Theology Seton Hall University
MUSICAL FINALE	Jason Tramm
FAREWELL	Melinda Hanlon



Greetings from

Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr., Ph.D.

Interim Executive Director

Associate Professor of Religion

Welcome to this year's Evening of Roses! I want to thank all of you for your kindness, support, and commitment to Sister Rose's mission! Last year's theme for the Evening of Roses was gratitude, but of course that could be the theme each and every year.

Our theme for this year's Evening of Roses is *Resilience and Renewal of Hope!* As Interim Executive Director for the past year and half, I can say that the members of the Sister Rose Thering Fund Board are sources of hope and witnesses to resilience. They are sources of hope because in a world that chases quick fixes, ephemeral solutions, and thus frequently reaps the rewards of superficiality, our Board members have labored in the vineyard for decades with dedication and devotion, a word that Saint Francis de Sales uses to indicate not merely doing the good, but learning to delight in it. They know that our culture may only be restored through steady commitment to education, dialogue, and to acting against antisemitism and other forms of bigotry.

Equally, they witness to resilience. In the face of Covid and an increase in antisemitic events since 2020 of nearly 80%, they persevere and carry on Sister Rose's mission. We know that educating teachers will change the lives of countless students because we know, from our own experience, that this has happened for many of us. Teachers are central figures to building a culture that honors loving-kindness, justice, humility, and truth-seeking. To educate a teacher truly is to change the world. We at the Sister Rose Thering Fund are committed to this educational mission with renewed vigor and devotion. We delight in our teacher-scholars, in their desire to learn, and in the wisdom they share from years in the classroom. We seek to do them justice with a superb program of study boasting internationally renowned scholars.

This year we also honor the devotion of Academy Award-nominated filmmaker, Oren Jacoby. Through his films, Mr. Jacoby consistently witnesses to a concern for social justice and, in particular, to issues of antisemitism and education. His 2004 film, *Sister Rose's Passion*, has been invaluable to our mission, especially in its outreach to teachers and students. We are truly grateful for his outstanding work on Sister Rose and for all this has meant to our mission!

Hope is the energy that spurs mission; resilience the strength that carries on when challenges present themselves. I am truly grateful to be a part of a mission and community that gives hope and witnesses to resilience. May you all be blessed in the coming year with good health, joy, and God's blessings.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Sciglitano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr.



A Message from

Melinda Hanlon, Ed.S.

Chair, SRTF Board of Trustees

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Evening of Roses celebration! We are delighted to gather here on campus this year as we celebrate the mission and movie of our beloved Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D. Our theme this year of *Resilience and Renewal of Hope*, seems most fitting as our world continues to face so many challenges to peace and unity. The work of our Board to transform the world through the empowerment of teachers remains

more crucial than ever. Sister Rose understood well the impact teachers have on their students. At a time when the educational process of so many students has been disrupted, our Board's efforts to provide scholarships for teacher-scholars in the Jewish-Christian Studies Program at Seton Hall University is vital. In a world where every kind of prejudice and hate attacks are on the rise; where violence invades our very classrooms, our students need to learn the lessons to become *Upstanders* just like Sister Rose.

We are pleased to welcome this evening's honoree, Oren Jacoby, the director and producer of the film, *Sister Rose's Passion*. This film has been shared the world over and its timeless message remains so relevant to our times. We share the movie with both our teacher-scholars and also with high school students throughout New Jersey as part of our annual essay competition.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Sister Rose Thering Fund, I extend our gratitude for your fidelity and generosity to our students and programs. Your contributions directly impact the education of generations of students and you are changing our world in ways that cannot be measured. Be assured of our prayers of thanksgiving for all that you do to support our teachers and programs. Tonight's program represents months of planning and hard work. I am indebted to Dr. Sciglitano, Yolanda Sheffield-Williams, Marilyn Rosenbaum, Ann Burgmeyer, Susan Feinstein, and Deborah Lerner Duane, for their commitment and efforts which all helped bring this year's program to fruition. Many thanks to all our trustees and advisory council members who have contributed to this year's Evening of Roses. To all of our sponsors, participants and donors please allow me to convey the thanks of our Board of Trustees and our teacher-scholars. Your support of this year's program will directly impact the minds and hearts of students for generations to come. Thank you for partnering with us as together we strive for "*Tikkun Olam*" and work to repair our world.

