

## Sister Rose Thering Fund

for Education in Jewish – Christian Studies

Fostering understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education



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### Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Sister Rose—

I write this letter as we move close to the Jewish New Year, a time for reflection and renewal, and also for celebration.

We celebrate the wonderful events made possible by the young people who watched *Sister Rose's Passion* and received awards for their outstanding reflections on the film; by Mark Oppenheimer who gave last year's Dr. Marcia Robbins Wilf Lecture, as well as his book *Squirrel Hill: the Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting*; by Oren Jacoby, to whom the Fund bestowed its Lifetime Achievement Award for his brilliant work on *Sister Rose's Passion*.

We celebrate our Board members: friends of Sister Rose, former students and scholarship recipients, Jewish and Christian. From all walks of life they share a passion for passing on a better, more generous, just and loving world to posterity.

And, of course, we celebrate the new teachers coming into the Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program and thus bringing to fruition Sister Rose's vision. Watching the Ken Burns documentary *The U.S. and the Holocaust* has affirmed for me the importance of this vision: Jewish and Christian teachers coming together to learn deeply about one another's faiths, histories, practices, and beliefs. Only such an endeavor will have the capacity to build the strong bonds required to resist ignorance, malice and demagoguery in challenging times.

We also move to reflection. None of these accomplishments happen without the extraordinary generosity and devotion of our supporters. This generosity tells me that Sister Rose's vision continues to inspire, and in doing so, renews our spirits!

This year we, too, share in renewal. Ellen Hayes, a teacher in the Millburn school system, now takes the reins from Melinda Hanlon as Chair of our Board. Melinda has been an outstanding leader since 2018, and we are confident that Ellen will be, as well.

Likewise, renewal is upon us in the form of a new faculty member for our Jewish-Christian Studies Program. Dr. Rachel Slutsky comes to Seton Hall from Harvard University, and is an outstanding addition to an already renowned faculty. Dr. Slutsky will present this year's Dr. Marcia Wilf Robbins Lecture on November 13, and I encourage all to attend. You will not be disappointed!

We are also excited to have Ms. Yolanda Sheffield Williams beginning her second year as Program Manager of the Fund. Yolanda has thrown herself into this critical position with great wisdom and a contagious energy. We are fortunate to have her on board!

There is more to be said, of course, and more people to thank. Indeed, the final words must always be "thank you." Without your generosity, none of this would be possible. We truly hope you will be able to continue to share your enthusiasm for our Fund's mission and join us at our events in the coming months.

Anthony C. Sciglitano, Jr.

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I am at your service,

Executive Director, Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies

## Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Sister Rose Thering Fund,

The legacy of the Sister Rose Thering Fund rests on inspiration from the work of Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., and her tireless dedication to eradicate ignorance and prejudice between faiths, as she demonstrated the concepts of *Nostra Aetate* in her words and actions. Though the granting of scholarships to teachers, the Sister Rose Thering Fund empowers teachers with knowledge to combat hatred and bigotry, and to lead future generations to practice acceptance, empathy, and kindness.

On behalf of the Fund, I thank our generous benefactors, and extend an invitation to others, with the same goals, to join us in our effort to make the future better for all people through membership on our Board, Advisory Council, volunteer work, attendance at our events, and with donations to our scholarship fund. Please contact our office at 973-761-9006 for information.

Sincerely,

Ellen D. Hayes Ellen D. Hayes, Chair

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#### Ellen D. Hayes, Chair

BA - University of South Florida, English Education; MA- University of South Florida, Guidance and Counseling; Sister Rose Thering Fund - Teacher/Scholar in MA program; Additional graduate courses - University of Virginia: special education, math, architecture, Harvard: technical writing, Spanish, Virginia Tech.: South Asian studies, Montclair State: special education, Seton Hall: education

administration courses

Mrs. Hayes has worked in education since 1968, as a teacher, guidance counselor, program director, caseworker, and casework supervisor. She is currently a teacher of British Literature at Millburn High School, Millburn, NJ, and is completing her twenty-seventh year at MHS in 2023.

