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Dear friends,

It is “the greatest story ever told.” It is the story of a man and a woman, expecting a child, travelling because of a powerful government decree, and the child being born in the stable because “there was no room for them in the inn.” It is a beautiful story that can be looked at from so many different ways— like a precious diamond, revealing ever new facets, sometimes with a precious defect. It is the story of God becoming one of us in our vulnerability, our earthiness— being right there in the stable, with the ox and the ass and the shepherds and the wise people who were seeking him. He loves us and wants to be loved by us as we join this beautiful Christmas scene. Here is a reflection by Cardinal Newman uncovering one facet of its meaning for us.

God beholds thee individually whosoever thou art. He calls thee by thy name. He sees thee and understands thee as He made thee... He views thee in thy day of rejoicing and in thy day of sorrow. He sympathizes in thy hopes and in thy temptations. He interests Himself in all thy anxieties and remembrances... Thou canst not shrink from pain more than he dislikes thee bearing it, and if he puts it on thee, it is as thou wilt put it upon thyself if thou art wise, for a greater good afterwards. Thou art not only his creature... Thou art redeemed and sanctified... favored with a portion of that glory and blessedness, which flows from Him everlastingly onto His only Begotten.

Let us pray as friends for each other this Christmas, giving thanks for the Father’s tender love for us in the mystery of His Son becoming one of us.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come...!

Rev. Msgr. Richard M. Liddy
Director, Center for Catholic Studies

TRANSFORMING LIGHT: INTELLECTUAL CONVERSION IN THE EARLY LONERGAN TRANSLATED INTO ITALIAN



Msgr. Richard Liddy's 1993 book, *Transforming Light: Intellectual Conversion in the Early Lonergan*, has been translated into Italian as *Conoscenza e azioni dell'intelletto*. The book was published this summer by the Association of Catholic Teachers in Italy (AIMC – Edizioni ECOGESES) and is the fruit of an annual meeting of Lonergan scholars connected with the Università del Sacro Cuore in Piacenza, Italy.

Intellectual conversion was a central theme in the works of the Canadian Jesuit philosopher-theologian, Bernard Lonergan (1904-1984). Lonergan's thought was influenced by his reading of the classic writers, Plato, Augustine, Aristotle, and Aquinas, as well as John Henry Newman and the methodologies of the modern sciences.

Lonergan illustrated the theme of intellectual conversion through Saint Augustine's account of reading, "a few books of the Platonists" prior to his religious conversion. He then experienced a profound transformation of mind and in the realization that the meaning of the word "real" was quite different from the meaning of "body."

In *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding* (1957), Lonergan illustrates that a similar transformation is operative in the practice of the modern sciences. Later on in his work, *Method in Theology* (1972) Lonergan related intellectual conversion to moral and religious conversion.

Lonergan was Msgr. Liddy's professor at the Gregorian University in Rome in the early 1960s. Presently, there are over 30 Lonergan centers and institutes throughout the world— one here at Seton Hall. The University of Toronto Press is currently completing the publication of the 25 volumes of the *Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan*.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018 ACTIVITIES

Msgr. Richard Liddy's recent activities included publication of an article on "Intellectual Conversion as Pastoral" published in the Spring 2018 issue of *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* dedicated to Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles: *Robert Barron and the New Evangelization* (Vol. 7, n. 1, Spring 2016).

Msgr. Liddy lectured at the West Coast Method Institute at Loyola University Marymount in Los Angeles, April 21, 2018: "Theodore Hesburgh and the Mission of the Catholic University as Mediation" and at the Lonergan Workshop at Boston College, June 11, 2018, on "Newman's University Sketches and His Idea of a University."

Msgr. also gave a series of public lectures at Seton Hall University in July and August 2018 on "A Catholic Philosophy of Life." The lectures were attended by members of various Catholic parishes in the area.

Msgr. Liddy is a board member and former president of the New-

man Association of America, an academic organization centered on the person and writings of John Henry Newman. He lectured on "My Fundamental Mentor and Guide: Newman's Influence on Bernard Lonergan" at the 2018 conference of the NAA which took place at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. The organization's administrative offices are located in the Provost's Office at Seton Hall University.

In September, Msgr. Liddy lectured at Università del Sacro Cuore in Piacenza, Italy, on "Coscienza intensificata e l'università", at an annual conference of Italian scholars on the thought of Bernard Lonergan.