This year's Evening of Roses program also marks the conclusion of my tenure as Chair of the SRTF Board of Trustees. The last four years certainly brought unprecedented challenges to our work as a board. I am proud that we have been able to remain focused on our goal to support our teachers and further the vision of Sister Rose. I am truly grateful to my fellow trustees and to our advisory council members; it is not possible to place a value on their gifts of time or talent or to measure their fidelity to the mission of Sister Rose. I can only hope they know the depth of my gratitude.

Wishing you the blessings of peace,

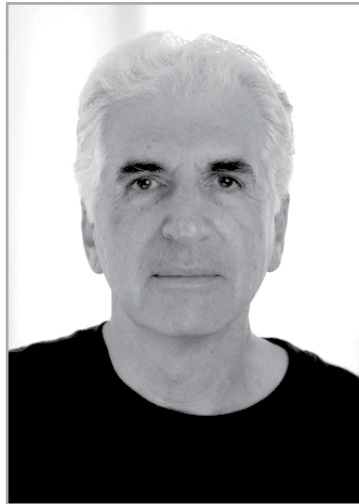
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Chair, Board of Trustees, Sister Rose Thering Fund



OREN JACOBY

Sister Rose Thering Fund Lifetime Achievement Award



OREN JACOBY is an Academy Award-nominated filmmaker. *Sister Rose's Passion*, (HBO Films) won Best Documentary Short Film at the Tribeca Film Festival and was nominated for an Oscar. *On Broadway*, (2021) is the story of the Broadway Theater's role in the rebirth of New York City. *My Italian Secret* (Amazon) about Italians who risked their lives to save thousands of Jews in WWII, opened the 2015 Rome International Film Festival. Jacoby's other documentaries include: *Constantine's Sword* with James Carroll; *Shadowman* (Amazon / 2017 Tribeca Film Festival); *Risk Takers* (Bloomberg TV), a documentary series about visionary innovators; and, for the BBC, *The Second Russian Revolution*, about the collapse of the USSR. His theatrical adaptation of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* won the Joseph Jefferson Award in 2013 for best new play adaptation.

THE SISTER ROSE THERING FUND for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies

Our History

The concept of teaching about interfaith relations in this Catholic university dates back to the arrival in 1953 of Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher, who established the Institute for Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Oesterreicher, a convert from Judaism to Catholicism in 1927, had been lecturing, conducting research and creating publications for 15 years when he sensed the need for a program coordinator to flesh out his work and bring his lessons to the wider community at Seton Hall. Therefore, in 1968 he advertised for someone to fill this position. As fate would have it, Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., with her background in education and Jewish-Christian Studies and her keen interest in the Jewish roots of Christianity and the State of Israel, responded to his ad and was hired for the position. Its tasks included organizing summer trips to Israel for teachers and lay persons to learn about the Holy Land. Called the Menorah Institute, the program's positive impact, both on Monsignor Oesterreicher and teachers, led to the establishment of a Master's degree program, directed by Father Lawrence Frizzell, now offered in the Department of Religion.

During the more than 30 years of her career as professor of higher education in the College of Education and Human Resources, Sister Rose continued to lead the Menorah Institute and became a close colleague of David M. Bossman, Ph.D., who had arrived at Seton Hall in 1985, served for a time as Provost and then as chair of the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies. Dr. Bossman and a group of close friends of Sister Rose wanted to offer teachers more courses in Jewish-Christian Studies, and eventually discussed the possibility of offering scholarships to teachers. The idea of developing

a significant fund to help defray costs of tuition led to the establishment in 1993 of such a fund and program. Originally called the Sister Rose Thering Endowment—later changed to the Sister Rose Thering Fund—it is overseen by an elected Board of Trustees who created a set of working by-laws.

