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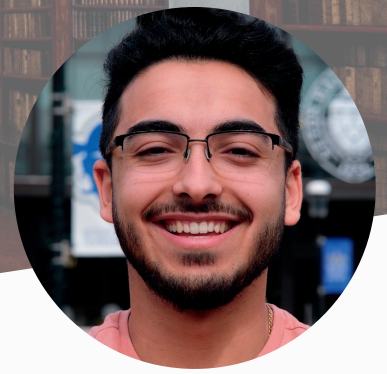
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THE CATHOLIC STUDIES IMPACT



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: RICKY GOMES

Why did you choose Catholic Studies?

I was a Biology major and I took a Catholic Studies course, "Spirituality of Work." During that time, I was trying to figure out what to do with my life...I planned on being a doctor. I wondered how I could tie in medicine with my faith because, at that point, my Catholic faith was pretty strong. I wanted to maintain both the scientific and spiritual aspects of my life.

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I realized I had a liking for science but my heart was with the Catholic faith. After meeting a FOCUS missionary on campus I began to ask questions, started going to Bible studies, and attending retreats. I wanted to be able to tackle that Catholic side but from an academic standpoint. Then I heard about minoring and majoring in Catholic Studies from Dr. Ines Murzaku and decided to just go with it and see what the Lord wanted. So, I added Catholic Studies as a second major.

What would you say to someone considering Catholic Studies?

I would say go for it...Catholic Studies as a second major is very manageable. It allows you to think of this world or your life's purpose holistically. I had meaning in my life but I felt like there was something more, something missing...I feel like Catholic Studies has been able to close that gap.

What has been the biggest benefit of Catholic Studies?

Before Catholic Studies I only had part of me and the picture of life. I had a scientific perspective and, while I was engaged in extra curricular faith forming activities, I wasn't studying the literature behind it. Catholic Studies was able to provide me a means of integrating both science and religion in the context of my studies instead of just extracurricular activities. It also helped me realize a love for Jesus in which I felt a call to go on mission with FOCUS after college next year.

If someone asked you, "What is Catholic Studies?" How would you define it?

For me, Catholic Studies is a way of combining different disciplines through the lens of the Catholic Church. It's able to pick out strengths and weaknesses of other disciplines, whether it's the sciences or mathematics or any other discipline, and is able to see the parallels between them or how they complement each other.

HIGHLIGHTS

SERVING STUDENTS



In its inaugural year, our student faculty coffeehouse "Agape Latte" saw an average of 50 students per month.



5 scholarships were awarded to students enrolled in a Catholic Studies study abroad course

25th Faculty Summer Seminar with Dr. Lawrence Principe of Johns Hopkins University on the history and insights born of the Science and Faith Relationship.

Our co-sponsored **Praxis Program** with the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership celebrated its 10th anniversary this year and reimplemented an abroad summer program in France at the *Academie Cor Jesu*.

FORMING FACULTY



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY



Our co-sponsored **Humanities Colloquium** featured Dr. Roosevelt Montas of Columbia University with 60 faculty from all nine colleges in attendance.

In June 2023 will launch a new **Faculty Retreat**, rooted in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition

Formed **Catholic Alumni Community** and hosted an inaugural Catholic Alumni night.

WORKING TOGETHER

"THE CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION MARKS A UNIVERSITY WITH A DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY. IT AFFIRMS & NURTURES A HUMAN DESIRE TO SEEK WHAT IS TRUE, LOVE WHAT IS GOOD, AND DELIGHT IN WHAT IS BEAUTIFUL."

In a true collaborative effort across the university, the Center for Catholic Studies and the Committee on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition composed an introduction to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition at Seton Hall that expresses what the University strives to believe, teach, and live.

This guiding statement will serve as a foundation for renewed efforts to live, share, and deepen Catholic Identity at Seton Hall.

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WIDE EVENTS
FOR STUDENTS
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WEBPAGE FOR
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EVENTS

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& WORKSHOPS
FOR FACULTY
AND STAFF

MAKING THE RICHES OF THE UNIVERSITY AVAILABLE TO OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

MCGRATH INSTITUTE AT NOTRE DAME

We launched a professional development day for NJ Catholic School Science and Religion Teachers, which welcomed **90+ Teachers & Administrators**

CATHOLIC STUDIES CONSORTIUM

We are helping develop the first network of Catholic Studies Centers and Programs in the United States

PRAXIS ONLINE PLATFORM

With generous support from the Porticus foundation, we are designing and creating content for a Praxis virtual platform linking Catholic faculty formation programs across the country.