Also at the Lonergan Conference in Piacenza, the Italian translation of Msgr. Liddy's 1993 work, *Transforming Light: Intellectual Conversion in the Early Lonergan*, translated as *Conoscenza e azioni dell'intelletto*, was presented.

MSGR. LIDDY CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY, HONORED BY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, MARCH 12, 2018.



Read his tribute publication:

"Msgr. Richard Liddy—
Seton Hall University and
the Catholic Intellectual
Tradition— A Special Tribute"

Publication quick link:
<http://bit.ly/CCS-MsgrLiddyTribute>





THE G.K. CHESTERTON INSTITUTE FOR FAITH & CULTURE



The **G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture**, based at Seton Hall University, was founded in 1974 by Father Ian Boyd. The purpose of the Institute is to promote the thought of G. K. Chesterton and his circle and, more broadly, to explore the application of Chestertonian ideas to the contemporary world through social and economic projects, lectures and seminars.

Father Boyd, along with Professor Dermot Quinn, Associate Editor of *The Chesterton Review*, and Gloria Garafulich-Grabois, Director of the Institute and Managing Editor of *The Chesterton Review*, organized and participated in the 2018 program. This note brings a brief report about their work this year, as well as information about programs and projects that are a reality because of the support of Seton Hall University and the friends of our Institute. In 2018 the G. K. Chesterton Institute held various programs in the United States on such topics as: "The Invisible Man: a Dramatic Reading", "St. Thérèse of Lisieux" lecture, "The Chesterton Shaw Debate" a play in Chicago, "The Sign of the Broken Sword: a Dramatic Reading," "An Evening of Poetry with Micheal O'Siadhail." The Institute also continues to co-sponsor, with Campus Ministry, a Spanish Mass for the university community on the first Wednesday of the month.

For the first time, the Chesterton Institute presented the **Chesterton Journalism Award** by recognizing the work of a distinguished journalist in the Chestertonian tradition—a tradition that may be defined as ebulliently democratic, cheerfully contrarian, and morally unafraid. It is also fitting that the first journalist to be so recognized is William McGurn of *The Wall Street Journal* who received his award at a special dinner at Seton Hall University on September 13, 2018. Over a long and brilliant career, which has seen him write for

the *New York Post*, the *Washington Post*, the *National Catholic Register* and the *London Spectator*, Mr. McGurn has brought formidable gifts of intelligence and good humor to bear on the great issues of our time. Those gifts also served him well as chief speechwriter to President George W. Bush between 2005 and 2008 and they continue to be on display in his frequent television appearances as a commentator and political analyst.

The Chesterton Review, founded in 1974, has been widely praised both for its scholarship and for the quality of its writing. Edited by Father Ian Boyd, it includes a wide range of articles, not only on Chesterton himself, but also on the work of other writers. It has devoted special issues to C. S. Lewis, George Bernanos, Hilaire Belloc, Maurice Baring, Christopher Dawson, Cardinal Manning, J. R. R. Tolkien, Fantasy Literature, a Special Polish Issue, an issue on the Easter Uprising of 1916 and the Spring/Summer 2018 Special Agrarian Issue. As the interest in Chesterton continues to grow around the world, so do our publications, which now appear in annual editions in Spanish, Portuguese, French and Italian.

G. K. Chesterton, (1874-1936) was an English writer. His prolific and diverse output included philosophy, poetry, plays, journalism, public lectures and debates, literary and art criticism and fiction. His diverse body of work and his ability to write about serious subjects in a style accessible to the ordinary reader made him one of the most beloved figures twentieth-century literature. His thought and philosophy of life are of particular importance to those who value the sacramental tradition, Catholic social teaching and Christian spirituality. For more information, please visit: www.shu.edu/go/chesterton

On January 15, 2018, Seton Hall University's Gloria Garafulich-Grabois, Director of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture and Managing Editor of *The Chesterton Review* and *The Loneragan Review*, was awarded from the Government of Chile the grade of **Dame** of the **Order of Merit Gabriela Mistral**. This decoration is bestowed on a small group of selected individuals that stand out for their contributions to culture. Mrs. Grabois was honored for her long-standing, active and extensive work in promoting the work of Gabriela Mistral and Chilean culture, as well as for her permanent work on behalf of Chile-US relations to benefit various areas of their cultures and for her outstanding volunteer and philanthropic work that benefit children and seniors in need in the US and Chile, as well as her work in all the disciplines of the arts, including her work at the G. K. Chesterton Institute for Faith & Culture at Seton Hall University.

