



CENTER FOR
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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

IMPACT REPORT

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Living, Sharing, Deepening
Catholic Identity
at Seton Hall

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patrick Manning, Ph.D.



Dear friends,

As a new Director, I had modest ambitions for my first year at the Center for Catholic Studies – learn the ropes, build relationships, maintain the high-quality programming people have come to expect of the Center. Looking back now, it seems the good Lord had bigger plans for us. We had enough sense to follow the kindly light as it illuminated the path before us, and it is quite astounding to see where it led us this year.

This year the Center, in partnership with our friends in Campus Ministry, hosted seven Agape Latte nights at which Seton Hall students were prompted to think more deeply about faith and life by hearing the faith stories of respected adult figures on campus. The fact that two of these presenters included two Seton Hall presidents (one outgoing and the other interim), demonstrates the strong institutional support we receive for this work of student formation.

In November the Center partnered for a second time with Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life to provide local Catholic school teachers with professional development on the topic of faith and science. Another collaboration with RENEW International produced a summit on faith and work that included thought-provoking presentations by author and former Managing Director for JP Morgan, Chris Lowney, and the former President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, Dr. Carolyn Woo. We were able to offer these events thanks to a generous grant from the Porticus Foundation. The same grant has also assisted our Center in taking a leading role in uniting Catholic Studies centers and programs around the country in a new national Catholic Studies Consortium, to name just one other initiative.



Even as we expand our programming and reach out to new partners and audiences, we remain committed to our core work of forming Seton Hall's faculty. More than in formal statements or institutional policies, the Catholic mission lives in the faculty. Cognizant of this fact, we offer our faculty opportunities to deepen their understanding of and commitment to the Catholic mission, including a variety of lectures, lunch discussions on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, and our annual summer seminar (now in its 26th year). This year's faculty retreat (the second annual) highlighted Elizabeth Ann Seton as a model and guide for our work at the University, paving the way for more learning in the coming year, which marks the 250th anniversary of Seton's birth.

As you can see, your support for the Center is yielding tangible results. Students are connecting with role models and growing in their faith. Faculty are deepening their understanding of the Catholic tradition and applying it in their scholarly and professional endeavors. And at a time when the Catholic faith appears to be receding, our Center is emerging as a national leader in the renewal of Catholic education. Still, there is much more to be done. We thank you for your generous support and ask you to stand by us as we hazard forward in our work of living, sharing, and deepening Catholic identity at Seton Hall and beyond.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Manning".

Patrick Manning, Ph.D.





VISION AND MISSION

WHO WE ARE

The Center for Catholic Studies exists to support the Catholic mission of Seton Hall in creative ways, endeavoring to be an incubator for innovative initiatives in promoting Catholic identity across the university.

WHAT WE DO

- Develop opportunities for the integration of and participation in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition at Seton Hall.
- Place the intellectual resources of the university at the service of our local Church

MISSION METRICS

While numbers don't tell the entire story, they help to illustrate our impact. Over the past academic year, we have increased the size and scope of programs rooted in our vision and the Catholic mission of the university, with a particular emphasis on serving the needs of our local Church.

DIGITAL OUTREACH

The number of people our content has reached via our website and social media platforms

4,000+

VIEWS & DOWNLOADS

FUNDRAISING

The amount we've raised this past academic year in support of students and programming

\$192,412

36 DONORS

SCHOLARSHIPS

For students enrolled in Catholic Studies courses and study abroad experiences.

\$3,000

AWARDED 2023-2024

PROGRAMS

As one of the most active centers on campus, we've hosted and co-sponsored over 30 events with an average of 20 attendees per event

30+ EVENTS

600+ ATTENDEES

GOING BEYOND CAMPUS

Over the past couple of years, the Center has taken great strides in forging relationships with our local Church and institutions of Catholic higher education across the country. In an effort to renew and reinvigorate Catholic education at all levels, we are blessed to be part of two great initiatives.

The Catholic Studies Consortium

We are thrilled to be named as one of the founders of the Catholic Studies Consortium, a network of institutions, centers, individuals, and programs seeking to renew Catholic higher education through the integration of and participation in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. This September, we will host the group's national symposium at Seton Hall University.

Formation for Catholic School Educators

As an Archdiocesan University, Seton Hall has a duty to serve the needs of the local Church. Catholic schools are at the heart of forming minds and hearts ready to participate in the mission of the Gospel in charitable response to the needs of the world around us. In an effort to make the intellectual resources of the university available to the local Church and assist them in their invaluable ministry as educators, we provide annual professional development opportunities for Catholic school teachers. Our programs have served over 150 teachers in the past two years alone.



HELP US MAKE AN IMPACT

There are several ways you can partner with us in our mission and make a lasting impact on living, sharing, and deepening Catholic Identity at Seton Hall.

LONG TERM IMPACT

CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES ENDOWMENT

A gift to the Center Endowment ensures our programs and operations can continue at Seton Hall in perpetuity, allowing us to offer opportunities dedicated to Catholic mission that serve students, form faculty, and cultivate community.

TOTH-LONERGAN ENDOWMENT

The Toth Lonergan Endowment supports Seton Hall's commitment to a robust Catholic Identity. The Endowment enables the Center to bring a Catholic professor to campus each year to engage with faculty, students, and staff in Catholic mission and Identity.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT

CENTER PROGRAM FUND

Assists in hosting current events like Agape Latte, our faculty seminars, retreats and collaborations with the local Church.

INSTITUTE FUNDS

Lonergan Institute Fund - Supports the publication of *The Lonergan Review* and allows for lecture series and faculty reading groups.

Chesterton Institute Fund - Supports the publication of *The Chesterton Review* and annual programming integrating Chestertonian ideas and culture.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fr. Richard Nardone Endowment directly supports Catholic Studies students and the Fr. Walter Debold Fund assists those studying abroad in a Catholic Studies course. Funds go directly to student aid.



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THANK YOU

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