Her work on the SRTF board has included working on the Scholarship Committee, and the Student Essay Committee. She looks forward toward the coming year, and the continued expansion of the board's activites.



#### Wayne Hanlon, Secretary

Wayne Hanlon joined the board of the Sister Rose Thering Fund ten years ago. The son of WWII US Army liberator, Wayne became interested in the work of the board after meeting a former SRTF trustee, the late Mary Vasquez, at a Holocaust program. Wayne received his BS in Marketing from St. Peter's College and earned an MBA in Executive Management from St. John's University.

After a successful career in marketing and management, Wayne established his own construction company, Golden Rule Builders. Wayne serves his parish St. Mary's Stony Hill in Watchung and is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and Past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. For more than twenty years, Wayne has served as a Boy Scout leader, Eagle Scout advisor and is a committee member for the Boy Scouts of America Patriots Path Council. Wayne serves on the Watchung Borough Board of Adjustment. Wayne and his wife Melinda live in Watchung and are the proud parents of Jon and their new daughter-in-law Amanda.



#### Ann Burgmeyer, Vice President

Ann Burgmeyer formally joined the SRTF Board in 2010. She has been an active member. In 2013 and 2014 she was Cochair of the Evening of Roses with Deborah Lerner Duane. She was Cochair of the Evening of Roses with Marilyn Rosenbaum for five years from 2014-2018. She served on the Executive Board for five years as Secretary from 2014-2018. She organized the Marcia Robbins Wilf Lecture

with Marilyn Rosenbaum for many years as well as several lectures. She has a particular interest in scripture and was introduced to the Board through the efforts of Paul Gibbons. In May 2008 she attended the ceremony to honor Sr. Rose Thering at Yad Vasham Memorial, World Holocaust Rememberence Center, in Jerusalem, Israel.



#### Alan M. Silberstein, Treasurer

Alan Silberstein is president of Allston Associates, a strategic advisory firm specializing in retail financial services, fintech and turnaround management. He also has served on several corporate boards including Global Payments and Green Bancorp.

Alan retired as Chief Executive Officer of Western Union in 2001. Previously, he served in senior executive positions at Travelers Insurance,

Midlantic Bank (now PNC Financial), and Chemical Bank (now JPMorgan Chase), Early in his career, before becoming a banker, Mr. Silberstein worked for the New York City Bureau of the Budget under Mayor John Lindsay, and as a design engineer for the Ford Motor Company.

He serves as Chair of the Forward Association, publisher of the largest Jewish American publication, and is Chair of the Advisory Board of NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief, an Israeli NGO. He is a member and chair emeritus of the Board of Visitors of Columbia University's engineering school, a member of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and treasurer of the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. He also serves on the board of the Frederick O'Reilly Hayes Prize Foundation.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and also of Business Executives for National Security, where he works on intelligence matters. Mr. Silberstein received his Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Columbia University and his MBA from Harvard. He lives in Tenafly, New Jersey, with his wife Carol, an attorney in private practice.

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#### Trustee Susan Feinstein Participates In International Interreligous March

This past May, SRTF Founding Trustee Susan Feinstein traveled cross-country to participate in the 7th Annual Interfaith Solidarity March Los Angeles, sponsored by the Institute for Religious Tolerance, Peace and Justice (IRTPJ). Susan has been on the IRTPJ Board since 2021.

With a large crowd of women, men and children walking the mile-plus route, the March incorporated presentations, music and religious solidarity. Nearly 25 religious organizations and houses of worship endorsed the project, which started at St. Basil Roman Catholic Church and ended at the Islamic Center of Southern California, both in the Mid-Wilshire section of the city. Participants had the opportunity to share stories and experiences that promote inter-religious dialogue and understanding.

"It was a thrilling experience," Susan said. "At the closing ceremony I spoke about Sister Rose and her work, the mission and vision of our Fund and the importance of the scholarships we provide to teachers enrolled in Seton Hall's graduate program in Jewish-Christian Studies."