The **Order of Merit Gabriela Mistral** is a high distinction instituted in 1977 by the Government of Chile, which grants it to national and foreign personalities who have stood out for their contribution to the benefit of education, culture, and enhancement of the teaching function. Since its inception, it has been bestowed to very select individuals for their contribution to education and culture. Among



Gloria Garafulich-Grabois

them, Paul McCartney, Roberto Matta, Isabel Allende, Gabriel García Márquez.

Mrs. Grabois is the President of the Gabriela Mistral Foundation, a volunteer nonprofit organization whose mission is to deliver projects and programs in Chile to children and adults in need that make an impact in their lives. The foundation promotes the humanitarian and literary legacy of Gabriela Mistral—the only Latin American woman to have received the Nobel Prize in Literature (1945). Mrs. Grabois wrote, produced and directed the documentary, *Gabriela Mistral: her Life, her Legacy* which was launched in October 2009 at a special event at *The New York Times*, and she has extensively translated the work of Mistral, and is co-editor of the special bilingual publication, *From Chile to the World: 70 years of Gabriela Mistral's Nobel Prize* (2015), and editor of the foundation's annual journal.

Mrs. Grabois is the founder of the Chapter in Chile of the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA); is a member of the Executive Board of the Croatian Academy of America, which aims to educate its members and the public about Croatian literature and culture, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Latino Film Festival in the Hamptons, NY. Since 1993, she has been a member of the Junior League, a volunteer women's organization.



A YEAR OF ACTIVITIES 2018

This fall, Seton Hall appointed the second visiting professor to the Toth/Lonergan Endowed Professorship in Interdisciplinary Studies to **Father Louis Roy, O.P.** Beginning his appointment in the spring 2019 semester, Father Roy will teach courses in various schools throughout the university and participate in various initiatives of the Center for Catholic Studies.

The Toth/Lonergan Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies was created by the Center for Catholic Studies to honor two great scholars: Bernard Lonergan, S.J. and Deacon William Toth. Father Lonergan (1904-1984) was a renowned scholar whose classic works, *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding* (1957) and *Method in Theology* (1972) link faith and theology with the contemporary sciences and professions by way of a generalized empirical method (GEM). The 25 volumes of his *Collected Works*, published by the University of Toronto Press, include works on theology, the sciences and contemporary economics. Deacon Toth (1940-2008), who taught moral theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary and School of Theology, founded the Institute on Work within the Center for Catholic Studies, which later became the Micah Institute. Deacon Toth sought to link Catholic theology with the professions, especially business and law.

On Tuesday, October 23, the Center for Catholic Studies hosted its Annual Friends Dinner for the Toth/Lonergan Endowed Professorship in Interdisciplinary Studies to welcome Father Louis Roy. Friends and supporters of



Father Louis Roy, O.P.



Msgr. Liddy, Mark Miller, and Fr. Roy

the Toth/Lonergan Endowed Professorship were also joined by the inaugural Toth/Lonergan Professor, Mark Miller, Ph.D.

As the first Toth/Lonergan professor at Seton Hall during the 2017-2018 year, Miller taught courses within the Core Curriculum, Honors Program, Law School, and Seminary. Miller's time on campus enriched the Catholic mission of the university by becoming part of the interpersonal "glue" that holds the university together. Miller continues to be of service to many faculty members and administrators.

Father Louis Roy, O.P., holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge. After teaching for 21 years at the Jesuit University of Boston College, he is now professor of theology at the Dominican University College in Ottawa. He has published books in English, French, Spanish, and Vietnamese. He is interested in intellectual, affective and mystical approaches to God, in religious experience and revelation, in interreligious dialogue, and in the relations between Christianity and cultures.

Mark T. Miller, Ph.D., (University of San Francisco), a leading authority on the life and work of Bernard Lonergan, was the inaugural Toth/Lonergan Professor at Seton Hall in 2017-2018. Professor Miller helped enhance the connections between the University's Catholic mission and academic and professional education through teaching students, participating in faculty development programs, and several special lectures.