In 1994, the State of New Jersey, under then Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and urged on by Sister Rose and others, signed into law a mandate to teach about the Holocaust and Genocide in all public schools in New Jersey, grades K-12. This law created the mandate and was bolstered by the message of Pope John Paul II to Catholic schools to remember the Shoah, "Reflections on the Shoah" (March 1998). Sister Rose became a founding member of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, charged to carry out the Mandate, and served until her death in 2006.

Today, the Fund offers annual scholarships annually and has reached some 400 educators during its existence. It raises funds through donations received primarily at the Evening of Roses, held each spring, a program that has honored outstanding educators and individuals who have shown traits of compassion, altruism and courage in various endeavors. The Sister Rose Thering Fund and the graduate Program in Jewish-Christian Studies have been called "the hidden jewels" of Seton Hall University, but as Dr. Bosman has remarked, in reality they are no longer hidden but treasures found as the Fund contributes more than \$60,000 annually in scholarship funding to the University. The Program continues to promote understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education.



Office of the President

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2022 Evening of Roses to benefit the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies. Thank you for helping us advance the transformative impact of Sister Rose.

I am especially pleased to welcome Oren Jacoby as tonight's honoree and keynote speaker. His cinematic oeuvre includes *Sister Rose's Passion* and other films that shed light on ordinary people who stood up for their brothers and sisters from different backgrounds.

As we strive against the rising tide of hate-filled violence nationwide, we must continue to rely on Sister Rose's guidance. With great faith and fierce determination, she sought to *educate* minds and *inspire* action to mend the harmful divisions in the human family.

I am proud that the Sister Rose Thering Fund has carried on her essential work for nearly three decades, and thank you for supporting her legacy with your presence. Your faith and vision will lead to increased respect and compassion between Christians, Jews and people from many diverse backgrounds.

You have my best wishes for a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Nyre".

Joseph E. Nyre, Ph.D.
President



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PHILIP D. MURPHY
GOVERNOR

June 14, 2022

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all those gathered for tonight's Evening of Roses Gala, celebrating the 29th Anniversary of the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies.

Ever since its foundation, the Sister Rose Thering Fund (SRTF) has continued to use education as a powerful tool to promote its mission of fostering fellowship and collaboration between Christians, Jews, and people of other religious affiliations. Seton Hall University provides more than \$60,000 every year in scholarships thanks to the SRTF. These scholarships go to scholars who, like Sister Rose, are passionate about theology and possess a desire to create a more tolerant society.

I would also like to take this time to recognize tonight's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Oren Jacoby. Oren's commitment to Sister Rose's vision of furthering understanding and expanding access to education is truly inspiring.

As Governor, I am proud to recognize the Sister Rose Thering Fund for its trailblazing role in education and for inspiring our Garden State academics.

Best wishes for a memorable event.

My very best,


Philip D. Murphy
Governor

THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator CODEY, Assemblywoman JASEY and Assemblyman MCKEON

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to acknowledge Oren Jacoby, a highly esteemed member of his community, who is being honored by the Sister Rose Thering Fund Board of Trustees during its annual Evening of Roses on June 14, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, The prestigious Sister Rose Thering Lifetime Achievement Award is being bestowed upon Oren Jacoby in grateful recognition of his work against antisemitism and religious bigotry; and,

WHEREAS, Oren Jacoby's award-winning film, *Sister Rose's Passion*, celebrates the life and mission of Sister Rose Thering, who worked tirelessly to foster understanding and cooperation within all faith traditions, and it won Best Documentary Short Film at the Tribeca Film Festival and was nominated for an Oscar Award; and,

WHEREAS, *My Secret Italian*, his film about Italians who risked their lives to save thousands of Jews during World War II, opened the 2015 Rome International Film Festival, and he has earned further acclaim for his other noteworthy documentaries, *Constantine's Sword*, *Shadowman*, *Risk Takers*, and *The Second Russian Revolution*, as well as his theatrical adaptation of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, which won the Joseph Jefferson Award in 2013 for best new play adaptation; and,

WHEREAS, Within all the spheres of his life and work, Oren Jacoby has established a model to emulate and set a standard toward which all others might strive; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

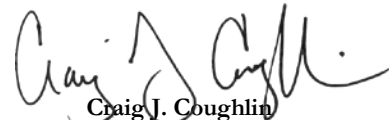
That this Legislature hereby salutes Oren Jacoby, pays tribute to his meritorious record of artistic excellence, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Oren Jacoby.