Newly-elected SRTF trustee Robin Sanders introduced Susan to IRTPJ, and encouraged her to join its board of directors. Susan, in turn, reached out to SRTF Executive Director Emeritus David Bossman, who also now serves on the IRTPJ board.

IRTPJ was founded in 2011 to effect universal religious tolerance through innovative programs, education and broad collaboration. Its mission is to promote religious tolerance, interfaith dialogue and education about religions of the world as a pathway to world peace.

Susan currently chairs the SRTF Community Outreach committee, and serves on the Nominating committee. She is a past Vice Chair of the Fund.



Contact the Sister Rose Thering Fund office at (973)761-9006 or email srtf@shu.edu if you would like us to arrange a movie Road Show program.

#### Meet Yolanda Sheffield Williams, SRTF Program Manager



I want to introduce myself and take this opportunity to express how excited I am to be part of the Sister Rose Thering Fund. Now, having served a full year in this position, I am ready to explore more opportunities for the program to grow and develop.

I come from a fundraising background with over 20 years of experience working in the health and human service areas in the

Tri-State region for nonprofits in which I am passionate about

their mission. In my spare time, I serve on two alumni college boards and, most importantly, I am a soccer mom to a high school senior.

The SRTF program has a very dedicated board who are all willing to pitch in where needed. We have a host of upcoming events scheduled, so I hope to see you there.

Please feel free to contact me at Yolanda.sheffieldwilliams@ shu.edu or (973)761-9006. If you are in the area, stop by the campus and join me for a cup of tea and snacks. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and working together to continue the legacy of Sister Rose Thering.

#### THE SISTER ROSE THERING FUND TEACHER/SCHOLARS

he 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, beguests, 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.

#### **FALL 2020**

Sally Leara Jeanette Pine

Karen Santos

Michelle Scheps

Darlene Claussen

Casey Boyle

#### **FALL 2021**

Darlene Claussen

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Pamela Romanchuk

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Darlene Claussen Sally Leara

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Michelle Scheps

#### **SPRING 2022**

Pamela Romanchuk

**FALL 2022** 

Brian Beyer

Sara Vorhees

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 Hoe" 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

Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter Mr. Colin Gross

#### **IULIA 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

Pascack Hills High School

Mrs. Heather Lutz

## THEME FOR 13th ANNUAL SISTER ROSE THERING **FUND ESSAY COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

## Competition Expanded to Invite 7th and 8th Grade

SRTF Essay Competition co-chairs Heather Mecka and Ruth Ross have announced plans for the Thirteenth Annual Sister Rose Thering Fund Essay Competition. This year, the contest has been expanded to include students in seventh and eighth grades, in addition to the high school students who have participated in the past.

This year's theme, Searching for Answers and Seeking Social Justice, invites students to examine the accomplishments of Sister Rose Thering, along with sharing their own experiences in the pursuit of social justice. After viewing the Academy Award-nominated short documentary Sister Rose's Passion, students are encouraged to think about how Sister Rose's efforts to challenge the inequities in society, then considered acceptable, propelled her to speak out, becoming a voice for equity and inclusion.

Students will write essays, up to 500 words in length, about their thoughts and ideas on how they can address injustices they encounter in their world today. The deadline for entries is February 1, 2023.

First Place and Honorable Mention winners for each grade level, their families and sponsoring teachers will be invited to the Celebration of Education Ceremony at Seton Hall University on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

The Essay Competition provides an exceptional opportunity to provide educational experiences, in keeping with the New Jersey Mandate for Genocide and Holocaust Education.

## Celebration of Education

On April 3rd, SRTF hosted the winners and their families of our annual High School Essay Contest at the Celebration of Education Award Reception. It was a great time for all. Congratulations to the students representing Camden Catholic HS; Bayonne HS; Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School; Pascack Hills HS; Trinity Hall; and Wildwood Catholic Academy.