GUEST LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS



Team Coady Training in Haiti

On Wednesday, February 7th, 2018, the **Ethics and Economics forum**, co-sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies and the Department of Religion, hosted a panel on **Third Millennium Haitians as Masters of Their Own Destiny**. The panel consisted of

Team Coady, a group from northern New Jersey inter-

ested in the future of Haiti, including Clauvise Saint-Hillaire, Vice-President of Home Health Care Workers SEIU; Yvel Celestin, Film Director; Father Gene Squeo, Professor of Catholic Social Teaching at St. Peter's University, and Father Jack Martin, Founder, President of Haiti Solidarity Network North East (HSNNE). During the last four years, **Team Coady** has guided leadership-building workshops for rural working women and men in Haiti. The ideals guiding the

team are based off strategies spread through Nova Scotia in the early 20th century by Father Moses Coady, who promoted "education through economic cooperation." This methodology was highly praised by Father Bernard Lonergan, S.J.

On Tuesday, March 27th, 2018, Visiting Scholar **Professor Paul Robin**, a biochemist and sociologist of agriculture, presented the lecture, "From Trust to Conscience in Life and in Science" in conjunction with the Department of Physics. In his lecture, Professor Robin discussed life as a long journey between the visible and the invisible. He explored this dialectic through four personal experiences. Professor Robin studied biochemistry and endocrinology at the Paris-Sud University before working as the senior scientist of the French National Institute of Agronomical Research in the Department of Plant Physiology, Agronomy, and Sociology.

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, **Father Timothy Graff** presented a lecture entitled, "A Stranger and You Took Me In: The Local Catholic Community and Immigration." In this lecture, Father Graff

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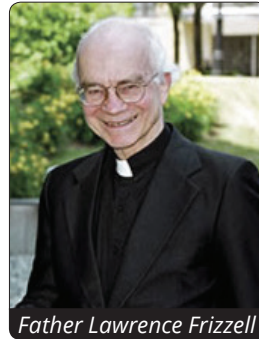
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described the efforts of local Catholic communities to welcome strangers from other lands. He also invited other communities who are doing the same to share their experiences. Father Graff is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark and currently works in the areas of Pastoral Planning, Government Relations, and Social Justice. He served for a number of years as a missionary in Bolivia. He is also an Adjunct Professor in the Theology Department at Caldwell University.

On April 19th, 2018, The Center for Catholic Studies hosted **RENEW International's Symposium on Parish Renewal, honoring Monsignors Thomas Kleissler and Thomas Ivory's** 40th anniversary of friendship with RENEW. The symposium welcomed Keynote Speaker, William Simon Jr., chairman and founder of Parish Catalyst and author of *Great Catholic Parishes*. A panel discussion moderated by Reverend Matthew Malone, S.J., president and editor in chief of *America Media* followed. The panelists included Leida Anslinger, director of *Catholic Life and Faith*, Reverend Bismarck Chau, pastor of St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark, N.J., Chris Lowney, author of *Heroic Leadership, Everyone Leads*, and Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P., president and executive director of *Renew International*. With over 200 attendees, the symposium encouraged vibrant discussion among attendees on parish life and ways to spark renewal.

On May 22, 23, and 24, 2018, Father Lawrence Frizzell facilitated the **2018 Faculty Summer Seminar on Interfaith Relations**, co-sponsored by the Institute for Judaeo-Christian Studies and the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership, with support from the Toth/Lonergan Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies. Participants in this faculty seminar reviewed a key document from the Second Vatican Council, "The Declaration on the Church's



Father Lawrence Frizzell

Relationship to Non-Christian Religions" (*Nostra Aetate*) and its implementation. The seminar focused on the Church's encounter with the Jewish people, and also with adherents of other world religions, especially Islam. Since 1998, the Center for Catholic Studies has provided this opportunity for faculty to reflect in depth on topics central to the Catholic intellectual tradition. Faculty papers from the various seminars over the years can be found at <https://scholarship.shu.edu/catholic-studies/25>

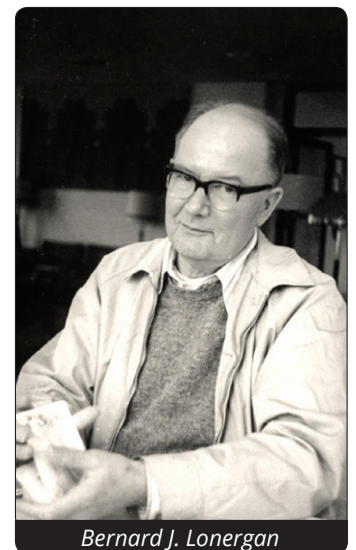
On November 29, 2018, Frank Braio, Ph.D. presented a lecture on Bernard Lonergan's economic theory. Lonergan spent the last part of his life studying the dynamics of the flow of money. In his innovative *Macroeconomic Dynamics: An Essay in Circulation Analysis* (University of Toronto Press, 2017). Lonergan sheds new light on the functioning of static and isolated economies; economies that are accelerating within a "pure cycle;" and the policies needed to ensure mindful trading cycles between distinct economies. Never have these distinctions been more important for understanding our economic lives. Professor Braio will continue the topic in two lectures in Spring 2019.