Attest:



Nicholas P. Scutari
President of the Senate



Craig J. Coughlin
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Seton Hall University
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For Education in Jewish-Christian Studies
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Dear Friends of Sister Rose Thering Fund:

It is an honor for the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to support The Sister Rose Thering Fund and the impactful academic programs the Fund has developed at Seton Hall University.

We often quote, with appropriate attribution, the instructional building blocks and positive thoughts that Sister Rose initiated and that the Fund has maintained. Her example stands as a monument to her beliefs and has created educational guidelines that teachers appreciate and that students admire. Her leadership and her ability to project her ideas into lessons leading to good fellowship among scholars has already served two generations of attentive students and waits for another presently maturing in our grade schools. The fact that these children were born into a world motivated by respect for one another adds to Sister Rose's legacy and makes us proud to have known her.

This year's honoree, Oren Jacoby, is the Producer and Director of the Academy Award Nominated Documentary *Sister Rose's Passion*. This documentary is a celebration of the life and work of Sister Rose Thering and takes a close look at the issue of anti-Semitism that was fostered for centuries by the teaching of the Catholic Church. Mr. Jacoby has written, directed, and produced award-winning films for decades and it is a great pleasure to honor him at the 2022 Evening of Roses.

The Commission wishes you well in your work and looks forward to participating in your ongoing success as a leader in Holocaust education.

Sincerely,

Doug Cervi
Executive Director
New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education



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We celebrate
OREN JACOBY
for his award-winning film
Sister Rose's Passion
and honor all who participated
in its creation and
helped make the film possible.



David M. Bossman, Ph.D.
Emeritus Executive Director
The Sister Rose Thering Fund
for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies

Best wishes
to everyone at
The Sister Rose Thering
Fund



Love,
Dr. Marcia Robbins-Will
and Dr. Perry Robins



*In honor of
Sister Rose's Legacy*

*Her story must be
told and retold*



Carol and Alan Silberstein

With deep gratitude
for bringing Sister Rose
to a wider world

Congratulations Oren Jacoby



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Let's eliminate
prejudice.



Luna Kaufman

Mazel Tov, Oren

*Thank you for sharing
Sister Rose's message
to the world.*



Susan Feinstein

*“Make peace, create peace,
be the example of peace.
We need peace in the world.
Peace is the language we must speak.”
— Pope Francis*



With gratitude to the SRTF Board of Trustees
for their work to promote peace in our world
through the empowerment of teachers.

Wayne and Melinda Hanlon



In Honor of

Luna Kaufman

*for her inspiration,
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*Congratulations to
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To Our Mom and Bubbe...
Susan Feinstein

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All Our Love,
Geoff, Adena, Lane, Gayle,
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You Teach and We Learn



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The following educators in Seton Hall's graduate program in Jewish-Christian Studies have been awarded sponsored scholarships since the 2019-2020 academic year. Generous foundations, bequests, individuals from the Board of Trustees and the community at large have donated funding to cover tuition for a single course for each student, thereby furthering Sister Rose Thering's legacy of understanding and cooperation among Christians, Jews and people of other religions through education.

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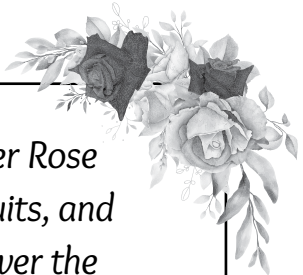
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Pamela Romanchuk



Thanks to the generosity of the donors who funded the Sister Rose Thering Fund, I was able to further my own educational pursuits, and impact the lives of my students. Taking these four courses over the past two years exposed me to many different people with both similar and different religious views and perspectives. I learned basics about Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and others, all which members of the student body I teach, practice. These courses gave me more comfort in talking about religion in my history classroom, showing students we all have much more in common than most people think.