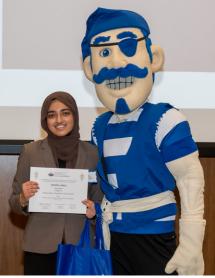




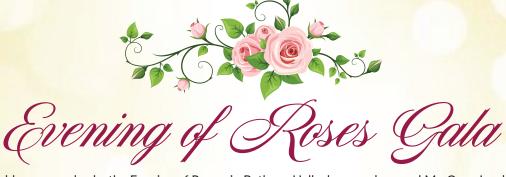












On June 14th we held our annual gala, the Evening of Roses, in Bethany Hall where we honored Mr. Oren Jacoby, Director of the academy award nominated film, Sister Rose's Passion. Mr. Jacoby gave a wonderful keynote address and we were treated to beautiful music from Mary Pinto and Molly Dunn. The entire evening was a wonderful celebration of Sister Rose's legacy.







































## SRTF Trustee Franklin Stebbins Named To New Jersey Commission On Holocaust Education

Sister Rose Thering Fund Trustee Frank Stebbins has been named to the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, it was announced by Commission Executive Director Douglas P. Cervi.

Frank, a member of the SRTF Board since 2019, is the Senior Program Associate for New Jersey Growth and Strategy at Facing History and Ourselves, an organization that helps educators prepare students to participate in civic life, using intellect, empathy, ethics and choice to stand up to bigotry and hate in their own lives, communities and schools.

Before joining Facing History, Frank was a classroom teacher for 17 years for the Clark Public School District, where he inaugurated a full-year Holocaust and Genocides elective that used Facing History resources and pedagogy. He was honored in 2018 with the 2018 Gina Lanceter Power of One Award by the New Jersey Commission, and in 2019



was named Exemplary Rights Educator of the Year by the Human Rights Institute at Kean University. In 2019, the Union County Human Relations Commission recognized Frank with its Unity Award for Achievement by an Educator as well as the New Jersey Department of Education named him an Exemplary Educator. Frank is also an alumni of Seton Hall University completing his undergraduate studies and the Jewish-Christian Certificate program here.

The Commission promotes Holocaust education throughout the state by surveying, designing, encouraging and promoting Holocaust and genocide education and awareness. Sister Rose Thering and SRTF chair *emerita* Luna Kaufman worked closely with then-New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean in developing the Commission's mission.

As a SRTF trustee, Frank serves on the outreach committee.

# Luna Kaufmann *honored by the* Patriots Path Council Boy Scouts of America



On September 28, 2022, SRTF Chair Emerita Luna Kaufmann, was honored by the Patriots Path Council Boy Scouts of America at their annual Watchung Hills Good Scout Awards Dinner. This annual event, co-chaired by SRTF Trustee Wayne K. Hanlon, honors individuals whose life work and community service embody the Scout Law and ideals. Luna's lifetime exemplary commitment to fighting prejudice and building compassion made her an obvious nominee for the award. At the dinner, the award was presented by her dear friend and fellow SRTF Trustee Susan Feinstein. The entire SRTF Board of Trustees congratulate Luna and wish her many blessings.

# Dr. Sciglitano *presents*Sister Rose Thering Fund to Caldwell Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of Caldwell invited Dr. Sciglitano to present at their monthly meeting at Cloverleaf Tavern in Caldwell. We are grateful for the invitation, hospitality, and generous attention of the members all of whom are dedicated to helping others. Dr. Sciglitano sent the club members Sister Rose's Passion prior to the meeting and several people noted how moved they were by the film; one person said he had already watched it twice and found it truly inspirational. Dr. Sciglitano presented on the Sister Rose Thering Fund, its founder, mission, and vision and provided opportunities to fund scholarships and to participate in SRTF activities. Six new people from Kiwanis are now on our mailing list. We hope to forge an ongoing relationship with these wonderful people.



