

ADVANCED SEMINAR ON MISSION
WISDOM AND THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

FALL 2026

THURSDAYS 2:00 – 4:00 PM

FACILITATORS: JONATHAN R. HEAPS
MSGR. RICHARD M. LIDDY

AIM: TO HIGHLIGHT THE MISSION OF SETON HALL UNIVERSITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION & CONTEMPORARY CULTURE

LEARNING GOALS:

- HOW DO I/WE RELATE TO A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY?
- WHERE DO BELIEF AND TRADITION FIT IN A CONTEMPORARY UNIVERSITY?
- WHERE/HOW DOES GOD RELATE TO THE MISSION OF A UNIVERSITY?
- HOW CAN/SHOULD THE CATHOLIC TRADITION INTERACT WITH THE MISSION OF A CONTEMPORARY UNIVERSITY?

SEPTEMBER 24: INTRODUCTIONS—ENCOUNTERING THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

[TOPICS: COMMUNITY, COOPERATION, AND MEANING]

- JONATHAN HEAPS, “COMMUNITY,” SOCIETY,” & “CULTURE”

OCTOBER 1: BELIEF AND TRADITION

[TOPICS: INTELLECTUAL COOPERATION & COLLABORATION]

- JONATHAN HEAPS, “BELIEF” & “THE UNIVERSITY”

OCTOBER 15: THE DYNAMISM OF THE QUESTION AND THE QUESTION OF GOD

[TOPICS: INTELLECTUAL REALISM, MORAL REALISM, RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE]

- RICHARD LIDDY, “THE QUESTION OF GOD”

OCTOBER 29: CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION

[TOPICS: SYMBOLS, HISTORY, THEORY, INTERIORITY]

- RICHARD LIDDY, “THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION”
- SETON HALL UNIVERSITY STATEMENT ON THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION
 - [HTTPS://WWW.SHU.EDU/CATHOLIC-INTELLECTUAL-TRADITION/ABOUT.HTML](https://www.shu.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition/about.html)

NOVEMBER 12: WISDOM AND THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

[TOPICS: APPLYING THE CATHOLIC TRADITION TO THE DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS]

- RICHARD LIDDY, “WISDOM AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE DISCIPLINES”

NOVEMBER 19: MAKE-UP – IF NEEDED