RENEW INTERNATIONAL

Partnering with local faith-based organizations to launch an annual Faith & Work Summit



MISSION METRICS

Academic Year 2022-2023



DIGITAL OUTREACH

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

2,000+

VIEWS & DOWNLOADS

FUNDRAISING

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

\$69,588

49 DONORS

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

\$4,500

4 STUDENTS

PROGRAMS

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

30+ EVENTS

600+ PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

THANK YOU FOR MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!

FACULTY FACES



Fr. Brian Cronin
2022



Dr. Francesca Zaccaron
2023

Toth Lonergan Endowed Chair

We were blessed to have Fr. Brian Cronin, C.S.Sp. as our visiting Toth Lonergan Chair in the fall of 2022. Fr. Brian served as our 4th Toth Lonergan Chair and kindly shared his expertise with us. He taught a course on the Theology and Philosophy of Bernard Lonergan, guest lectured in the Law School on law and morality, facilitated discussions in the Praxis program, and offered a public lecture, "Journey into Interiority," in our beautiful Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. We celebrated with him the publication of his fourth book, *A Worldview of Everything: A Contemporary First Philosophy* (Wipf and Stock, 2022). We thank Fr. Brian for postponing his retirement just a "wee" bit longer to share his wisdom and insight with us!

We are happy to announce our **5th Toth Lonergan visiting Chair** will be **Dr. Francesca Zaccaron**. Dr. Zaccaron holds a PhD in Philosophy from LUMSA University in Italy. She is no stranger to Seton Hall and the Praxis Program, having assisted in the 2017 Summer Program in Trieste, Italy. Prior to this, Dr. Zaccaron served as a Lonergan Fellow at Boston College's Lonergan Institute.


Gregory Floyd, PhD., Director, Center for Catholic Studies

One of the most significant factors for the impact of any institution is its leadership. Our important work relies on remarkable individuals. Since Msgr. Richard Liddy's retirement in 2020 Dr. Gregory Floyd has graciously served as the Center's Director. In that role, he has spent countless hours balancing not only his teaching load, writing, research, and fellowships, but also the many administrative responsibilities entrusted to him. He has had a tremendous impact on the Center during this time. He secured a large grant from the Porticus Foundation to enhance and expand programs, implemented strategic practices to ensure sustainability in the years ahead, developed new initiatives, and fostered relationships with many offices and individuals across campus - all to live, share, and deepen Catholic Identity at Seton Hall.

It is bittersweet to announce that Greg will be assuming a new role as a professor in the Department of Philosophy at Boston College, where he will continue to teach, research, and share the thought of Bernard Lonergan. We wish him well and thank him for his dedication to Seton Hall, its people, and its mission.

"Greg will not be replaced or replicated at SHU...he is the essence of the modern Christian Catholic man, a fine scholar, a hail fellow well met...in all senses a contributor to the good." -Danute Nourse, SHU Praxis Program

"We are grateful for your friendship, constant generosity, many gifts, and excellent service to the University and to the Praxis Program, in particular." Linda Garofalo, Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership


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25 years

On Dec. 14th we hosted a cocktail reception in honor of the Center's 25th anniversary at Seton Hall. We recognized the foundational wisdom of Msgr. Richard Liddy and long support of Msgr. Robert Sheeran, who were instrumental to the Center's success for a quarter century.

Ad multos annos!



LOOKING AHEAD

Exciting Initiatives Available with your help

Student and Alumni Programs

- Fellows program fostering community of formation among Catholic students
- SHU Catholic Alumni events

Student Scholarships

- Catholic Studies Abroad at the Pontifical Irish College
- Support for Catholic Studies Majors & Minors

Faculty Formation

- Science and Faith Professional Development for Catholic School Teachers
- SHU Faculty Retreats & Days of Reflection
- Seton Scholars program to provide opportunities for research abroad

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Our work is not done and it cannot be completed without your generosity. We are so grateful for those who have made the Center for Catholic Studies a beacon for mission and identity at Seton Hall.

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GREGORY FLOYD, PHD
Director

MATTHEW HIGGINS, EDD
Director of Programs



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