*Thank you very much for your generosity,
both my students and I appreciate it!*

Warmly, Pam Romanchuk



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Begun in 2003, the SRTF Sponsored Scholarship program has awarded more than 150 scholarships for one course per semester to selected teachers. These awards, made by foundation and individual support, are a means of introducing sponsor to student, allowing them to learn about one another while also providing an opportunity for sponsors to follow students through their paths of study. Students and their sponsors are honored at an annual event in the Spring.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors whose gifts and generosity have provided scholarships this year, allowing the legacy of Sister Rose to live on.

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- 2011 Ela Weissberger
- 2012 Drs. Charles & Gloria Steiner and Raoul Wallenberg (all posthumously)
- 2013 Dr. Paul B. Winkler
- 2014 Sister Rose Thering Fund Founders
- 2015 Holocaust Survivors and Liberators
- 2016 Our Women of Valor – Sister Rose Thering, O.P.; Mary Vazquez; Ellin Cohen
(all posthumously) and Marilyn Zirl
- 2017 Father Lawrence Frizzell, Luna Kaufman, Pearl Randall Lehrhoff
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- 2018 Marilyn Rosenbaum and Darrell Terry, Sr.
- 2019 David M. Bossman, Ph.D. and Deborah Lerner Duane
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Evi Meinhardt (posthumously) & Edward Meinhardt,
Curt C. and Else Silberman Foundation
and Gene Hoffman

It is our pleasure to honor the winners of the Sister Rose Thering Fund's 2022 Essay Competition and their teachers, for essays based on the theme "Resilience and Renewal of Hope" in response to the documentary *Sister Rose's Passion*.

These students have demonstrated their great desire to make a difference and to improve the world.

GRACE MARTIN

First Place Winner
Grade 9

Camden Catholic High School
Mrs. Eileen Wilkinson

EMILY RAE JOHNS

Honorable Mention
Grade 9

Trinity Hall
Mrs. Janet Drudy

PETER KALDS

Honorable Mention
Grade 9

Bayonne High School
Mrs. MaryLou Kowalski

BILAL TOUZANI

First Place Winner
Grade 10

Bayonne High School
Mrs. Jennie David

MICHAEL AZIZ

Honorable Mention
Grade 10

Bayonne High School
Mrs. Jennie David

AYESHA AMIR

First Place Winner
Grade 11

Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter
Mr. Colin Gross

AASHAY SANKHE

Honorable Mention
Grade 11

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JULIA BROWN

Honorable Mention
Grade 11

Wildwood Catholic Academy
Mrs. Jennifer Antonciello

KATY ZEIWIG

First Place Winner
Grade 12

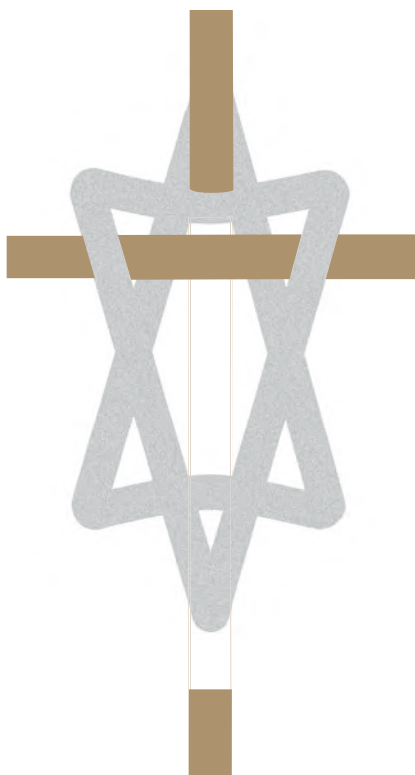
Pascack Hills High School
Mrs. Heather Lutz

RILEY SOLOMON

Honorable Mention
Grade 12

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