## DR. MARCIA ROBBINS WILF LECTURE

## WHY BOTHER WITH INTERFAITH DIALOGUE?

A JEWISH WOMAN'S ONGOING JOURNEY THROUGH MOSQUES, MONASTERIES, AND BUDDHIST TEMPLES.

#### Sunday, November 13, 2022 @ 1pm

Seton Hall University, Arts & Science Building, Room 107

#### GUEST SPEAKER RACHEL SLUTSKY, PH.D.

Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Jewish-Christian Relations in Antiquity PhD, Harvard University, 2022, MA, University of Chicago, 2016, BA, Yeshiva University, 2014

Dr. Rachel Slutsky is the Monsignor John
Oesterreicher Visiting Assistant Professor of
Jewish Studies and Jewish-Christian Relations
in Antiquity at Seton Hall University, where
she teaches courses on ancient Jewish
literature, identity, and the relationship
between Jews of the Second Temple period
with the early Jesus movement. Rachel
recently completed her doctorate in the
Committee on the Study of Religion at

Harvard University, where she held the Isadore Twersky Fellowship 2021-2022. Her writing explores the ways in which ancient and modern discourses employ Jewish law to cultivate communal self-understanding in juxtaposition to other Jews and the non-Jewish world more broadly. She is currently working on her first monograph, tentatively titled The Gentile Enigma: Divine Law and Identity in Early Judaism, based on her dissertation.

Rachel has taught and spoken throughout North America and internationally. Much of her work is located in interfaith dialogue and text study. She spent two summers,



first as participant and then advisor, for the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme through the University of Cambridge, UK. Since then, she has participated in interfaith conferences throughout the US, Germany, Sweden, and Austria. Outside of interfaith work, Rachel is currently an academic fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, and she is also an incoming faculty member for the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America's inaugural

Teen Fellowship 2022-23. Rachel has held numerous fellowships, including a Summer Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania's Katz Center, a FLAS Fellowship in Yiddish at the University of Chicago, a Pedagogy Fellowship from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, and numerous Center for Jewish Studies Fellowships from Harvard University. Prior to coming to Harvard, Rachel received her MA in Biblical Studies from the University of Chicago and her BA with honors in Jewish Studies and English literature from Stern College, Yeshiva University. She lives in Linden, NJ, with her husband and daughter.

www.shu.edu/robbinswilf
For more information, please call the SRTF office at 973-761-9006



## Sister Rose Thering Legacy Day

Please join

the Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies at a private reception

as Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish

Interreligious peacebuilder, writer, lecturer and educator

presents his new book

Profiles in Peace: Voices of Peacebuilders in the Midst of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Light refreshments to follow

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7pm — 9pm Arts & Sciences Hall, Room 109, Seton Hall University 400 South Orange Avenue South Orange New Yersey 07079

RSVP by November 28 • www.shu.edu/Legacyday

Rabbi Dr. Ron Kronish is an independent scholar, writer, blogger, lecturer, teacher and mentor. For the past several years, he has been a Library Fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. From 1991-2015, he served as the Founder and Director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI), which was Israel's premier interreligious institution during those years.

He was educated at Brandeis University (BA),
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, and the
Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is the editor of
Coexistence and Reconciliation in Israel: Voices for Interreligious
Dialogue (Paulist Press, 2015) and the author of The Other
Peace Process: Interreligious Dialogue, A View from Jerusalem,
(Hamilton Books 2017).

He currently teaches courses about *Interreligious Dialogue* and *Peacebuilding* at the Schechter Institutes for Jewish



Studies in Jerusalem, in the Department for Adult Education and for the Drew University Theological School (via zoom) in Madison, NJ.

He writes a regular blog for The Times of Israel https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/author/ron-kronish/ and is a contributor to The Jerusalem Report. In addition, has just completed writing a new book on peacebuilders in Israel and Palestine entitled *Profiles in Peace* https://www.amazon.com/Profiles-Peace-Peacebuilders-

Israeli-Palestinian-Conflict-ebook/dp/B0B94S8DHN

He has lived in Jerusalem, Israel, for the past 43 years with his wife Amy. They are the proud parents of three married daughters, and 6 wonderful grandchildren.