Frank Braio earned his doctorate in philosophy from Fordham University where he served as assistant editor of the *International Philosophical Quarterly* under his mentor, Vincent J. Potter, S.J. He has published one book, *Lonergan's Retrieval of the Notion of Human Being*, many articles and lectured widely. He has taught philosophy as well as world religions in various universities for 35 years.

NEWS FROM THE BERNARD J. LONERGAN INSTITUTE

Gregory P. Floyd, Ph.D. has been appointed director of the Bernard Lonergan Institute as of November 2018. Professor Floyd joined Seton Hall University in 2016 and is a Teaching Fellow in the CORE curriculum. As director of the Lonergan Institute, he will oversee the operations of the institute's various responsibilities. These include the publication of the *Lonergan Review*, planning signature lectures, cosponsoring related lectures, and interacting with the Micah and Chesterton Institutes, which together constitute the Center for Catholic Studies. Professor Floyd specializes in 19th and 20th-century European philosophy. His scholarship focuses on the history and methodology of phenomenology and hermeneutics, as well as the philosophy of religion.

The Bernard J. Lonergan Institute, under the auspices of the Center for Catholic Studies, is dedicated to the study, promotion, and publication of Lonergan's ideas and their application in contemporary culture. A special focus of the Institute is Bernard Lonergan's Generalized Empirical Method ("GEM") and its application to the ongoing and interdisciplinary work of a modern university. The Institute contains all of Lonergan's published works; copies of his most significant unpublished writings; doctoral dissertations on Lonergan's work; the most significant secondary literature on Lonergan; and Lonergan's "memorabilia," including letters and photos. In addition to ongoing research and scholarship, the Institute facilitates faculty development and sponsors graduate study, faculty and student reading groups, ongoing programs, and the publication of the academic journal, *The Lonergan Review*, as well as other monographs and volumes pertaining to Lonergan's life and thought. For more information about the Bernard J. Lonergan Institute at Seton Hall, please visit www.shu.edu/lonergan.



Bernard J. Lonergan



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

FOURTH ANNUAL PRAXIS PROGRAM SUMMER WORKSHOP ABROAD

From June 2-9, 2018, the 4th Annual Praxis Program of the Advanced Seminar on Mission's Summer Workshop took place at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, co-sponsored by the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership and the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall. The workshop encouraged the faculty participants' discussion of a Catholic philosophy of education, providing historical background and opportunity to discuss action and direction for the 21st century. Speakers at the workshop included the former Toth/Lonergan Visiting Professor Mark Miller and Father Gerard Whelan from the Gregorian University. Praxis Program participants discussed aspects of a Catholic philosophy of education that have evolved from their understanding of the meaning of the University's mission, gained through the study of Bernard Lonergan's thought as it applies to their disciplines and professions. A special guest at the workshop was Father Michael Garanzini, Secretary for Higher Education, Society of Jesus, and Chair of the Board of the International Association of Jesuit Universities, who spoke about Jesuit educational priorities and initiatives worldwide.



2018 Praxis Workshop Participants with
Father Michael Garanzini (bottom row, center)

PRAXIS PROGRAM RESULTS PRESENTED AT WEST COAST METHOD INSTITUTE

Linda Garofalo and Danute Nourse, coordinators of the Praxis Program of the Advanced Seminar on Mission, presented a paper at the West Coast Method Institute, 33rd Annual Fallon Memorial Symposium at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in April this year, entitled "Mediating Mission in the Cultural Matrix of the University." The paper was a report on applying Bernard Lonergan's thought in faculty development at Seton Hall. The results of the program, now in its fifth year with over 70 faculty

and administrators, indicate that participants have experienced significant interior development that results in the restructuring of courses and teaching methods, developing a deeper spirituality in their personal lives, and a greater commitment to Seton Hall's Catholic mission and understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition. For more information on the Praxis program, please visit: <http://bit.ly/PraxisProgramAdvancedSeminarOnMission>

THE CATHOLIC STUDIES PROGRAM

DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC STUDIES SELECTED FOR FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST AWARD



Ines Angeli Murzaku, Ph.D.

Ines Angeli Murzaku, Ph.D., professor of church history and director of the **Catholic Studies program**, was selected by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for a Fulbright award to Università degli Studi Roma Tre in Rome, Italy.

"I am honored to welcome you into the Fulbright family," wrote Jeffrey L. Bleich, chair of the Fulbright Board, in his letter to Murzaku. He adds, "Your selection for a Fulbright award

is an achievement for which you can be justly proud. We hope that your Fulbright experience is deeply rewarding professionally and personally, and that you will share the knowledge and experience you gain with many others throughout your life." Fulbright Specialist awards are funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The Università degli Studi Roma Tre is a top ranking public university in Italy offering

bachelor's and master's degrees, postgraduate and advanced degrees, and several Ph.D. programs. Professor Murzaku delivered specialized seminars and lectures focusing on the role of religion in contemporary society, and the role of minority religions including Byzantine-Catholics or Greek-Catholics of Southern Italy and their chances for preservation and survival in Italy. Her work benefits students and faculty and fosters bridges of cooperation between Seton Hall University and Università degli Studi Roma Tre.

The Catholic Studies degree program grants a B.A., Minor and Certificate through the College of Arts and Sciences. The Catholic Studies degree is an interdisciplinary, liberal arts, and integrated learning degree with special tracks in social sciences, education, nursing, history, literature, religion, philosophy and theology. Catholic Studies majors and minors come from every school and every major in the university. Scholarship support for students in the Catholic Studies degree program is generously provided by: The Rev. Richard Nardone Endowment; the Father Walter Debold Scholarship Fund; IMO John F. Hunt, Esq., and the Center for Catholic Studies. Contact: ines.murzaku@shu.edu.



THE CATHOLIC STUDIES PROGRAM

INCOMING MEDICAL STUDENT REFLECTS ON CATHOLIC STUDIES EDUCATION

When the new Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University opened its doors in July, Tony Varughese, '17, was one of its new medical students. The biology major and chemistry/Catholic Studies double minor recently spoke with us about how his Catholic Studies education will help him in medical school and beyond. During his time as an undergraduate, Tony Varughese participated in Seton Hall's Global Brigades medical mission trip to Honduras in May 2015.

"The Catholic Studies program enriched my schooling because it complemented my science background by giving me a broad liberal arts education. During my medical school interviews, my Catholic Studies education was brought up since it was unique and distinctive in comparison to other medical school applicants.

My most remarkable experience with the Catholic Studies program was my spring break study abroad course, Italy in the Footsteps of the Saints: Rome & Sicily. Taught by Professor Ines Murzaku, this course explored the art, architecture, prominent historical figures, and culture of Rome and Sicily. My highlight of the trip was seeing the breathtaking Biblical depictions by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel blended with subtle expressions of his anatomical genius.



Tony Varughese in Honduras May 2015

I am grateful for my Catholic Studies education, and I look forward to applying the principles and foundations I learned when I treat patients. The Catholic Studies faculty have given me the tools to face the moral and ethical dilemmas of tomorrow."

ALUMNUS REV. STEPHEN 'CHASE' PEPPER AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP



Rev. Stephen "Chase" Pepper

Seton Hall University alumnus Rev. Stephen "Chase" Pepper, '07 C.S.C., has been awarded the Gates Cambridge Scholarship to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree at the University of Cambridge in England. Scholarships from Gates Cambridge are awarded to outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK and Father Pepper is one of 35 winners of the award from across the United States, representing 39 universities and 19 States. Established by a \$210 million gift from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Gates Cambridge Scholarship recognizes

students from outside the United Kingdom who demonstrate outstanding intellectual ability, show leadership potential, and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

Seton Hall President Mary J. Meehan said, "As I look at the Gates Cambridge criteria for selection, what I see is a call for Servant Leaders of great intellect. It does not surprise me that they found what they were looking for among the alumni of Seton Hall. Father Pepper is a paradigm of our University and we are honored at his recognition in this prestigious award."