More information about Rabbi Kronish can be found on his website: https://www.ronkronish.com/



## Finding Intellectual *and* Emotional Growth

Donna Burkat, M.A. '06



Donna Burkat was an early childhood educator in the Hillside School District when she began the master's program in Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall in September 2000. It was one month after her father died, and being around clergy was a comfort to her as a spiritually oriented Jewish woman.

She chose Sister Rose Thering's program because many of her colleagues were enrolled and raved

about what they were learning. The availability of scholarship support also made it affordable. To Donna, the program was eye-opening and inspiring. In addition to fellow educators, she attended classes with religious leaders from overseas who were trying to help their countries unite and heal, as well as with individuals working in law offices who were looking for better ways to reach clients.

Donna recalled, "The creme de la creme was meeting Sister Rose. I am so lucky to have known her and to have had a relationship with her. Her drive, her sense of righteousness, and her humor was magnetic. She seemed like a Jewish grandmother to me with her cross and Jewish star necklace welded into one."

After six years of part-time studies, working as a full-time educator and raising a family, Donna earned her master's. She was so grateful for the incalculable knowledge instilled by her professors and mentors — Father Frizzell, Father Bossman, Father Morley, Rabbi Finkel and Rabbi Brill.

Donna was very creative in bringing the lessons she learned to her grade school students. "I learned about great children's literature that was perfect to teach young children about not stereotyping, not judging others, being kind and compassionate toward those different from us, and showing love toward others," she said. "After all, isn't that what Sister Rose was trying to do on a much larger scale?"

Retired in 2020, Donna was so enlightened by her experience with her professors and how they approached humanity that she informed the University she had included the program in her estate plans. "I am deeply honored and proud to be a graduate and wanted to give something back for all the Jewish-Christian Studies Program gave to me. That is why I have chosen to leave some money in my will for the Sister Rose Thering Fund," Donna explained.

#### At a Glance: Bequests

- Charitable bequests are made by naming Seton Hall as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. This type of gift does not affect your cash flow.
- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime. You can modify your gift at any time should circumstances change.
- You can direct your gift to the area of Seton Hall's mission that is most meaningful to you.
- We can provide you with model bequest language and will work with you on the details.

## Why Donate?

You may ask...

## Why should I make a gift to the Sister Rose Thering Fund?

We reply...

- Your gift will have a direct impact of our adult students. It will make attending the Graduate Program of Jewish- Christian Studies at Seton Hall University possible for them.
- Your gift will show support to those vital influencers of our generations – the teachers of our youth.
- Through the knowledge and insights these educators will learn, they in turn will be able to "pass it forward" to their students, influencing many more fold with in depth understanding of the linkages between the faiths.
- A gift can speak directly to your interests, hopes and passions – like removing fear of those who hold different beliefs, celebrating diversity within the community, seeking a more ethical government, and many other areas.
- Graduates of this program express that the lessons learned provide intellectual and moral clarity to their own lives and to their teachings. They are prepared to make a positive difference in the world.
- Funders often make decisions about their support based on their experiences as a youth and who motivated them to succeed. Frequently that was a teacher or mentor. Reward that memory with a gift to a teacher of today who can in turn inspire a youth of tomorrow.
- This program strives to offer intellectual rigor, a thorough understanding of Judeo-Christian ethics and an abiding concern for the well-being of all, regardless of religious affiliation.
- Your gift helps bring these ideas and ideals into the world not only for our graduates, but for the people they interact with.

Ultimately, you should give because the educators of our children and grandchildren need our support to combat prejudice, ignorance, and hate with understanding, compassion, and knowledge, especially in these troubling times.



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## Save the Dates

#### DR. MARCIA ROBBINS WILF LECTURE

Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 1:00pm

#### **LEGACY DAY**

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00pm

#### **CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION**

Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 2:00pm

#### **EVENING OF ROSES**

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:00pm



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