Father Pepper, who graduated from Seton Hall University in 2007

with a degree in political science and Catholic Studies, received his Master of Divinity from Notre Dame in 2014. He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2009 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2015. He spent the past three years in the departments of Campus Ministry, Residence Life and Theology at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and plans to pursue a doctorate in theology and religious studies at Cambridge.

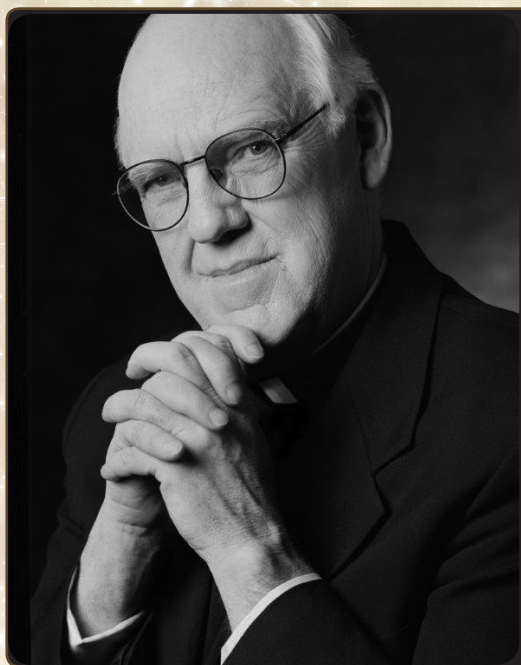
Father Pepper's research at Cambridge will focus on "the intersection of systematic theology and Dante studies," a pursuit that stems from his ministry's outreach. Father Pepper explains, "A question overtook me during a drive through the Pennsylvania Wilds in 2015. How might people in life situations of 'exile' have access to theology and literature itself conceived out of exile? Thus, a passion for Dante that had begun during my first year of seminary at the University of Notre Dame developed into a weekly Dante study group at my local prison in northeast PA, and through my exposure to the lives and hopes of these inmates over the course of two years, I began to see how Dante could be used to explore the fundamental structures of and possibilities for human unity, even in the midst of fragmentation and isolation."

Rector and Dean of Seton Hall's Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Monsignor Joseph Reilly, recalls when Father Pepper was an undergraduate student at Seton Hall. "I am delighted that he discerned a call the priesthood and has been able to put his many gifts at the service of the Church. In using the work of this early Renaissance master to re-connect the least among us to a redemptive path home, Father Pepper witnesses the power of a loving faith in service of others. At Seton Hall, we are honored to call him one of our own."

LONERGAN INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW VOLUME OF *THE LONERGAN REVIEW*

The **Bernard J. Lonergan Institute** announces the publication of volume IX of its journal, *The Lonergan Review* on the topic of "Developing Positions." This issue includes special tributes to Msgr. Richard Liddy, an Introduction by Gregory Floyd, articles by Frederick Lawrence, Lucas Briola, Jeffrey Allen, Matthew Peters, Joseph Gordon, Richard Liddy, Michael Ambrosio, Dermot Quinn; and book reviews by Patrick Manning, Gregory Floyd, Santiago Ramos and Stephen Ferguson. The issue is available in print and online now. An online access subscription provides full-text access to all issues— from volume I to the present.

Published annually since 2009, *The Lonergan Review* publishes significant interdisciplinary articles in the field of Lonergan studies by both seasoned and new scholars. Some of its volumes have been the outcome of international conferences—such as at Università Sacro Cuore (Piacenza, Italy) in 2009, Seton Hall University in 2010 and Oxford in 2013. It is distributed by Philosophy Documentation Center. An "Index of Contents" can be found on the Lonergan Institute website. For more information about *The Lonergan Review* and to subscribe please visit www.pdcnet.org/lonerganreview/The-Lonergan-Review or phone (973) 275-2431 or e-mail catholicstudies@shu.edu



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OVER THE PAST 20+ YEARS, COUNTLESS STUDENTS, FACULTY & THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE HAVE BENEFITTED from your friendship and support which have helped us to grow and sustain our mission of linking the Catholic intellectual tradition to all disciplines at the university. The sustainability of the Center for Catholic Studies, in tribute to Msgr. Richard Liddy's leadership, is evident in the thriving Catholic Studies academic program and the Toth/Lonergan Endowed Professorship in Interdisciplinary Studies, as well as in the ongoing work of the Center's institutes and its publications. Your ongoing support is vital and deeply appreciated.

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